

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025, in**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at approx. 7.30pm.**

No	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council:</b> Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC Councillor), Lee Kirkwood (LK). No members of the public were present.</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p>	
	<p>PC Andrew Thorne (AT) (Ayrshire LPST).</p>	
2	<p><b>Police Report</b></p>	
	<p>PC Thorne was unable to attend due to another commitment, but sent the report for the period from 30/04/2025 – 27/05/2025. The report is as follows: There were 5 incidents raised, with 2 crime reports being raised. Incident breakdown: Fraud: 1; Assist Members of the Public: 1; Damage:1; External Agency Request: 1; and Road Traffic Matters: 1. PC Thorne also informed that in recent weeks there had been a dedicated traffic resource working in the South Carrick area conducting speed checks. The area of residents' concerns recently reported, regarding vehicle speeds from traffic coming from the Mark Hill Windfarm site, has been highlighted. Noted</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b></p>	
	<p>These were approved: proposed by JB, seconded by RH.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>  <b>Incl. Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension</b></p>	
	<p><b>Item 4: Matters Arising:</b> <i>Items covered by Kevin Braidwood at the previous meeting invoked the following responses:</i></p> <p><b>Traffic counters:</b> KB had not found any records of ARA promising speed surveys on A714, however they have added this on to the next batch and hopefully issued before the end of the month. Members confirmed that the counters are now in place - KB has been thanked.</p> <p><b>Blocked Drains:</b> KB emailed copies of the work lines initiated by MR, which stated that the work was carried out at the time. The gullies have been cleaned since, apparently. (Still appear to be giving problems however!)</p> <p><b>New Luce Hill Road:</b> Road edge broken away at the old cattle market/Cemetery Road: there is an issue with water alleviating from adjacent properties i.e. fields/cemetery. The properties are being notified and the road edge continues to be monitored/repaired. The section of scoured edges above the station roadend: Instruction raised to strengthen and surface road edge is being programmed.</p> <p><b>Knowe Road (B7027):</b> The blocked gully at High Altercannoch roadend: Instruction raised for jetting/clearing of gully and ditching/road crossing works. Lochton Mill road edge collapse and exposed fibre optic cable: Instruction raised to strengthen and surface road edge, which is being programmed.</p> <p><b>Raised manhole at Doctors' Surgery:</b> Not on footway or carriageway causing any safety concerns but options will be looked at to level surrounding area.</p> <p><b>Mark Hill Sub-station Traffic Plan:</b> There was still no confirmation of vehicle numbers. ACk informed that SAC Planning set these and Police Scotland are also involved. He was aware of the complaints from Pinwherry. Numbers talked of vary from 50 to 76. ACk will chase this up to ascertain the exact number of lorries involved.</p> <p><b>CAG Project:</b> KB had raised the suggestion of a footpath between the village and the 2 caravan sites, as an active travel project, with ARA's David Manson, who has already responded direct. It has been added for consideration.</p> <p><i>Other items:</i></p> <p><b>Martyrs' Tomb Walk Footbridge:</b> (CS declared an interest). Noted that SAC's Access Officer has informed ARA she will be organising repairs in this new financial year.</p> <p><b>SPEN's Biodiversity CVP Fund:</b> In MR's absence there was no further information.</p>	<p>ARA</p> <p>ARA</p> <p>ARA</p> <p>ARA</p> <p>ARA</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ARA</p> <p>MR</p>

	<p><b>Barrhill New Cemetery:</b> CS had emailed Fiona Ross but had not received a reply. ACk gave the go-ahead to ask the resident molecatcher to deal with the matter. CS will contact.</p> <p><b>Locked Gates at Kildonan:</b> As discussed at the preceding AGM, at long last an access has been constructed at the side of the gates following action by SAC. All welcomed this.</p> <p><b>Item 6d Updates: SAHSCP:</b> CS had made enquiries re- a Social Fit event in Barrhill. VASA will be delighted to hold one and suggested August or September. Members preferred September – CS will inform VASA.</p> <p><b>Item 7: SWSEIC: Nature Connections Project:</b> Following AC volunteering for this, it transpired that 6 or 7 volunteers are required, not just 1, which had not been clear initially. CS asked other members if they were willing to have a moths trap in their garden and sufficient numbers volunteered. The dates suggested were discussed and July was preferred to June. CS will inform Malcolm Haddow.</p> <p><b>Item 12: AOB: Road sweeper:</b> CS had contacted Colin Wylie, who informed that it is general practise across the construction sector not to use the road sweeper in dry weather conditions. Sweeping will resume when weather changes. (It now has resumed.)</p> <p><i>Other matters on agenda</i></p>	CS  CS  CS
<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank remain at £1,819.57. The CF balance is now £10,323.03 following payments of the 2 grants approved last month, resulting in an overall bank balance of £12,142.60. Regarding the CF grant funding for the Action Plan, if it requires to be spent somewhere other than indicated in the grant application, CF can determine if it is allowed. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Introduction: Judith McCreath, Stinchar Connections Development Officer</b>	
	<p><i>JMcC was unavoidably delayed, arriving 8pm, shortly after Item 7(b) BDT commenced.</i></p> <p>JMcC introduced herself as the newly appointed Development Officer for Stinchar Connections, formerly Stinchar Community Transport. She informed that more services had been provided since the service commenced and there are new links with other villages e.g.Barr. Summer trips are being provided e.g. Wigtown Show, Isle of Whithorn, Stranraer Oyster Festival in September, Festival of Light. Other ways the service can be used include attending doctors' appointments and collecting prescriptions.</p> <p>She also informed that the bus can be hired out and JT reminded that a number of Barrhill residents had previously attained the necessary paperwork to drive the bus should a volunteer driver be required. A timetable was left with the members and JMcC will email out to CS for circulation. <i>JT thanked JMcC for her input and she then left at 8.15pm.</i></p>	CS
<b>7</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC:</b> JT informed that the <b>AGM</b> will now take place on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Work continues on attaining <b>Net Zero</b>, with plans to help properties achieve better insulation and improve energy efficiency. A Development Officer will be employed to assist with the Community Energy project and grants would be available. The BCIC will donate funds and the amount will have to be decided. The most recent joint (CC/BCIC/BDT) Net Zero meeting with SPR to discuss these matters took place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Investment options</b> are still being investigated.</p> <p>b) <b>BDT:</b> The work carried out by the village Handy Man was discussed, in particular the grass cutting programme. <i>This part was interrupted for the introduction of the new Stinchar Connections Development Officer. See above.</i></p> <p><b>BDT continued:</b> AC informed that there is a meeting this coming Monday and confirmed that the <b>AGM</b> had taken place on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</p> <p>c) <b>Carrick Futures:</b> JB confirmed that he is willing to become a director and had submitted an application form. He was formally nominated at the preceding AGM and CS will submit the relevant paperwork to Foundation Scotland.</p> <p>d) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP):</b> CS did not attend on 14<sup>th</sup> May and minutes had not yet been sent out. The main agenda items for the meeting were as follows:  <b>Supporting unpaid Carers/Adult Carers' Strategy Engagement; Connect; Communication Friendly Environment; PB Process; Locality Plan; Girvan Hospital Review; Meeting Format;</b> and the usual <b>Updates</b>.</p> <p>e) <b>Kilgallioch Community Fund:</b> In the absence of MR there was no report.</p> <p>f) <b>Barrhill Events Group:</b> PMcG reported that the evening before the Fun Day on 19<sup>th</sup> July</p>	CS

	there is to be a carTreasure Hunt. In August, the McDonald Brothers have been booked for an evening.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Action Plan/Place Planning</b>	
	CS had updated Audrey Gatt (AG) regarding the CF grant, which was only 50% of funding sought. AG questioned the need to have a separate action plan done by an independent consultant. She informed that there was still no response from the Primary Head Teacher and following discussions with ACk, he will chase this up, which he confirmed. It was agreed however, that a separate Action Plan is required as different criteria are involved. AC reminded that some firms he had approached either did not respond or were too busy to undertake the work. ACk will inform AG that the CC has agreed to go ahead with her Place Plan. AG has arranged to phone CS next week. It was also agreed to ask for tenders again for the Action Plan. JB will investigate	ACK  ACK CS JB
<b>9</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<b>Planning Applications:</b> None relevant to Barrhill. <b>Decisions List:</b> Gowlands Farm: Re- Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to form dwelling house. (Not required.) It was noted that no decisions had been communicated regarding 2 previous applications, namely Ballochmorrie House and the siting of a caravan up the Knowe Road. To be looked into.	JS
<b>10</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>	
	No grant applications had been received this month.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<b>SAHSCP:</b> Usual emails including information on: <b>Scottish Government's Consultation on Long Term Conditions Framework:</b> Closing date 20 <sup>th</sup> July; <b>Ayr North on Screen Film Festival:</b> hosted by <b>Young Carers;</b> <b>SAC's Carnegie Library Activities;</b> <b>Scottish Action for Mental Health 'Let's Connect' Workshop;</b> <b>Protecting People</b> survey; <b>Carrick Centre Silent Auction</b> (Troon Golf); <b>Thriving Communities Summer Programme;</b> <b>Adult Literary Course Guides;</b> <b>Big Cheerio Event;</b> <b>Citizen Science Events (Ayr &amp; Irvine);</b> <b>Modern Apprenticeship Summer Recruitment – Thriving Communities Active Schools Team: 'Low Road' Screening: re-suicide Prevention, 16<sup>th</sup> June;</b> <b>Alzheimers Scotland: 'What's On';</b> <b>Stay Connected – Libraries;</b> <b>SACT: Out &amp; About</b> leaflet; <b>Intergenerational Day:</b> Girvan. <i>Further details available if required.</i> <i>Non-SAHSCP items previously circulated:</i> <b>SPR: Kilgallioch &amp; Arecleoch Extensions:</b> Information re-Traffic Management update and Community Benefit meeting 22 <sup>nd</sup> May. JT and AC attended this to discuss the administration and management of the community benefit funds that will be provided from the Kilgallioch and Arecleoch Windfarm Extensions. Agenda for <b>CAG</b> meeting at Dundonald 6 <sup>th</sup> May; <b>SPR:</b> Notification of blastings at Arecleoch (latest one tomorrow); <b>Carers' Gateway:</b> Poster for Adult Carer Support Officer; <b>Biosphere: Communities Network</b> meeting 28th April: next meeting on 21 <sup>st</sup> July; <b>Foundation Scotland:</b> Follow-up on CF's decision to only award 50% of requested funds for an Action Plan; <b>SPR: Moving the Grid Forward – National Campaign;</b> <b>SPEN:</b> Flexibility summit– Liverpool 17 <sup>th</sup> September; <b>SRUC:</b> Survey re-Benefits for galvanising change via Natural Capital – how this is implemented and monitored, closes 4 <sup>th</sup> July; <b>ARA: Roadworks on A77</b> at Carlock Hill until 31 <sup>st</sup> July and drainage works at Cairnryan; <b>geViews/Glasdon:</b> Plant information/bins leaflets; <b>SEPA:</b> Consultation on proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme closing date 30 <sup>th</sup> June; <b>Foundation Scotland</b> newsletters; <b>SPEN:</b> Free upskilling event on Communities Buildings in Glasgow on 19 <sup>th</sup> June; <b>SAC:</b> Third <b>PWS Water Scarcity Report</b> from <b>SEPA;</b> and <b>SAC:</b> Various contact details from ACk. <i>Other items covered by Agenda. (Details of above items available on request)</i>	
<b>12</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</b>	
	KMcL again raised the matter of a lack of suitable facilities for the Primary children to undertake <b>Cycling Proficiency tests.</b> A discussion ensued with it being felt that there is scope to hold them in Barrhill e.g The Avenue/Arnsheen Park. AC informed that the BDT had enquired previously about a track round the park. RH enquired as to when the <b>flower tubs</b> would be planted. AC informed that the plants are	

	<p>ordered and should arrive soon. RH also reported a large crack at the field side of the <b>A714 Duisk Bridge</b> and also the <b>broken kerb stones</b> at Scotts' Garage corner. ACk will report. PMcG asked when the flower beds at the car park would be attended to as they are in a very untidy state. A discussion ensued regarding the work schedule of the village handyman and questions were asked as to who is his Line manager and responsible for that. AC explained matters are being clarified following the recent resignation of the former Chair. JB informed that he had taken part on an SAC <b>panel investigating</b> another CC. LK apologised for being <b>absent from the last CC meeting</b>. He had been on leave and had been assured someone would attend in his place.</p> <p><b>Councillor's Report:</b> AC gave an update on the recent happenings with SAC, which resulted in the resignations of the Leader, Deputy Leader and Provost. Matters had now settled down with 9 Independent Councillors. Both the new Leader and Deputy – ACk – are independent. ACk felt positive that matters have now been satisfactorily resolved and is confident the future is now assured. He was congratulated on his new position.</p> <p><i>JH left the meeting at 9.10pm.</i> <b>Save Our Swifts Project:</b> CS had been in contact with Antoine Lemaire, Nature Recovery Officer of the G &amp; SA Biosphere and it is hoped to conduct a workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> June –to be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Kilgallioch Extension:</b> Turbine delivery schedules had been circulated by SPEN.</p> <p><b>Gowlands Terrace:</b> CS had received a complaint regarding a blocked sewage pipe between 2 SAC houses, which impacts on an adjacent private property. The resident is experiencing difficulty in getting either SAC or Scottish Water to rectify the problem. ACk will investigate</p> <p><b>Biosphere Network:</b> JS reported she had attended online the 28<sup>th</sup> April talk on the Swedish UNESCO Biosphere and also the <b>Community Advisory Group (CAG)</b> Dundonald meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May (noted that Barrhill did not feature) and circulated reports to the CC members.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.20pm.</i></p>	<p>ACK/ ARA</p> <p>BDT</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p>
13	<b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meetings</b>	
	<p><b><u>All Wednesdays: 25<sup>th</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 29<sup>th</sup> October &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September &amp; December.</u></b></p>	