

Barr Community Council

Minutes

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

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD) Chair, Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC) Vice Chair, Mr John Donaldson (JD), Mr Alexander Tait (AT)

In Attendance: Cllr. John McDowall (JMc), PC Porter, PC McLachlan, Mrs Jacqueline Logan (Minutes Secretary)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mrs Isabel Kay (IK) Treasurer, Mr James Gracie (JG), Mr Matthew Cross (MCr)	
4	Police Report: - There were three incidents reported in the Barr Village area. Reports were received about a missing van drive in the region of the Nick of the Balloch - the driver has since turned up. Police were also called to a sudden death in the village. Continued vigilance is required regarding agricultural equipment and quad bike theft with a further incident of a suspicious white van on 08 July 2015. Police pursued said van, but it got away – ongoing police action to find van and report back.	
5a	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of 11 th June 2015 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by AT, seconded by MC.	
5b	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: <i>Item 7(7):</i> Assel Valley Wind Farm Community Liaison Group. HD reported back regarding the key features of the Assel Valley benefit funding. HD handed out notes on the key features and how they would best suit Barr's needs. If anyone wishes a copy of the information please ask HD. Also see Item 7 below. Assembly of South Ayrshire Community Councils (ASACC). HD reported back on the ASACC meeting. As only 4 Councils were represented at the meeting it was felt it would be unfair to decide on the future of ASACC with such a small number. The next meeting will be on 30 th September 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chambers in Ayr and all CC's will be invited to attend. At least half of the required CC's are need for a quorum to make decisions on further ASACC meetings. BCC have been invited to attend and have been asked whether the ASACC should continue and to give the name of a BCC representative who will attend. BCC AGREED that the ASCACC should continue with quarterly meetings and the MC would represent BCC.	HD MC
6	Matters Arising: <i>Item 8(d):</i> Pauline Alison working with Development SSE as the new Project Liaison Manager, BCC to send her an invitation to attend the meeting in September. <i>Item 8(f):</i> JD completed the application form for the funding for the publication of the book on the History of Barr. JD handed over the form for the BPDC to complete the remaining required sections. <i>Item 9:</i> HD tried to contact Connie Loban re- signage for Play park preventing dogs, however, she was on holiday. HD awaiting call from Connie Loban. <i>Item 14(a):</i> Potholes are still an issue with a visitor complaint regarding unavoidable deep potholes on Changue Road, from the end of the village to the bridge adjoining the Forestry track to the Trails car park. MC to thank the Roads	MC MC HD MC

	<p>Alliance for the work they have already done, but also to highlight the issue raised above.</p> <p><i>Item 14(d):</i> Hall Steering Group. A meeting has still to be arranged with Gus Collins and Colin Love of SAC MC to pass on list of HD holiday dates.</p>	MC
7	<p>Assel Valley Wind Farm Community Liaison Group.</p> <p>HD reported back regarding the key features of the Assel Valley benefit funding. HD handed out notes on the key features. It was agreed that the community would require a Community Fund Body to administer with Foundation Scotland (FS) as banker to set up a trust for the community. It was agreed to invite Cara Gillespie from FS to the BCC meeting 13th August 2015 to discuss and implement a solution. Please see Hamish for a copy of the notes.</p>	MC
8	<p><i>Regular Reports:</i></p> <p><i>Treasurers Report:</i> No report.</p> <p>HD informed that the £5,000 top up from Carrick Futures has been deposited in the BCC bank account.</p> <p>JD raised concerns about the way BCC do not currently follow up on the Small Grant Fund applications. JD felt it would be prudent for BCC to require proof that grants are spent appropriately by way of producing receipts. In light of audit purposes and showing funders how the grants are spent, it was agreed that funding recipients should be required to provide information about the benefit the grant has given to the community/group. It was unanimously AGREED that MC would design a report form which will have to be completed for all accepted grants. The report should contain information regarding the benefit provided to the community/group, photographs where appropriate, plus receipts. All applicants are to be informed of the need to complete the report and provide receipts for approved funding applications. The report form will be given to the applicant when the grant cheque is handed over. BCC will be able to provide proof to Hadyard Hill and Carrick Futures etc. about the benefits of grant funding for the Barr Community.</p> <p><i>HHCBF:</i> No report. Next meeting 28 July 2014. AT and HD to represent BCC.</p> <p><i>Carrick Futures:</i> No Meeting.</p> <p><i>CCCF:</i> Postponed until August.</p> <p><i>BPDC:</i> BPDC held a meeting 03 July 2015 regarding Barr Community Wind Farm proposal was discussed. It was felt that due to the lack of interest from developers and the changes in Government policy regarding grants and subsidies that the project viability was weakened. A vote was held and the majority voted AGAINST continuing further with the Barr Community Wind Farm.</p>	MC/IK
9	Correspondence:	
9(a)	<p>Scottish Fire and Rescue (SFR) are planning a new strategy for 2016-19. They have asked CC's to answer questions regarding the strengths of SFR; shared benefits and opportunities to communities. HD to distribute questions for All to complete.</p>	HD/All
9(b)	<p>CCs of South Ayrshire sent thanks for BCC work and to inform of the new online training resource for CCs on the SAC website from 09/10/2015. HD to distribute information.</p>	HD
9(c)	<p>CC Planning workshop will be held at the Council Chambers, Ayr on 22 August 2015. HD to distribute information.</p>	HD
9(d)	<p>SAC are to hold a local development consultation on wind energy. JMc reiterated that this consultation was important to all future wind farm developments. HD to distribute details.</p>	HD
9(e)	<p>The Owners of Primrose Cottage are sorry to announce that the lack of foundations and the extent of structural disrepair leave them no option but to</p>	

	apply to demolish the property. They plan to replicate Primrose Cottage on the existing footprint in keeping with the conservation status of the property. MC is in favour to restore as the existing building was going to fall down. JD praised the owners for the vision to make it back to what it was. Awaiting Planning permission.	
9(f)	A drop in session is to be held on 21 July 2015 regarding Health and Social Care in the Community. The session will explain how services will be distributed as the council will no longer be involved in the decision making. HD to distribute details,	HD
10	Funding Applications: Barr Community Shop (HH): £300.00 for a copy of survey plus £200.00 for consultant report = £500.00 - to include The Kings Arms in the feasibility study conducted for the Shop – Approved with the proviso that the cheque is given direct to the consultant and that BCC get copies of the survey and feasibility report. Barr Bowling Association (CF): £450 for repairs to the lawn mower and kit for the care of the green – Approved with the proviso that receipts be provided	IK
11	Open Forum: None	
12	AOCB:	
12(a)	MC raised question about reviewing the bin collection procedure for properties beyond Craigmalloch Farm. Currently owners have to bring their bins to a stand half a mile down the forest track or take their rubbish to the skip in Girvan as the stand is not fit to leave bins their permanently. MC to contact Kenny Dalrymple/Mike Yule, SAC.	MC
12(b)	AT raised concerns about the condition of the anti-slip surface on the wooden bridge in the village. The red anti-slip coating is severely worn and needs replacing before winter. JMc to look into.	JMc
13	Arrangements for next meeting: To be held on Thursday 13 th August 2015, 7pm. Agenda to follow.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:10pm.	