

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 08th October 2015 @ 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 James Gracie (JG)

In Attendance: Cllr. John McDowall (JMc), PC Harding, PC Barclay, Mrs Jacqueline Logan (Minutes Secretary), Bob Murison (Community Broadband Scotland)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mr Matthew Cross (MCr), Mr Alexander Tait (AT)	
4	Police Report: - Two incidents were reported in the Barr though no crime was committed. Police advise that Barr residents should continue to be observant concerning speeding traffic and report if this remains a problem. Rural theft has not been a problem, but there have been a number of holiday let properties broken into at Ballantrae and Lendalfoot with valuables being targeted. Police advise holiday let owners and residents to be vigilant.	
5	<p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Bob Murison (BM) from Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) discussed the provision of superfast broadband by Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB). DSSB aim to provide 95% coverage by 2018 with Barr due in 2017. CBS are there to assist the 5% who are outside the areas set for coverage. BM explained that Barr is an exchange only site (copper wiring) and that a fibre cabinet will be installed to link to the existing copper. Superfast coverage will then be available within approximately a 1 mile radius of Barr exchange. BT are contracted to provide a minimum of 2MB for the 5% outside of the superfast coverage areas. HD to contact DSSB community liaison team to discuss action to get coverage for the outlying properties in Barr Parish and if necessary to contact MSP, MP and SAC. HD also to check with Colin Love at SAC whether Barr is part of the Scottish Wide Area Network (SWAN). If Barr is part of Swan would it be possible to use the community benefit clause to apply for Barr to have a WiFi hotspot via the school. BM to ask for clarity about areas beyond the 1 mile limit which should be known beginning of 2016.</p>	<p>HD</p> <p>BM</p>
6a	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of 10th September 2015 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, seconded by IK.</p>	
6b	<p>Minutes of meeting of sub committee:</p> <p>ASACC: MC reported that there was a poor turn out and that people were dejected as they were finding it difficult to get others to attend the meetings. The inequality of rights to appeal in the Scottish planning system were discussed. Currently developers have the right to appeal a planning decision, but communities who are affected by a development have no right to appeal. Planning Democracy are campaigning for equal rights of appeal, cards were distributed to CCs so that those wishing to support the campaign can submit to their MSP. The importance of CCs attending the digital engagement day on 09th October 2015 was stressed. MC will attend on behalf of BCC.</p> <p>Tralorg: HD reported that Brookfield Renewable Energy have taken over the development and will continue to go ahead as per contract and price. Work will</p>	MC

	<p>commence between 14 December 2016 and the middle of January 2017. Community funding is expected to begin in the middle of March 2017. Assel Valley: Next meeting will be on 14th October 2015. HD will attend on behalf of BCC.</p>	HD
7	<p>Matters Arising: <i>Item 5:</i> HD still awaiting Cara Gillespie to discuss setup of community funding model. <i>Item 8(a):</i> Digital engagement for CCs 09th October 2015, MC attending. <i>Item 8(d):</i> Assel Valley road closure information was distributed by MC. <i>Item 8(e):</i> JMc reported that the next leadership meeting for Girvan Leisure Centre will take place in November with the operational model to be finalised in December. It is expected that construction will commence in January 2016. <i>Item 9:</i> AT contacted Connie Ross regarding signs prohibiting dogs from the play park and dog fouling. Parks and Gardens department in Girvan are currently dealing with new signage for the area. Still awaiting. <i>Item 11(a):</i> Overgrown bushes at Dalgarva. MC awaiting assessment by SAC. JMc suggested contacting Fiona Ross. <i>Item 11(b):</i> Trail signage is ongoing. MC to meet with all parties to resolve. <i>Item 11(d):</i> JMc to chase up the grip steps for the bridge over the Gregg from the Village to The Clachan. <i>Item 14(d):</i> Barr Village Hall Steering Group. JMc is still trying to contact those at senior level to get things moving. Ongoing.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>JMc</p> <p>JMc</p>
8	<p>Regular Reports: Treasurers Report: IK reported that the first statement from the bank is due. The balance at date of the meeting stood at £18,567.07 with two written cheques outstanding. IK expects the balance to be £18,395.85 when the statement arrives. HD is still waiting to consult with Cara Gillespie (FS) about requirements and whether accounts/bank statements are needed for small grant funding. HHCBF: HD and IT were unable to attend the meeting 21st September 2015. HHCBF have asked if BCC would be happy to have HD, AT or another to become members of the company while not attending as Directors. BCC are awaiting the new Memos and Articles before re-engaging as Directors. To be discussed further when AT returns. Carrick Futures: No report. No meeting. CCCF: No report. Next meeting 13th October 2015. BPDC: Barr Bikes – signed off, agreed and returned. Awaiting funds. It is expected that things will be in place and ready for Easter 2016. MUGA – AT has obtained a further quote and has a further quote to get on his return. Sport Scotland meeting imminent and Weir will meet in November. The Feasibility Study meeting on 03rd October 2015 was well attended with in excess of 100 attending the event. The Community shop, community groups, businesses, artists and crafters were well represented. Thanks to all who were involved the day was very positive and a great success. SMART objectives were discussed. These will be rationalised and composed into a report. Communications between groups remain key to moving forward. MC will be in contact with John and Kelly as the report progresses.</p>	<p>HD</p> <p>AT</p> <p>MC</p>
9	Correspondence:	
9(a)	Assel Valley meeting 14 October 2015. HD attending for BCC.	HD
9(b)	SP Energy Networks winter prepare meeting 27 October 2015. Please contact HD for further details.	

9(c)	Ayrshire Litter Volunteer Network steering group meeting 13 October 2015.	
9(d)	Community Resilience Programme representative has agreed to come to BCC meeting. MC to arrange for January 2016.	MC
9(e)	Colin Love SAC regarding public transport for Barr Village. He is backing Barr and would like to arrange meeting with SPT and 2-4 village representatives. HD and MC from BCC. MC to ask Liz McKechnie, Sophie and Finlay. MC to forward details to BCC members. HD suggested the idea of an electric bus.	MC
9(f)	Lizzy Linton SAC regarding replacement of Barr Cemetery wall along the Gladneuk Cottage boundary. The wall will be replaced along the entire boundary and will commence 19 October 2015 for around 12 weeks. A site will be required for a container and kit. A hard standing will be created to replace the grass at the rear of the hall to facilitate the site kit. A vote was held to retain the hard standing on completion of the works. Majority Agreed.	
10	Funding Applications: both CF Women's Institute are requesting £500 - £300 to contribute towards workshops and guest speakers plus £200 for the running of the WI. Agreed Barr Teas Committee are requesting £500 - £175 to improve advertising and banners plus £325 to contribute to the Barr Ladies Lunch. Agreed HD still to consult with Cara Gillespie (FS) about requirements for groups requesting funding – constitution, providing bank statements and proof of where funding is spent. HD also to check CF guidelines.	HD
11	Open Forum: None	
12	AOCB: Sewage problems in the Gregg at the bottom of the Clachan including excrement, nappies and baby wipes. Water board have sorted the blocked pipe. MC to contact Scottish Water regarding education of residents. Lots of complaints have been made over recent months regarding BCA and the use of the village hall. Among the issues are excessive charging (village clubs/groups, badminton, Burns club etc.) plus attitudes and lack of respect towards people. The Caretaker proposes to take in all of the hall keys and issue one key each to BCA and BCC – to date the Caretaker is having trouble getting some to relinquish the keys. Guidelines for the use of the hall and requirements are available and have been confirmed with SAC. Training will be given where required. It was agreed that BCC members should attend the BCA AGM in March 2016 so that better communication can be had and that new members can be voted on to BCA. Concerns were raised regarding the tickets available for residents to visit Culzean Castle. The tickets allow residents free admission to the castle, but it appears that a donation is being requested to use the tickets. Concern was also raised that the number of tickets available may not tally with the number of tickets allocated for Barr.	MC All
13	Arrangements for next meeting: To be held on Thursday 12th November 2015, 7pm with guest speakers Pauline Alison (SSE Project Liaison Manager), Martha Lovatt and Keira Wilson from SSE. Agenda to follow.	HD
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:00pm.	