

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.**

No	Item	Action
	<b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council:</b> R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Martin Rennie (MR), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). <b>In Attendance:</b> Lee Kirkwood (LK) (SAC Link Officer), 2 Members of the public.	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC Councillor),	
<b>2</b>	<b>Police Report</b>	
	PC McKinlay had sent the report for the relevant periods since the previous meeting. Period from 28 <sup>th</sup> August – 30 <sup>th</sup> September: There were 4 incidents raised, with one crime report created, which has not been detected to date. Details as follows: Disturbance:1; Suspect Persons:1; Assist Members of the Public:1; Road Traffic Matters:1. Period from 1 <sup>st</sup> October – 29 <sup>th</sup> October: There was 1 incident raised with no crime report being created, as follows: Assist Member of the Public:1. JB had informed CS of a road traffic accident at the bad bend at Lochton Mill and queried if 'SLOW' signs placed in situ would help. It was thought that ARA would be the contact for this rather than the Police. CS to inform ACk. The question of speeding was also raised, with MR noting that no recent speed checks had been undertaken. CS to pass on to Police.	CS/ ACk CS
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>	
	The minutes were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by JS.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> <b>Incl. Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension</b>	
	<b>Item 4: Matters Arising: Police Report:</b> Still no information on results of the Data Traffic Survey. ACk to be informed. <b>New Luce Hill Road/Knowe Road:</b> While it was noted that repairs had thankfully been carried out on the Knowe Road, the broken edges near the feeding station above the cattle grid on the New Luce road had not been repaired. ACk to be reminded. <b>Item 5: New Bus Timetable:</b> No information had been received from SAC but it was noted the late afternoon bus from Girvan, arriving in Barrhill about 6pm, had now been reinstated. <b>Item 9: Planning Applications: Whiteminwhill Energy Park Request for Scoping Opinion:</b> A member of the public had asked to address the CC on this matter. He had attended the previous meeting when this item for the proposed Section 36 application by Voltalia (windfarm/solar farm/battery energy storage system (BESS)) was on the agenda. (JT has declared an interest in this item). In the resident's opinion, the CC had been wrong in its decision not to comment on the scoping. He had contacted the Energy Secretary and SAC. He informed that SAC had after all commented on the scoping, after asking for an extension and he asked that the CC do likewise; comment on the scoping and also ensure that in future the CC makes a point of commenting on any scoping consultations. A lively discussion ensued, with members endeavouring to explain the reasoning behind the opinion that there is no point in commenting on scoping and re-iterating that there is ample opportunity to comment once an application has actually been submitted. The resident did not agree and the discussion ended with him being asked to submit his points in writing to the Secretary. <b>Item 12: AOB:</b> The <b>Duisk Bridge</b> had been further damaged, with the field side parapet now visibly leaning over. CS will inform ACk to pass on to ARA. <b>20mph Speed Activated Sign:</b> No information yet on this. CS reminded that the sign on Main Street has still not been repaired, almost 3 years after its removal. <b>Martyrs' Tomb Bridge:</b> SAC's Access Officer had replied to CS and ACk that repairs had been delayed due to limited finances available but hoped to repair it ASAP. Rachel has asked for it to be inspected again by an ARA engineer and for a quote for repairs. Ongoing	CS/ ACk  CS/ ACk  CS/ ACk  ARA

	<b>Mark Hill Sub–Station Extension:</b> Compared with initial stages, vehicle movements are minimal– work obviously continues at site. SPEN'S Colin Wylie informed that In terms of the ongoing Chirmorie / Stranoch Windfarm connections – the overhead line woodpole erection site team told him the section nearer the village is now scheduled to start in December. <i>Other matters covered by agenda.</i>	
<b>5</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Consultation for the Review of the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils</b>	
	Reminders for this had been received from SAC, with a closing date of 2 <sup>nd</sup> November. CS had forwarded to all but most found the length of the document, at 55 pages, most off-putting for volunteers. LK informed that he had received a very short document on the changes. He will forward this to CS for distribution. CS had noted in particular that the number for a quorate meeting had been reduced to a third - it was agreed that this seemed low. CS will respond to the document.	CS
<b>6</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank now show a total of £19,863.14, following the receipt of Carrick Futures annual £5K funding for Small Grants. SPEN's Biodiversity CVP Fund, for MR's Red Squirrel project, is also included as before. Expenditure included the annual Information Commissioner's fee. The CF balance is now at £13,785, following payment for 'Poo bags'. Overall bank balance is £33,648.89. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC:</b> JT again informed that work continues to progress with the <b>Net Zero/Barrhill Greener Homes</b> project. A Development Officer, Fiona Limbrey, has now been appointed to undertake the work, overseen by Hubbub. The project will launch on 15<sup>th</sup> November, at the Community Energy Grants and Greener Homes event in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>b) <b>BDT:</b> AC informed that at long last it is hoped that the saga of the Cross Water pub has been resolved. The cooker is now installed and tenants have now been found and are full of ideas how to take the pub forward. The contract is to be signed shortly and following problems with the licence due to a mix-up when the BDT took over from BCIC, a provisional licence is in place, with hopes that the pub can reopen by Christmas. LK declared an interest as he is a member of the Licensing Board. Noted.</p> <p>c) <b>Carrick Futures:</b> In his absence JB had forwarded the communication from the last CF meeting, regarding the successful grant recipients. It was noted that among these was the Ayrshire Rivers Trust regarding Japanese Knotweed control on the River Stinchar, which includes the tributaries i.e. the Duisk.</p> <p>d) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP):</b> CS reported the main items from the minutes of the meeting on <b>10<sup>th</sup> September</b>. <b>Alcohol &amp; Drugs Partnership (ADP):</b> Presentation on this, informing of the support across South Ayrshire. ADP will be represented at the LPP meetings in future. Support Groups: Recovery Ayr, Connexions and Compass – hope to extend Compass to rural South Carrick; <b>Harbour Ayrshire:</b> There is a growing demand for recovery groups in rural areas – recent funding received from Kilgallioch Windfarm Benefit Fund and Carrick Futures. One to one support is given; <b>Funding/Mentors:</b> Recipients to be notified shortly; <b>Health Event</b> – to take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Girvan Hospital between 10am &amp; 3pm; <b>Cosy Spaces, Girvan</b> – recommences on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October – weekly. <b>8<sup>th</sup> October Meeting:</b> Presentation on <b>Communications Friendly Environments</b> - a project started in August 2024, originally in schools and nurseries - helps different settings become more accessible by having visuals and symbols; <b>Funding/Mentors:</b> 14 groups were successful – mentors to be appointed for this year; <b>Girvan Health Event</b> – this was very successful with 238 attending - some referred to heart clinics. I year waiting list for Ayr Hospital heart clinic (none at Crosshouse) so hope to commence a clinic at Girvan: <b>VASA</b> - good attendance at the event in the Wave Hub; <b>Over to You</b> packs discussed.</p> <p>e) <b>Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund:</b> MR informed that the meeting was next week, so he had nothing to report. He had been unable to attend the AGM but members AC and CS had done so, as had the retiring director Ann Robertson. Unfortunately, her replacement as a director, Gillian Young, could not attend, due to a delay with Foundation Scotland's paperwork. She will hopefully attend the forthcoming meeting with MR.</p> <p>f) <b>Kilgallioch &amp; Arcleloch Extensions Community Benefit:</b> Turbine deliveries have now</p>	

	<p>been completed. JT informed he and AC had attended the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October at which the draft Community Benefit agreement had been revised. The amount of benefit each community receives had been confirmed.</p> <p><b>g) Barrhill Events Group:</b> PMcG informed that the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning had raised the healthy sum of £396. The children's Hallowe'en party on Saturday evening had been a success, with about 30 children attending.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Action Plan/Place Planning</b>	
	<p>Emails had been exchanged with SAC's Audrey Gatt (AG), who had sent a recap of where things are with the CAP. A meeting was arranged with all 3 groups and took place on 9<sup>th</sup> October, when AG came to Barrhill. Unfortunately only JT, CS and PMcG attended, covering the CC and BCIC, but no BDT representative was present. It was agreed that with a minor alteration the final letter drafted by AG, albeit on the long side, does cover the relevant details and explained why responses from the community are so important. AG had then arranged for printing of the leaflet and LK had delivered them tonight. MR had arranged with an outside body for delivery to premises outwith the village, for which the CC was grateful. It was suggested that the BDT handyman could perhaps deliver the village letter leaflets. CS will contact Dean's BDT Line Manager to request this.</p>	CS
<b>9</b>	<b>Community Council Self-Assessment (RAG)</b>	
	<p>CS reminded that the annual RAG assessment form had been due on 30<sup>th</sup> September, but Barrhill cannot return its form until after the October meeting. She went through the points listed and it was agreed that CS should submit the form, virtually unchanged from 2024's.</p>	CS
<b>10</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<p>JS informed of the applications and decisions since the last CC meeting.</p> <p><b>Planning Applications:</b> There was 1 in the Barrhill area: Lochton Mill: Application for conversion and change of use of redundant byre to form dwelling house, construction of access, installation of septic tank and soakaway, and associated works;</p> <p><i>In adjoining area:</i> Further application to vary condition 2 of application re- site of proposed Knockodhar Windfarm to extend time period, and an application for a metmast.</p> <p><b>August Decisions List:</b> Prior notification for demolition of buildings at Laggan and Knockytinne on Ballochmorrie Estate: Prior notification not required.</p> <p><b>September Decisions List:</b> Prior notification by Scottish Woodlands for upgrading and extension of existing access track at Laggish Farm: Prior notification not required.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>	
	<p><b>a) Barrhill Badminton Club</b> The application was for funding for the cost of hiring the hall for 2 hours each week for 50 weeks from January 2026 to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2026. The amount sought was £500, which was approved in full. AC declared an interest and took no part in the decision</p> <p><b>b) Barrhill Angling Club:</b> The application was for £496.78p to fund the costs of Public Liability Insurance (£296.80) and to purchase 2 Spy Point Force 48 Trail Cameras (£99.99 each). The application was approved in full. CS to notify etc.</p> <p><b>c) Individual on behalf of Indoor Short Mat Bowls Group (Evening):</b> This application had been received after publication of the agenda. The applicant explained that while there is already a Shot Mat Bowls Group, it plays during the day, thereby preventing some residents from participating. The application was for a proposed evening session. She also informed that the Primary pupils would like to participate but had been unable to join in, due to the time. The matter of the small grants being for the benefit of all residents, regardless of age, was discussed. CS to request the existing group to consider changing its time to allow the pupils to attend. The application was then approved in full.</p>	CS/AC  CS
<b>12</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><i>A list of correspondence received between 27/08/2025 and 30/09/2025 was previously circulated to members – details on request.</i> (Included were: Invitation to participate in the project '<b>Transformative Actions for Resilient Coastal Communities</b>' (TRACC) – queried if it applied to Barrhill, but no response; <b>Stranoch Windfarm Community Liaison Group</b> meeting: AC had attended the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September and informed that windfarm benefits re-this windfarm go straight to Foundation Scotland, who only distribute it for specific projects; <b>Scottish Forestry Consultation:</b> Laggish – no comments made. October's correspondence as follows:</p>	

	<p><b>SAHSCP:</b> Usual emails including: <b>Girvan Recovery Group</b> – Men’s Shed; <b>Care Experience week</b>; <b>Believe Ayrshire:</b> bereavement/suicide support weekly meetings; <b>Girvan Champions Board:</b> Girvan meeting in The Wave; <b>Funding Evaluation</b> forms; <b>Carrick Community Transport:</b> Out and about leaflet; <b>Harbour Ayrshire:</b> Request to speak to the CC – arranged for the next CC meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November; <b>ARIA Fund</b> Guidance; <b>Walking &amp; Wheeling</b> Leader Training. <i>Further details available.</i></p> <p><b>Non-SAHSCP items</b> as follows, with most already circulated:</p> <p><b>ARA:</b> Press notices re- A77 roadworks; <b>SPEN:</b> Further reminder of <b>Free Upskilling Event</b> on Communities Buildings re-Net Zero in Glasgow; Info on <b>Storm Amy</b>; <b>EDF Stranoch Windfarm</b> - road updates; <b>Knockodhar Windfarm:</b> Additional information to be delivered shortly; <b>SAC:</b> Request to inform on any <b>unlicensed bonfires/fireworks displays:</b> Ron Bailey; <b>Webinar on Electrical Safety First – Update on Lithium-ion batteries campaign;</b> <b>SAC: Stay Well/Stay Connected</b> roadshows at libraries;</p> <p><b>Historic Environment Scotland – Survey</b> and info on <b>Free Sundays;</b> <b>Foundation Scotland</b> bulletin; <b>Information Commissioner:</b> Invoice for annual fee – now paid; <b>Scottish Water</b> survey; <b>Scottish Forestry Consultation;</b> West Dornal (No comments made):</p> <p><b>SWSEIC:</b> Target of events had now been reached, with information on forthcoming Wildlife events.(CS had attended the talk on ‘Wild Carrick’ at Pinwherry.) SWSEIC willing to provide events if requested. Noted.</p> <p><b>SPEN:</b> Notification of, and invitation to, the <b>First Community Benefits funding programme launch</b> in Edinburgh 27<sup>th</sup> November; <b>Community Councils’ Autumn Newsletter;</b> <b>Plantscape/geViews/Elan City/Glasdon</b> brochures; and <b>SPEN: Community Benefit Funding:</b> Feedback form to discuss the CC’s role in shaping Community Benefit funding re-Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension and the Stranoch/Chirmorie OHL. <i>(Details available on request)</i></p>	
13	<p><b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b> <b>Incl. SAC Councillor’s Report</b></p>	
	<p><b>Dog Fouling:</b> PMcG reported a recent spate of dog fouling at the south end of the village. CS to enquire about signs to place on lamp posts etc.</p> <p>AC reminded that the ‘<b>Welcome to Barrhill’ Biosphere signage in Gaelic</b> is still incorrect, the Barrhill sign being identical to the one for Barr village. LK will take this up with ARA.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Sunday:</b> CS to contact ACk to confirm he will bring the wreaths for the service at the War Memorial at 3pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>CC Noticeboard, formerly at the shop:</b> This is not to be put back in place after all, following the repainting of the shop walls. The BCIC requires a replacement board near the Main Street bridge and will install this one in its place and use jointly with the CC. <i>Meeting closed at 9.20pm.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>LK</p> <p>CS</p>
14	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b></p>	
	<p><u><b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</b></u> <b>NB. There is no meeting in December.</b></p>	