

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 10 July 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 Isabel Kay (IK)

In Attendance: Cllr Alec Clark (ACK), PC Fraser Campbell, PC Graham Barclay

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mr Alasdair Currie (AC) No apologies: Mr James Gracie (JG); Mr Alex Forsyth (AF)	
4	Police Report: PC Barclay reported that no incidents were received, therefore no crimes in the local area since last meeting. However, red diesel was stolen from Laggan Farm and 2 quad bikes from a farm at Colmonell. A pick up or transit van was spotted in area around the time, and asked that any suspicious vehicles be reported.	
5	Minutes of AGM held on 8 May were approved, proposed by MC and seconded by AT. Minutes of meeting held on 12 June were approved, proposed by WD and seconded by AT.	
6	Matters arising from the minutes of 12 June: <i>Item 5:</i> roads – inspection promised by Roads Alliance. Drainage problem - will be investigated by Street Lighting Department. Hall Hours – nothing from BCA or SAC as yet, HD will speak to BCA Chairperson and if required re-engage with SAC. <i>Item 7:</i> Trails – MC will get survey report and then send this to members requesting information of landowners. <i>Item 11a:</i> Willow Wind reducing amount of turbines. <i>Item 8:</i> CCCF Report – ACK suggested that BCC ask Gus Collins to attend a BCC meeting to talk to us about the Health and Social Integration plans. HD will pass on e-mail to BCC members. <i>Item 9a:</i> HD asked members for their thoughts and it was agreed to write to Police Scotland, copying in local MP, addressing strong concerns. <i>Item 12a:</i> MC will look into pricing a bench. ACK will take forward the cemetery wall problem. MC explained that having a skip in Barr is on a trial period and no white goods are to be put in. If a lot of debris is dumped, MC is to be notified. Information can be found on Barr Website.	HD MC HD HD MC ACK
7	Regular Reports:	
	Treasurers Report: (no bank statement) £8,032.36.	
	HHCBF Report: meeting due soon, no report.	
	Carrick Futures Report: meeting due soon. HD reported that Foundation Scotland have been appointed as new secretariat, and the Chairperson is assured of a positive move forward for the future. He also reported that Barr can have up to 10 or 12 members who are allowed to attend only the AGM and this is to be discussed further.	HD
	BPDC Report: MC reported that a draft ballot paper has been drawn up re the purchase of Dinmurchie. This ballot is to be out to all Barr Parish from week beginning 21 st July with votes to be posted back by 5 th August.	

	<p>MC was contacted by NFLS by telephone and they are enthusiastic about this proposal. If the people of the parish vote yes, then BPDC have 18 months to get a business plan and feasibility plan.</p> <p>WD asked what the proposals for Dinmurchie would be, and MC explained that various projects were discussed including a Hydro Scheme. WD will get information on this. SSE contacted MC to discuss playpark experience and said that there would be more transparency and clarity in the future.</p> <p>AT reported that the playpark ground work should commence either in the first or second week of August and should take about 4-6 weeks, and it is hoped that a grand opening would take place in September.</p>	WD
	CCCF Report: No-one attended meeting but MC will obtain a copy of the minutes for next meeting.	MC
8	Correspondence:	
8a	Logo Design competition for Scotland's Community Councils – passed to MC	
8b	e-mail re: South Ayrshire 1000 Panel – HD read to members.	
8c	Stinchar Valley Magazine – Alastair Smith has asked for a volunteer to attend committee meetings for funding decisions etc., the next meeting is on 24 th July at 10am. MC will ask John Donaldson in the first instance, and secondly HD will ask AC.	MC/HD
8d	Scotland Reaching Out – Reverse Genealogy – Jim Wilson contacted HD requesting representatives from Barr. HD will send e-mail to members and MC will ask John Donaldson if he would be interested.	MC/HD
8e	Millanderdale Windfarm – booklets will be displayed in hall for information. HD has invited to attend next BCC meeting.	
8f	Noel Cummings, Hadyard Hill Extension – consultations days went well and planning application is to be put forward early next year. Location and amount of turbines will then be known.	
8g	Altercannoch meeting will take place on 26 th August at 7pm – HD to forward to AT.	HD
8h	Community Experiment Scotland Bill e-mail re consultation – HD will send link to members to have a look at, and to reply to HD. ACK suggested that a reply is sent through CCF.	All
9	Funding Applications: None.	
10	Open Forum: MC asked, on behalf of John Donaldson, about the dog issue of barking and biting other dogs. This was discussed and HD stated that incidents need to be reported to the police. ACK will request for the Dog Officer /Warden to speak to the owners. Dogs at Barskaig have also been barking loudly at 2am.	ACK
11	AOCB	
	AT asked that the ground behind the Ayrshire Housing houses belonging to SAC is mowed and maintained. ACK will look into this.	ACK
	MC passed invoice for teas supplied to dignitaries who attended the return of the Convenanter's Grave Stone to WD for payment.	WD
	MC thanked all who helped with the mosaic and who attended the opening, which went very well and had a great turnout.	
	ACK reported that £4million has been confirmed for the Leisure Centre in Girvan with money from the Tralorg windfarm.	
	ACK reported that he has resigned as Chair of the Rural Communities Panel as he did not want to be used as a political pawn.	
	WD asked for the resignation of AF from BCC due to him having less than 50% attendance and this being against Community Council rules. He also stated that his	

	conduct at the BPDC and CF meetings was unacceptable, and felt that he had brought BCC into disrepute. HD replied that he had had a meeting with the Chair of CF and that a way forward had been identified. HD will look at the rules for Community Councillors re attendance and if required the matter can be discussed further at the next meeting.	HD
12	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting will be held on 14 August 2014.	