

# Barr Community Council

## Minutes

Thursday 10 April 2014 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Mr Hamish Denham (HD), Chair; Mrs Merlin Corbet (MC), Vice Chair, Mr William Dunlop (WD), Treasurer; Mr Alexander Tait (AT); Mrs Joanne Muir (JM); Mr James Gracie (JG)

**In Attendance:** Mr J Donaldson, Mrs B Donaldson, Cllr Alec Clark (ACk)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: Mrs Merlin Currie – Funding Application.	
3	Apologies: Mr Alasdair Currie (AC); Mr Alex Forsyth (AF); Mrs Isabel Kay (IK)	
4	Police Report: No Police Officers present. HD has spoken to police officers who were going to speak to their Inspector.	
5(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 13 March 2014 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by JG, Seconded by AT.	
5(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Altercannoch – No meeting until August.	
5(c)	Mosaic – MC reported that the central part of the sundial is now complete and positive feedback has been received.	
6	Matters Arising from the Minutes: <i>Item 6:</i> HD and MC still to action meeting with Rachel Shipley to discuss trails.	HD MC
	<i>Item 6:</i> Glebe Drainage has been looked at, but will need to be reported again, as this is a sunken drain problem. ACk will action this.	ACk
	<i>Item 14a:</i> Bin has been received. BCC members will look at moving one bin.	HD
	<i>Item 15e:</i> Railing at Green Bridge – this work has been carried out.	
	<i>Item 15g:</i> Subsidence at Pynannot is still ongoing.	
	<i>Item 12:</i> MC reported that the Cllr Oates has put in an official request for the railing around the bowling green to be painted by the Criminal Justice Team.	
	<i>Item 8c:</i> HD spoke to resident on Windy Row and informed them that they were to contact the Police regarding any further problems.	
	<i>Item 8f:</i> AC now received planning applications and HD to put Planning on agenda.	
7	Treasurers Report: WD reported that estimated balance = £10,574.91. HD and WD to discuss funding top-ups.	HD WD
8	Correspondence:	
8(a)	Scottish Government Stakeholders Survey – streamlining planning applications and requesting comments from BCC members – pass to AC	HD
8(b)	Hadyard Hill Consultation Meeting on 30 April 2014 – the first of two required meetings to be advertised – 3-8pm.	
8(c)	Altercannoch Windfarm asked for BCC to attend a meeting to discuss where the benefit money will sit – meeting is same night as BCC AGM – HD has asked for this to be rescheduled if possible.	
9	HHCBF Report: WD reported donation of £5000 to be given to Scottish Air Ambulance this year, and £5000 next year. Pinmore/Pinwherry Community Councils to be given £2,251 to install Carbon Monoxide Alarms for all householders who have gas. This is also to be extended across the 3 communities.	

	<p>CAN (Community Action Network) to be granted £3000/year for the next 3 years.</p> <p>BPDC to be granted £43000 for Playpark – 60% from Carrick Futures was granted, but Hadyard Hill only donating 3/11 of total amount. The disappointment of members was discussed. WD reported that he would ensure that the full funding would be given to BPDC as the directors were still to decide at another meeting.</p> <p>HD reported that he had looked back at previous BCC minutes of 2013 where Alistair Smith as Chairperson had written to HHCBF asking them what had happened to the £240,000 that had been earmarked for Barr to purchase the village hall. A reply had not been received yet, and HD will send another letter.</p>	HD
10	<p>Carrick Futures Report: 60% was issued with <u>comments &amp; recommendations</u> only:- no one member can benefit if BPDC winds up; require 'a cash flow plan?'; VAT to be looked at; and Articles of Association requires to be changed. Will discuss charitable status and HD reported that two Accountants were looking into this.</p>	
11	<p>Barr Parish Development Company (BPDC) Report: still £20000 short in funding for Playpark.</p> <p>Dinmurchie – 4 days to put in representation to evaluator – MC to speak to the Forestry. Valuation will take place on 28 April.</p>	MC
12	<p>CCCF Report: MC reported that Jim Wilson presented the meeting on Reverse Genealogy which could be valuable for Website in terms of contacts, funding and publicity. Barr is now on his list and it is hoped will be a feature on historical points, such as covenanters etc.</p> <p>Ailsa Horizons learned about the state of the roads through the cycling/walking that was being lost because of the bad roads. It was agreed that BCC would write a letter to the Roads Alliance – see AOCB.</p> <p>CCCF finances were handed round to members.</p>	
13	<p>Funding Applications:</p> <p>Stinchar Valley Quilters - £150 – Raffle for Air Ambulance, Cancer Cars and Cancer Charity Shop – agreed.</p> <p>Barr Village Website On-line - £500 – Finishing turf and materials for Sundial – phase one into phase two – agreed.</p>	
14	Open Forum: None.	
15.	A.O.C.B.:	
15(a)	HD and MC to compose a letter to Stuart Turner from BCC re roads.	MC HD
15(b)	HD to write to HHCBF regarding the funding money.	HD
15(c)	A planning application re SSE Substation on the Hill Road approved.	
15(d)	Pinclanty and Pinmore Mains Windfarm application refused.	
15(e)	JG: discussion on state of roads from Pinclanty to Pinmore Mains – some pot holes have been filled in.	
15(f)	MC received complaint about noticeboard that had fallen down outside hall – it was decided that this would be attached to the wall at top of hall steps. MC to ask Billy.	MC
15(g)	A resident asked MC if the BCC could complain about irresponsible dog owners regarding constant barking. ACK said that David Thomson would be the person to contact. The members will discuss this in private at end of meeting.	
15(h)	The Covenanters Head Stone will be returned to Barr Cemetery on 1 <sup>st</sup> May. MC had spoken to Rev McLachlan and he suggested that a special service should be held on 25 <sup>th</sup> May to mark the return. The Tearoom & Vintage Tractors will also be running on that day.	
15(i)	<p>Open Studios Ayrshire with 70 artists – MC being open at Barr.</p> <p>Carrick Activity Centre at Dailly advertising their Easter Activities.</p> <p>Young Carrick Artists – The Wave in Girvan are holding this exhibition.</p> <p>Exhibition of 40 Years of Folk Music to be held in McKechnie Institute in Girvan.</p>	

15(j)	ACk reported that Girvan and South Carrick Leisure Centre has been completely re-designed and is now more realistic and sustainable. SAC still guarantee £4m and other funding bids are hoped to be secured to allow building to start next year and the centre to be opened in September 2016.	
15(k)	AT asked about new signage and ACk reported that a rural panel approved the funding and match funding is available, the difficulty was with the font being used but this should be dealt with in the near future.	
16	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 8 May 2014, following the AGM. ACk agreed to Chair and carry out election of office bearers at the AGM.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:25pm	