

# Barr Community Council

## Minutes

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 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), Mrs Isabel Kay (IK) Treasurer, Mr James Gracie (JG), Mr Matthew Cross (MCr)

**In Attendance:** Cllr. John McDowall (JM), Cara Gillespie (CG) Foundation Scotland, PC Hunter, PC McGarva, Mrs Jacqueline Logan (Minutes Secretary)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above. HD was called away from the meeting. MC chaired the remainder of the meeting.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None.	
3	Apologies: None.	
4	Police Report: There were no incidents reported in the Barr Village area. Incorrect shotgun renewal has been disclosed and sorted. An arrest has been made in connection with the agricultural equipment and quad bike thefts. MCr reported that concerns have been raised about the speed of vehicles being driven through the village. PC McGarva to get information on survey done and report back. The police are using speed guns in rural villages and areas to deal with speeding issues. CCs to report any speeding if residents see a trend happening.	Police All
5	<p>Presentation by Cara Gillespie of Foundation Scotland (FS):</p> <p>Cara gave a presentation regarding the Community Funding Model for the Assel Valley funds. The funds will be split four ways between Girvan, Pinmore/Pinwherry and Barr, with the fourth share going to Girvan Leisure Centre (South Carrick Community Leisure). If the leisure centre does not go ahead the fourth share would revert to the communities. Planning for Girvan Leisure Centre to be distributed by MC when available. FS will work each of the three communities to administer the funds. £31,000 + to Barr from the start of construction and will last for 27 years instead of 25 years. Glenluce will be used as a model to amalgamate all community funding. Barr Community Fund, Assel Valley and others to be amalgamated. Cara to ask if the Hadyard Hill extension funding can be added to the community fund.</p> <p>FS will have a client agreement with the CCs and report back to the CCs. There will also be an advisory panel of local people set up to decide on how the funds are spent. Funds do not have to be used each year, money can be banked and endowments made, with the proviso that developers must be consulted. Grants have to be charitable in line with FS policy. Costs: Since 2010 the offering is £1k per megawatt. Administration costs, at approximately 10%, will come from the funds. BCC commit to support the Community Funding Model and form a sub group to agree criteria for funding and set up contract between FS and BCC. FS to approach Tralorg with mandate from BCC – the fee will reduce proportionately in line with the amount of money in the pot. Sub group will work with Cara to prepare detailed proposal for BCC and contract. MC volunteered to work with Cara – All to think and respond if they wish to join the sub group. There will be 2-3 meetings to make agreement, most will be via e-mail. Cara to email MC with more detail.</p> <p>Cara left the meeting following her presentation.</p>	MC CG MC All CG
6a	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of 09 July 2015 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by JD, seconded by</p>	

	AT.	
6b	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: None.	
7	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p><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. MC to get address.</p> <p><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. MC and JD to liaise.</p> <p><i>Item 9:</i> AT to contact Connie Ross regarding signs prohibiting dogs from the play park and dog fouling.</p> <p><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 has thanked the Roads Alliance for the work they have already done and reported the issue raised above. JG added that there a further growing pot holes within the village that need repaired. MC to report these to the Roads Alliance.</p> <p><i>14(d):</i> Hall Steering Group meeting with SAC will be held week commencing 24 August 2015.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>AT</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC</p>
8	<p><i>Regular Reports:</i></p> <p><i>Treasurers Report:</i></p> <p>IK reported that the balance at 04 August 2015 stood at £20,323.95. Cheques outstanding amount to £1,732.98. The Parent Council of Barr Primary School and Nursery Class and BCA are still to cash the cheques. The balance includes the money spent on flowers for Vera Dunlop and the cancellation of a cheque written for the previous Minutes Secretary who does not wish to have a cheque re-issued.</p> <p>Small Grant Fund Applications:</p> <p>IK now has a form for applicants to sign upon receipt of the grant cheque. MC distributed draft forms for Small Grant Fund application report back and evidence of how the funds were used to benefit the community. It was felt that the recipients' report and evidence along with the signature upon receipt of the cheque would suffice as proof of how the funds were spent and that receipts would not be required. It was also agreed that evidence would be required upon completion as stated in the application – MC to add this to the form.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Should receipts be provided as evidence of how funds have been spent? Receipts should not be required - majority <b>Agreed</b>. AT wished it be written into the minutes that he is concerned with the low level of scrutiny and evidence when no receipts are requested.</p> <p><i>HHCBF:</i> Foundation Scotland( FS) is the new secretariat for HHCBF as of 01 August 2015. FS will administer funding applications and will honour the current round of funding. The funding will be closed for a time to review and evaluate procedures, forms etc. and will re-open in January 2016. Governance to be reviewed along with how directors are elected and selected. AT to talk to Cara Gillespie regarding BCC's perspective.</p> <p><i>Carrick Futures:</i> Cara Gillespie reported on the meeting of 12 August 2015. The fund is under pressure due to the low levels of funding for this year. New criteria were agreed with the Directors. Cara Gillespie to write up new criteria and distribute.</p> <p>MCr reported that Carrick Futures will have a new logo. He also raised concerns that the new CF small grants funding form is confusing and jumbled in particular</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>AT</p> <p>CG</p> <p>MC</p>

	<p>the signature declaration for re-constituted groups. Cara Gillespie to review form, alter, and run past all to agree.</p> <p><i>CCCF</i>: MCr tried to attend the meeting, but found the building locked. JMc said the future role of CCCF looks positive and they will move forward with fewer meetings and be more selective regarding funding for Carrick Communities.</p> <p><i>BPDC</i>: BPDC representatives Merlin Currie and Jackie Logan met with Consultants Kelly and John Morris for a site visit at Dinmurchie regarding the feasibility of the project. The project needs to be refined and a lead in time set. A meeting was held on Monday 17 August 2015 with the consultants and BPDC Directors to discuss how to progress. Further meetings and public consultation will be ongoing with a public meeting will be scheduled in due course. Deadlines for funding fall in October and November. The Forestry Commission update is now in Inverness with a review being held on Thursday 20 August 2015. MC to meet with Colin Hossack FCS and architects to discuss stabilising the collapsed buildings in order to make the site safe.</p>	CG
9	Correspondence:	
9(a)	MCr declared an interest and offered to leave meeting. Letter received from the owners of Primrose Cottage regarding demolition of existing property and erection of property and garage on site. No objections.	
9(b)	Tralorg development end of 2017. For further details contact HD.	HD
9(c)	Letter from Hadyard Hill advising the new secretariat is Foundation Scotland.	
9(d)	Assel Valley road closures update. MC to circulate update of road closures.	MC
9(e)	Ballantrae Smugglers 16 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2015.	
9(f)	Headstone Memorial safety inspections to take place around Carrick from September 2015. JG would like to see the grass re-instated to make the headstones in Barr Cemetery safe and the earth filled back in. MC to report back.	MC
9(g)	Digital engagement for CC's 09 October 2015 at South Ayrshire County Building. Contact HD for further information.	
9(h)	Civil contingency teams for local community high level incidents, emergencies and disasters. MC to contact regarding visit to Barr.	MC
9(i)	SSE Pauline Alison and Martha Lovett. MC to contact to arrange meeting with BCC.	MC
10	<p><b>Funding Applications:</b></p> <p>Neil Gillan, Barr Sheep Dog Trials: £320.00 – <b>Approved</b></p>	IK
11	Open Forum: None	
12	AOCB:	
12(a)	MCr reported a complaint a resident in Glenginnet road has made about dog fouling outside of their property. Report or talk to the offending person first. MCr to ask what they wish to be done.	MCr
12(b)	JG raised concerns that the black bags in the valley at South Balloch are extremely dangerous. A complaint has been made to the person concerned, but no action has been taken. In the first instance MC will write a letter to the Roads Alliance to ask them to take action.	MC
13	Arrangements for next meeting: To be held on Thursday 10th September 2015, 7pm. Agenda to follow.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.	