

Barr Community Council AGM

Minutes

Thursday 14th May 2015 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Cllr. John McDowall (JMc), PC Gordon Thomson (GT), Mrs Jacqueline Logan (JL) Minutes. Mr David Trotter (BCA) attended for the AGM.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Apologies: Mr Alexander Tait (AT), Mr Matthew Cross (MCr)	
	AGM	
3	<p>Chairman/Secretary Report:</p> <p>Barr Community Council (BCC) Chair, Mr Hamish Denham delivered the report to those present. The report outlined the changes within BCC and the actions and activities of the Council during the year.</p> <p>Alastair Currie, Alex Forsyth and Aileen Ross (Minutes sec.) resigned from BCC. Sadly, BCC also lost William Dunlop. John Donaldson and Matt Cross were co-opted and subsequently elected onto BCC. Jacqueline Logan joined as Minutes sec. SAC Councillor changed from Alec Clarke to John McDowall.</p> <p>Visitors to the Council included representatives from SAC, Local Energy Scotland, SSE, Foundation Scotland, Galloway and South Ayrshire Biosphere.</p> <p>Small Grant Funding was approved for Barr Primary and Nursery Parent Council, Barr Community Shop, Bar Sheep Dog Trials, Barr Teas Ladies Lunch and Barr Community Association.</p> <p>BCC engaged with SAC regarding control of dogs, roads, trees/hedges and Barr trails.</p> <p>BCC also engaged with Hadyard Hill, Carrick Futures and the CCCF.</p> <p>Barr Parish Development Company – outline of projects including mountain bikes, Dinmurchie Ballot and community energy were reported.</p> <p>Play Park in partnership with SAC and funders – completed and grand opening in Autumn 2014.</p> <p>SSE Community Fund – Public consultation was held with priorities being the MUGA and Village Hall refurbishment. A Hall Steering Group has been formed and a meeting with SAC will be held to discuss how to move things forward.</p> <p>Please contact Hamish Denham if further information is required.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurers Report and Annual Audited Statement of Accounts:</p> <p>BCC Treasurer, Mrs Isabel Kay delivered the report and distributed copies of the accounts to those present. After taking into account income/expenditure for the period 01/04/2014 - 31/03/2015, the bank balance stands at £28,640.18. Please contact IK if further details if income/expenditure is required.</p>	
5	<p>Election of Office Bearers:</p> <p>Cllr. John McDowall conducted the Election of Office Bearers.</p> <p>Chair - Mr Hamish Denham. Proposed by JG, seconded by MC</p> <p>Vice Chair - Merlin Corbett. Proposed by IK, seconded by HD</p> <p>Treasurer - Mrs Isabel Kay. Proposed by MC, seconded by JG</p> <p>Planning - Mr Hamish Denham. Proposed by IK, seconded by JD</p>	
	The AGM concluded at 19:40.	

Monthly Meeting		
6	Declaration of Interest: None	
7	<p>Police Report: PC Thomson reported that there were no recorded crimes in Barr since the last meeting. There was one incident reported regarding dogs barking – the owners have been spoken to by the police. HD commented that 10 complaints had been made between 23/03/13 – 26/03/15. Although barking was a common complaint, concern was also raised about some dogs not being under proper control. PC Thomson suggested the police could post community safety fliers in the village to raise awareness of dog owner responsibilities. All agreed it was a good idea.</p> <p>PC Thomson also reported that rural crime is still a problem and has been on the increase. In 48hrs 2 incidents of theft were reported – a car and a quad bike. Please be aware that oil and Kerosene thefts in nearby communities and agricultural thefts are still ongoing. Police Scotland request that residents be vigilant and log any sightings of strange vehicles and try to get their registration numbers and report time, place and registration number to them.</p> <p>MC enquired on the progress of the incident at Glentroll as some residents have voiced concerns about walking Barr Trails due to the current Forestry works. Fears are that the vehicles/machinery in situ could be a target for like-minded criminals. PC Thomson will contact his colleagues in Dumfries and Galloway for an update and will report back.</p>	<p>GT</p> <p>GT</p>
8(a)	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of 09 April 2015 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, seconded by JD.</p>	
8(b)	<p>Meeting of any sub committee: Assembly of South Ayrshire Councils (ASAC) met on 19th March 2015. Saving Ayr Hospital A&E is top of the agenda and as such ASAC will continue to lobby on behalf of the communities of South Ayrshire. Meetings will be held quarterly – each CC requested to send 2 Councillors to each meeting. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 17 June 2015, 7pm at the Citadel in Ayr. HD to get further details. Tralorg Wind Farm meeting was held 30 April 2015 to agree the MOU. BCC were not in attendance, but MC has since signed on behalf of BCC to agree the MOU. Assel Valley Windfarm Community Liaison Group meeting 16 April 2015 was attended by HD and MC. Imminent construction of the wind farm is expected and community benefit funding will begin when construction commences. An agreement will be formulated between the developers, CCs and Foundation Scotland. Funding for each CC will be dispersed by an agreed trustee.</p>	All HD
9	<p>Matters Arising: <i>Item 6 (11(a))</i>: Closure of Glebe Road for the Gala has been approved however, stalls are not suitable to be erected on the road. <i>Item 11(e)</i>: HD has not had the opportunity to speak to Connie Loban re-signage forbidding dog owners from allowing dogs into the children's play park.</p>	HD
10	<p><i>Regular Reports</i>: <i>Treasurers Report</i>: See item 4 <i>HHCBF</i>: Nothing to report. SSE are in receipt of the letter from BCC regarding the withdrawal of the Council from HHCBF. This prompted an emergency meeting between SSE and HHCBF Directors, which resulted in AH being given notice - AH will no longer be the secretariat for HHCBF. SSE, HD, AT, Foundation Scotland (FS) and 4 Directors of HHCBF met to discuss whether BCC would consider re-engaging with HHCBF under the new secretariat FS. FS will act to ensure there is appropriate use of HHCBF</p>	

	<p>grant funding. MC agreed that BCC should re-engage depending on SSE and FS agreeing to hold wider consultation with communities, not just with existing Directors. Proposal - BCC should re-engage with HHCBF with the conditions MC detailed – unanimously Agreed. HD queried whether BCC should send 2 Directors or 2 reps in the first instance in order to wait and see whether BCC conditions raised by MC are accepted. HD to report back re-BCC re-engaging with HHCBF. <i>Carrick Futures:</i> MCr provided a written report for the meeting which was delivered by HD. Meetings have been primarily concerned with a complaint from a local resident. A new code of conduct for directors is being introduced in response to the complaint raised and all parties involved have been written to by CF. Confidentiality prevents any further information being imparted. The small grants guidance is to be changed to allow un-constituted groups to apply, but not individuals. Formal notice will follow shortly. CF are coming to Barr Village Gala manned by staff from Foundation Scotland, MCr and possibly MC. Please contact MCr for further information if required. <i>BPDC:</i> MUGA - MC to meet next week with Ciara re-funding. Dinmurchie – Ambition Fund application for scoping funds – awaiting. MC is investigating the possibility of offering work experience to a young person from Barr (or further afield) to work with the scoping consultant. BCEC – the proposed community wind farm of 8 turbines was discussed. It was agreed to proceed with a feasibility study and engage a Project Manager to consult with the community and do the necessary scoping required. BPDC can obtain a Start up Grant to fund the Project Manager through the CARES scheme. Proposal – BPDC to apply for a Start up Grant – majority Agreed. IK declared an interest and abstained from voting. <i>CCCF:</i> HD summarised the meeting notes from MCr for 14 April 2015 and 12 May 2015. 14 April 2015 - Two senior figures from Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) attended the meeting and a number of issues about the roads were raised. MCr passed on MCs photographs and a complaint from a local resident – the silage wrap issue was also raised. ARA are not happy with the state of the roads in the area and will be taking on 10 experienced staff at the Girvan depot in the next year to tackle it. MCr noted that the Scottish Timber Transport Group match fund repairs to roads damaged by timber lorries – worth bearing in mind for the future. Proposed changes to the ward boundaries were discussed and all were opposed. CCCF will make a formal objection in due course. 12 May 2015 – A Carrick tourism booklet has been produced and printed. Copies were distributed to all. The future of the CCCF was discussed. MCr stated that BCC was committed to the CCCF for the moment, but that support was contingent on reform and refocusing. MCr added that BCC could potentially withdraw if the CCCF cannot find a better path in the future. MCr explained that BCCs view was that the CCCF should restrict its range of activities to acting as a pressure group on areas of mutual interest. CCCF will meet again for a special meeting on its future; those CCs which have withdrawn will be invited to attend – date to be arranged.</p>	<p>HD</p> <p>MCr</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC/HD</p>
11	Correspondence:	
11(a)	Assel Valley – Community Liaison Group meeting 16 April 2015 HD and MC attended.	

11(b)	<p>Notification of HH extension has been lodged with the Scottish Government. Any response/objections should be lodged by 05 June 2015. Details about how to contact the Scottish Government have been posted on the Barr Village website and FB page. The documents, images and information are available in the entrance of the Village Hall.</p> <p>It was agreed that BCC would draft a document outlining the views of the Community Council and lodge this with the Scottish Government. Could all CCs please e-mail bullet points so that a document can be drawn up.</p>	All
11(c)	SAC Audit and Governance Panel are looking for an independent Chair. Please contact HD for further information.	
11(d)	Scotland Transerve – notification of embankment repairs and road closure A77. Details can be found on the Barr Village website and FB page.	
11(e)	South Ayrshire Enterprise Network – meeting about social enterprises on 19 June 2015(am) at the Carrick Building, Maybole. Please contact HD for further information if interested in attending.	
11(f)	Consultation draft Communications Strategy – cut off date 22 May 2015. Contact HD for information.	
11(g)	A letter of thanks was received from Vera Dunlop for the flowers BCC sent to her.	
12	Funding Applications: None	
13	Open Forum: None	
14	AOCB:	
(a)	JG raised the point that ARA has still not responded to complaints about the state of the roads. JMc attended a meeting of ARA and expressed concerns that experience of road users is not what ARA reports say - advocating resurfacing as opposed to the practice of patching.	
(b)	IK raised concerns about the increase in the volume of timber lorries using the Crosshill to Balloch road and the safety issues this raises. The lack of site lines through trees/bushes lining the road, especially on sharp bends, means you cannot see the lorries approaching, meeting them in the middle of the road leaving you nowhere to go. As the increased use will be for some time with 10,000 tonnes of timber being removed IK asked if JMc would report back and request that trees/bushes should be trimmed/removed to provide site lines.	JMc
(c)	HD reported that a Barr resident has asked if the damaged Village notice board could be replaced. All agreed that the notice board needs replacing though the location came up for some discussion. It was proposed that two notice boards would be preferable. One sited at the Village Hall for visitor information and the other at the Village Shop for resident information. MC to cost up boards.	MC
(d)	Hall Steering Group meeting with SAC Tuesday 19 th May 2015, 7pm. Any questions should be e-mailed to MC in advance.	All MC
(e)	MCr – FOI request re- dog nuisance has been received - a definitive list of 10 complaints between 26/03/2013-26/03/2015.	
15	Arrangements for next meeting: Thursday 11 th June 2015, 7pm. Agenda to follow.	HD
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:55pm.	