

# Barr Community Council

## Minutes

Thursday 10 October 2013 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Mr Hamish Denham (HD), Chair; Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC), Vice Chair; Mrs Isabel Kay (IK), Secretary; Mr William Dunlop (WD), Treasurer; Mr Alexander Tait (AT); Mr Alasdair Currie (AC); Mr James Gracie (JG)

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Alec Oattes, PC Painter, PC Thomson, Mr J Donaldson, Mrs BM Donaldson

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: JG – Wee Whist Funding Application	
3	Apologies: Mr Alex Forsyth	
4	<p>Police Report: Nothing new to report.</p> <p>MC asked if they were aware of the missing Covenanter's gravestone, which was taken by Scottish Covenanters Memorial Association (SCMA). The police are aware but reported that this was a civil matter and should be taken up with SAC, Historic Scotland and the SCMA.</p> <p>IK asked for clarification on several complaints she has received regarding cars being parked at Glengennet Road/Changue Road Junction at Kings Arms. Lorries are unable to get around the corner. The police replied that under the Road Traffic Act, drivers are within their rights to knock on the door of the owner of the car and ask them courteously to move their vehicle. If there is no response, the police can be contacted and are able to remove the obstructing vehicle. HD added that as SAC are renewing signage and white lines anyway, that it may be prudent to ask if they could maybe have double yellow lines painted.</p> <p>AT reported that a trailer was blatantly stolen from Girvan and for everyone to be vigilant as rural thefts are still ongoing.</p>	AO
5(a)	<p>Minutes of previous meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of 12 September were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, Seconded by AT. MC asked if Minutes could be published on the Website prior to approval. It was agreed a Draft copy could be submitted.</p>	
5(b)	<p>Minutes of meeting of sub committee:</p> <p>Carrick Heritage Trail: MC reported that she had a meeting with David Bett today and all is going as planned. 28 people are helping with phase 1 of the project. MC asked for confirmation that BCC would support an application for funding to go ahead with phase 2 of the sundial project. This was unanimously agreed.</p>	
	<p>Play park: AT reported that the Forestry Commission are more than keen to help with drainage at the back of the play park. He also reported that Scotplay have produced a banner with their plan, and he is awaiting the other two companies submitting their proposed plans.</p>	
	Altercannoch: next meeting is November.	
6	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes:</p> <p><i>Item 13(a) – Dog Fouling.</i> HD reported that he had contacted Constance at SAC and had received stickers to be put on bins and lampposts and an offer of sign painting equipment for pavements. It was discussed and decided that getting additional bins – one at the Doctor's Surgery and one outside the school – should be requested from SAC.</p> <p>HD also suggested that an article on being a responsible dog owner be put in the</p>	AO HD

	Barrometer.	
	<i>Item 13(b) – Road Safety.</i> HD reported that the Roads Department had looked at the problem area and are offering two new 30mph signs and renewal of the white lines at the junction.	
	<i>Item 13(e) – Staining on Ayrshire Housing Buildings.</i> AO reported that Ayrshire Housing will be sorting out the problem and work will be carried out shortly.	
	<i>Item 13(d) – Tree trimming/Graveyard Tree removal.</i> MC reported that trees at Alton Albany have been trimmed and that the graveyard tree has been cut down and the wood given to the pub.	
7	Treasurers Report: WD reported that balance = £13, 509.96	
8	Correspondence:	
8(a)	Police Scotland: Traffic Warden Review – HD will read and report at next meeting.	HD
8(b)	Police Scotland: Changes to Public Counter Service Provision – discussion on the removal of the Girvan Police Counter took place and it was decided that BCC would reply saying that they were not in favour of its removal.	IK
9	HHCBF Report: WD reported that at last meeting of 19 September, three grants were agreed - £744 for CCCF secretarial work; £300 for CRAG Festival of Light – part funded by Carrick Futures and £2674 for Girvan Fireworks which Carrick Futures also contributed to. Money for purchase of Brunston is lying with a lawyer, but the purchase will go ahead.	
10	CCCF Report: MC/AO reported that last meeting was the AGM. Village signage was discussed and they are aware of this and all villages are being represented. Proposal of joint Councils taking on Prestwick Airport was also discussed.	
11	Funding Applications: Barr Primary School - £500 for Pantomime Trip – approved.	
	ACE - £500 for Archery Stand at Pinclanty – not approved. MC to report back to ACE that they should apply to Hadyard Hill for a larger grant.	MC
	Wee Whist - £450 for Senior Citizens Party – approved.	
	Dog Trials - £340 – provisionally approved providing they remove the request for some of the grant being provided for prize money.	IK
	It is noted that future applications requesting funding for monetary prizes should not be approved.	
12	Open Forum: No business.	
13	AOCB:	
13(a)	Removal of Covenanter’s Gravestone: MC reported that SCMA (Dane Love) removed the gravestone without permission or without informing anyone. She has contacted them and asked for clarification on why and has been told that they are planning to make a replica stone from granite. When MC asked who had commissioned this, received no reply. MC has contacted Historic Scotland (HS) and they are outraged by this. All members agreed that they would like SAC and HS to request that the original stone be returned in the same condition as it was when removed.	MC
13(b)	AC reported that he has received a request from a company who want to erect a mobile phone mast on his land. He will scan letter and send to members. HD stated that he should reply giving names of landowners who have more appropriate land.	AC
13(c)	AC reported that he has been in contact with a company regarding Broadband issues in Barr and would like to meet with BCC. It was agreed that he should be invited to come along to next BCC meeting or to the BPDC meeting.	AC

13(d)	MC reported for AF: he has received several complaints about the rubbish left at the house next to the shop. A discussion took place and it was decided that the owner of the house would be contacted to ask if they would be happy for this to be removed. It was also agreed that a SAC skip would be requested, to be located behind the hall.	AC AO
13(e)	WD conveyed his annoyance at the state of the roads with potholes, especially the Hill Road. Discussion followed and it was agreed that a link for the Roads Online Reporting Department and telephone number should be put on the Website and Facebook page. AO stated that claims for damage to any vehicles are only accepted for potholes that have previously been reported. Reports also require photographic evidence.	MC
13(f)	AO reported that he has received an e-mail to say that the Commonwealth Games Baton will be going through Girvan on 20 June 2014.	
13(g)	JG stated that the new road surface at the Lanes road end is already beginning to crack.	
13(h)	HD asked if anyone had more information regarding the extension of the Hadyard Hill windfarm and no-one had. He also reported that surveyors had been measuring Girvan street to see if Turbine bodies could be taken through the town.	
13(i)	IK reported that signs from a cycle race that took place in July are still on the road, some now strewn around and looking unsightly. She asked that these could be removed and also if for future events, that signage is removed no longer than 2 days after the event. AO will look into who was responsible for the signs.	AO
14	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 14 November 2013. HD asked that everyone think about whether a meeting should be held in December or not, and that this be decided at next meeting.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm	