

# Barr Community Council

## Minutes

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 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 James Gracie (JG), Mr Alexander Tait (AT), Mr Matthew Cross (MCr)

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Alec Oattes (AO), PC Hunter, PC McGurk, Mrs Jacqueline Logan (Minutes Secretary). Mr D Trotter (DT) Chair and Mrs M Bunnett (MB) Treasurer also attended on behalf of Barr Community Association.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: None	
4	<p>Police Report: - Three incidents were reported in the Barr Parish. A domestic incident was reported, but no crime was committed. A suspected vehicle crime was due to a computer error, no crime was committed. A dangerous car driving erratically in the village was reported; villagers to remain vigilant and report any further incidents. All quiet on the rural theft front at present.</p> <p>Sgt McKeown is awaiting response regarding the road survey and an update from ARA with regards to this and better signage.</p> <p>IK reported that an unsupervised dog at the top of the Stinchar Valley had attacked and killed a sheep, and as a consequence had been shot by the local farmer. Police were aware of this event.</p>	
5a	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by AT, seconded by MCr.</p>	
5b	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: none	
6	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p><i>Item 5:</i> HD received a written response from Martha Lovatt (SSE) regarding the issues and concerns raised when Pauline Allison and Ciara Wilson attended the BCC meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015. HD outlined the response received to date and will continue to liaise with Martha and Pauline regarding further progress. If you would like a copy of the response in full please contact HD.</p> <p><i>Item7:</i> HD has spoken to Open Reach about superfast broadband for Barr. Barr is on the map for superfast broadband 2017, but it could be more like 2020. The service will be provided via fibre optic cable which will require a cabinet to be sited at Barr telephone exchange and will be available within a 1km radius of the exchange. As a contingency plan, if Barr does not get superfast broadband, HD will contact Digital Scotland's liaison officer and Bob Murison to see if we could get funding to install a green cabinet for the community.</p> <p>AO offered to consult SAC liaison to see if he could get any further information.</p> <p><i>Item 7(5):</i> HD awaiting Cara Gillespie. Company working on legal agreement.</p> <p><i>Item 9(a):</i> Assel Valley next meeting 26 January 2016. HD/MC to attend for BCC.</p> <p><i>Item 9(e):</i> SAC regarding public transport for Barr Village. Ongoing. Following the meeting with HD, MC and Ayrshire Transport 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 SPT would like to get a solution for a timetabled service, hired bus (SAC Transport) or dial a bus. The villagers have been completing questionnaires to give times, need, size of bus etc. AO reported that things were moving ahead with SACT and will keep BCC</p>	<p>HD</p> <p>HD</p> <p>AO</p> <p>HD/MC</p>

	<p>posted.</p> <p><i>Item 9(f):</i> Replacement of Barr Cemetery wall along the Gladneuk Cottage boundary. The wall will be replaced along the entire boundary. Work commenced 19 October 2015 and was due to be completed within 12 weeks. MC reported that work is overdue because of the bad weather.</p> <p><i>Item 11(d):</i> AO will chase up the grip steps for the bridge over the Gregg from the Village to The Clachan.</p> <p><i>Item 14(d):</i> Barr Village Hall Steering Group. Cllr. Oattes and Cllr. McDowell will meet with HD and MC - Hall update needs to be decided depending on survey carried out in December 2015. A discussion also needs to be had regarding how funding will be handled between SSE, BCC and SAC. AO to chase up survey. Ongoing.</p> <p><i>Correspondence (9f):</i> The issue with phone faults in the Barr Area are still ongoing. MC wrote to the CEO of BT and Open Reach to express resident's frustration with the lack of communication and the poor customer service experienced throughout. Work is currently being carried out on phone lines and Barr Exchange: MB, MC and others are still having trouble. All lines have been transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> line at the exchange; please could all report back on any further problems or improvements. Work is also continuing in the surrounding area to find solutions. MC will keep a list of complaints about the lack of communication and customer service whilst works continue.</p>	<p>AO</p> <p>AO</p> <p>MC</p>
7	<p><i>Regular Reports:</i></p> <p><i>Treasurers Report:</i></p> <p>IK reported that all cheques to date have been cashed and the balance at 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 stood at £13,926.04. IK will arrange to take BCC books in for auditing. Once the books are audited BCC will apply for its next round of funding. HHCBF and CF grant monies: over £8k has been spent and the balance available until the next round of funding is £1898.21. HD is still awaiting Cara Gillespie (FS) about requirements and conditions for small grant funding.</p> <p><i>HHCBF:</i> AT stated that after the last meeting he was unwilling to continue representing BCC on HHCBF despite the review. HD asked BCC for any other volunteers to continue with the process. No Community Councillors felt able to take up the role without further information. It was agreed that a meeting between BCC, SSE and Foundation Scotland should be arranged. AO agreed to act as broker for this meeting.</p> <p><i>Carrick Futures:</i> No meeting. The next meeting will take place in March 2016. Date to follow.</p> <p><i>CCCF:</i> Cancelled. Next meeting February 2016.</p> <p><i>BPDC:</i> MUGA - The application for funding via Sports Scotland has hit a stumbling block. HD has asked them to decline BPDC's application so we can go to appeal (MPs, MSPs etc) regarding SSE Grant Funding not being acceptable as match funding. Ongoing.</p> <p>BPDC feasibility study plan is awaited. The plan is set to outline short, medium and long term options and goals for the village.</p> <p>Barr Bikes: training is being organised now as is the purchase of the trailer. Barr Bikes and ACE will be working together – Chris Gunson working with ACE. Ayrshire Burners have expressed an interest and a meeting will be held next month to discuss promoting cycling.</p>	<p>IK</p> <p>HD</p> <p>MC</p>
8	Correspondence:	
8(a)	BCC received a letter thanking CCs for their work over the past year. The election for CCs will take place in March 2016. Nomination forms will be available from 25 <sup>th</sup>	

	<p>January 2016 and a notice will be posted in the press. The deadline for completed forms will be 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 with the voted being counted on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The new council will sit for the first time in April 2016. MC to make public via shop, notice boards and online.</p> <p>Sadly James Gracie will not be standing for election in 2016 and will be retiring from BCC. HD thanked James for his many years of service to the council and the community.</p>	MC
8(b)	<p>Tralorg update. Six weeks of surveys will take place from January 2016. Construction due to begin at the end of 2016. Liaison group to meet January/February, for details contact HD</p>	
8(c)	<p>Barr is now signed up to the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Reserve and will now have a biosphere sign.</p> <p>AO to enquire about a new Barr Village sign at entrance to village.</p>	AO
8(d)	<p>An e-mail was received about severe flooding in 2 private fields and concerns that the play park increased the water flow. HD has discussed with resident. Drains in the fields to be unblocked and repaired. MB said that Scottish water are aware of water ingress into the sewage and it is being discussed.</p>	
8(e)	<p>Community Resilience team to visit BCC in March 2016. MC to liaise re-chat not power point presentation.</p>	MC
8(f)	<p>Forestry Commission Scotland closed trails to Kirsty's Cairn and Changue due to the road being damaged by flood water. Both trails will be closed until the end of February. Signage has been posted.</p>	
8(g)	<p>Ayr and Arran Tourism – Ayrshire Tourism Team to be abolished. MC distributed copy to all and discussed. It was <b>agreed</b> that BCC would support a call for the Team to be retained. MC to write a letter of support for the tourism team to Chief Executives and Leadership Councillors. Please contact MC for further details if required.</p>	MC
8(h)	<p>E-mail received regarding the road subsidence on the B734 at “ The Screws”. Currently awaiting tenders from contractors for the repair work. AO explained that the road will be closed for 2-3 days when the repairs happen.</p>	
9	<p>Funding Applications:  Barr and District Burns Club for Burns Supper and Barr Primary School. £1650 for meal; £100 for school prizes plus £250 for the top table. Amount requested £100 for the school prizes - <b>Approved</b>  HD to compile a new single application form for CF/HHCBF grant funding and run it past Cara Gillespie (FS).  HD still awaiting Cara Gillespie (FS) about requirements for groups requesting funding – constitution, providing bank statements and proof of where funding is spent.</p>	HD
10	<p>Open Forum:  DT asked when the £1898.21 grant funding was available until. HD said he thought it was May/June 2016. HD to confirm.  MB asked about which grant application form should be completed when requesting funding. Most use CF online form and not the HHCFB form. IK and HD explained that BCC were in the process of compiling a single form and BCC would then allocate to either CF or HHCBF. FS say CCs have the discretion to have a single form.  MCR update on Primrose Cottage. The cottage will be demolished at the beginning of February 2016.  DT and MB: BCA Barr Village Gala will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and the theme will be “Rio Carnival”.</p>	HD  HD/IK

11	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>IK asked AO about the £1500 flood damage grant being mentioned in the press. AO will enquire about how to apply.</p> <p>AT commented on the rubble and stones at the top of The Clachan which have been washed down from Dinmurchie. HD to meet Lindy from the Forestry to discuss at the end of January 2016. MCr also commented on the poor condition and dangerous state of some of the buildings at Dinmurchie. MC to discuss with Lindy from FCS.</p>	<p>AO</p> <p>HD</p> <p>MC</p>
12	<p>Arrangements for next meeting: To be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 7pm in the Village Hall. Agenda to follow.</p>	<p>HD</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:00pm.</p>	