

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 09th April 2015 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD) Chair, Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC) Vice Chair, Mrs Isabel Kay (IK) Treasurer, Mr Alexander Tait (AT), Mr James Gracie (JG), Mr John Donaldson (JD), Mr Matthew Cross (MCR)

In Attendance: Cllr. John McDowall (JMc), Mrs Jacqueline Logan (JL) Minutes

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: None	
4	Police Report: None Oil and Kerosene thefts in nearby communities and agricultural thefts still ongoing. Police Scotland request that residents log any sightings of strange vehicles and try to get their registration numbers and report time, place and registration number to them.	
5a	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of 12 th March 2015 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MCR, seconded by JD.	
5b	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: None <i>Item 7(7):</i> Assel Valley Wind Farm Community Liaison Group. Next Meeting 16 th April 2015.	HD
6	Matters Arising: <i>Item 7(5):</i> SSE Barr Community Fund. JMc has contacted the appropriate parties to arrange a date for Barr Village Hall working Group to meet with SAC to discuss options & proposals. Awaiting response. JMc will get back to HD with possible dates in due course. Ownership of the Village Hall and Barr Bowling Club needs to be established in order to progress the re-development. If the ownership is confirmed as SAC then measures can be taken to implement a lease arrangement. JMc is pursuing the rights of ownership with the Council's Legal team. MUGA planning is ongoing. <i>Item 8(a):</i> SAC Community Planning Meeting 20 th March 2015. AF will forward notes to HD. <i>Item 8(b):</i> BCC's bi-election. MCR and JD were successful in becoming BCC Councillors. Due to the resignation of AF there are two remaining vacant positions on the Council. BCC Councillors to inform interested parties that application forms are available from HD, also to be posted on Village notice board and in the shop for other interested parties. <i>Item 11(a):</i> BCA request to BCC to have The Glebe closed for the Village Gala, 06 th June 2015. HD has contacted Mrs Bunnett, BCA, with regard to the procedure to have the road closed. Details of contacts, requirements and how to apply, have been passed to Mrs Bunnett, BCA, to take forward.	JMc/HD JMc AT HD All
7	<i>Regular Reports:</i> <i>Treasurers Report:</i> IK has obtained all documentation and files pertaining to the Treasurers Office. IK has visited the Bank and been through the accounts. The	

	<p>account balance stands at £12,273.95</p> <p>IK asked BCC Councillors to decide how many signatories they would like to have on the account so that this can be set up with the Bank. It was unanimously agreed that there would be three signatories on the account: Mrs Isabel Kay (IK), Mr Hamish Denham (HD) and Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC). It was further unanimously agreed that two signatures would be required to sign on every occasion. IK is willing to stay on as Treasurer after BCC AGM on 14th May 2015.</p> <p><i>HHCBF:</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p>AF was declined as BCC's new Director on HHCBF (4 votes to 1), in spite of being unanimously proposed by members of BCC to sit as the new Director. As a result AF has resigned from both BCC and BPDC. To date no correspondence has been received by either AF or BCC explaining why he was rejected. HD was contacted by HHCBF's Chair to try to organise an informal meeting between HD and the five HHCFB Directors on 20th April 2015, the purpose of the meeting was unclear. After further discussion about the implications of AF's rejection it was decided that BCC could not continue to participate in HHCBF.</p> <p>Proposal – BCC to withdraw from HHCBF and Inform SSE directly. Consequently AT will tender his resignation as Director on HHCBF. Proposed by MCr, seconded by MC. Vote taken and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Action - BCC will completely withdraw from HHCBF, citing a unanimous vote of no confidence in HHCBF by BCC Councillors. HD will write to SSE re-decision to withdraw from HHCBF. AT will tender resignation as a consequence of BCC's decision. It was also agreed that HD would decline the meeting with the five HHCBF Directors on 20th April 2015.</p> <p><i>Carrick Futures:</i> MC lodged a complaint about the Directors and removed herself from the meeting. No further discussion permitted. MCr summarised the meeting. No funding applications, but it is clear Barr needs more consideration re-funding. A letter from AF was discussed, the content of the letter/discussion can not be divulged and no further comment can be made. MCr reported that the Diamond Club for the elderly excludes Barr due to the trainers being unwilling to travel to the Village. SAYLSA also exclude Barr at present as there is no bus from Barr to Girvan railway station. It was suggested that the Barrhill bus was available for Barr to use. MCr to investigate. £2,500 small grant fund is ready for replenishment. MC to find out how HD can make an application for the fund.</p> <p><i>BPDC:</i> AF resigned from BPDC. No further report.</p> <p><i>CCCF:</i> HD summarised the meeting minutes.</p> <p>AH left the room to discuss the future of CCCF. All CC's to be asked if they want the CCCF to continue and if so in what guise? If CCCF is to be continued should the number of meetings be reduced from 12 to 6?</p> <p>It was agreed that BCC should have a presence on CCCF and the CCCF should return to its original purpose as a pressure group to lobby for the communities. AH should act only as the Secretariat to facilitate decisions made by CC's.</p> <p>Proposal – BCC to remain on the CCCF. Vote taken and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Proposal – CCCF should be a pressure/lobbying group to work for the communities. Vote taken and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Proposal – Number of meetings to be reduced from 12 to 6. Vote taken and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>MCr to report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>IK/HD/ MC</p> <p>HD/AT HD</p> <p>MCr MC/HD</p> <p>MCr</p>
8	Correspondence:	
8(a)	EON Community Fund 14 th April 2015, 7-9pm, at the Lochside Hotel, Cummnock.	

8(b)	Resident complaint received about the state of the roads. BCC requested that the resident send a letter of complaint to Ayrshire Roads Alliance which he agreed to do. MC further raised concerns about the roads made by residents. MC handed pictorial evidence re- the state of the roads to JMc. JMc agreed that the roads need to be repaired properly and not just patched up. JMc to look into why Barr is not on the current list for road repairs.	JMc
8(c)	Scottish Rural Parliament, looking at Scottish rural case studies - MC handed information.	MC
8(d)	Village SOS Programme re- opportunities for rural Ayrshire - MC handed information.	MC
8(e)	Planning application to be lodged for change of use of an outbuilding into a dwelling at Bridgend, Barr. No objections.	
8(f)	BCC public liability insurance has been renewed for 2015-2016.	
9	Funding Applications: Parent Council of Barr Primary School and Nursery Class: Summer outing - transport plus entry into Heads of Ayr Farm Park (£300 + £300) - £500 requested – Approved Barr Community Association: Village Gala, 06 th June 2015 (total cost £1,000) - £500 requested – Approved Barr Community Association: £432 to cover the cost of Barr Village Hall insurance - Approved	IK
10	Open Forum: None	
11	AOCB:	
(a)	JD thanked SAC for replacing the street signs on The Avenue and Glenginnet Road and for fixing the drain on The Glebe.	
(b)	AT enquired as to whether Barr Cycle Club can request funding from BCC. Yes they can.	
(c)	AT reported that the forest trail signs are to be painted on Sunday 12 th April 2015.	
(d)	JMc reported that the Boundaries Commission have changed Ward boundaries. Our Ward will consist of Girvan, Maybole and North Carrick and the number of Councillors will increase from 3-4. There will now be two large Wards covering South Ayrshire. Six CCs in total will be lost due to the changes with three of these coming from South Ayrshire.	
(e)	JG raised concerns about dogs in the children's play park, especially being off their leads. Even if there are no signs JMc confirmed that dogs must be on their leads. HD to contact Connie Loban in the first instance to have signage forbidding dog owners from allowing their dogs to enter the play park. If this proves ineffective then the owners will be reported.	HD
12	Arrangements for next meeting: AGM to be held on Thursday 14 th May 2015, 7pm.	HD
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:50pm.	