

Barr Community Council

AGM

Thursday 12th May 2016 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD) Chair, Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC) Vice Chair, Mrs Isabel Kay (IK) Treasurer, Mr John Donaldson (JD), Mr Alexander Tait (AT), Mr Matthew Cross (MCR), Mrs Jacqueline Logan (JL), Mr Tom Copeland (TC), Mr Mark Smith (MS),

In Attendance: Cllr. Alec Oattes (AO), PC L Smith (LS), PC N Emerson (NE), Mr John Craig, Mrs Jenny Craig, Mrs Dee Laver, Mrs Paula Lorimer, Yvonne Davies

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Apologies: None	
	Hamish Denham, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members of the community for attending. Police Scotland were invited to give their report, please see agenda item 4 in the monthly minutes. Mr and Mrs Craig made their apologies and left the meeting.	
3	<p>Chairman/Secretary Report</p> <p><u>Hamish thanked the following:</u></p> <p>Local Councillors Alec Clarke, Alec Oattes and John McDowall for their continued support over the last year.</p> <p>Police Scotland for attending meetings and keeping us up to date on local policing matters.</p> <p>Minute Secretary Jacqueline Logan for timely and accurate recording of the BCC minutes.</p> <p>Vice Chair, Merlin Currie and Treasurer Isabel Kay for their hard work and support throughout the session. He also thanked the other members of the community council for their support over the year.</p> <p>Deepest thanks to James Gracie for his years of service to Barr Community Council, we all wish him well in his retirement.</p> <p>Hamish welcomed the three new community councillors: Mr Tom Copeland, Mrs Jacqueline Logan and Mr Mark Smith.</p> <p><u>Presentations to Barr Community Council:</u></p> <p>Cara Gillespie from Foundation Scotland discussed the Community Benefit funding arrangements for Assel Valley Windfarm.</p> <p>Bob Murison from Community Broadband Scotland discussed how the superfast broadband roll out worked and when/if Barr would benefit.</p> <p>Pauline Allison and Caira Wilson from SSE - Hadyard Hill Extension proposals.</p> <p>Lesley Jeffery and Donald Henderson - Community Resilience Programme.</p> <p>Ellen Traynor - 3D model of Hadyard Hill and the proposed extension.</p> <p>Lindsey Cunningham on behalf of Corrie Wilson MP - Ongoing issues with telephones and broadband in Barr.</p> <p><u>Police Scotland:</u></p> <p>Assisted with tackling the issue of nuisance dogs - barking and aggression.</p> <p>Kept BCC up to date with rural thefts.</p> <p>Speed limit review - ongoing.</p> <p><u>South Ayrshire Council:</u></p> <p>Ayrshire Roads Alliance - ongoing issues with poor quality road surfaces on all roads to and from Barr. Poor quality repairs which do not last. Damage caused to vehicles and deters visitors from coming to Barr. Landslip on the "Screws"-</p>	

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Hadyard Hill - Major changes are taking place. Foundation Scotland are the new secretariat with a fund review taking place, which may result in a change from a Limited Company to an Advisory Panel. All three communities are in agreement with the proposed change. BCC is keen to have the funding ring fenced for each community. BCC currently have no Directors on the HHCBF Board, but representation is sent to each meeting.

Carrick Futures - Matt Cross and Merlin Currie are BCC's Directors. Regular reports on company activity and Grant Awards are made.

Hadyard Hill Extension - BCC lodged an objection to the Scottish Government and plans currently involve a reduced number of turbines. It is now unclear when/if plans will be resubmitted, next update is not likely until end of 2016 after which there will be further community consultation.

Barr Parish Development Company:

The feasibility study has been delayed due to ill health. The study will include consultation within and outside the community. Once the study is available it is suggested that BPDC should present findings to BCC.

MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) to compliment the play park - Sport Scotland appeal pending.

Barr Bikes- funding is available for a bike trailer, safety equipment and training.

Carrick Community Councils' Forum - the CCCF is currently in a state of flux since the demise of Ailsa Horizons and it started to falter when the CF funding profile changed. It is unsure how CCCF will progress. Matt Cross, Merlin Currie and Isabel Kay have all attended CCCF meetings to represent BCC.

Forestry Commission Scotland:

Liaison regarding the felling of trees at Dinmurchie.

New signage for the Barr Trails to be installed using Community Payback Scheme.

Proposals for a new Barr Trail have been discussed.

A partnership agreement has been reached between SAC and FCS for the upkeep of core paths.

Transport:

SPT/ACTN - 52 responses were received re-Transport Questionnaire. Proposed trial of a 3-day per week bus service for Barr, hopefully to be introduced late summer 2016. Barr needs to find £5,000 as contribution towards the costs.

Other:

Flooding/drainage of fields outside of the village - Forestry Commission Scotland

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