

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 11 July 2013 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD), Chair; Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC), Vice Chair; Mr William Dunlop (WD), Treasurer; Mrs Isabel Kay (IK); Mr Alex Forsyth (AF); Mr Alexander Tait (AT)

In Attendance: Cllr. Alec Oattes

Members of the Public: Mr Dave Trotter, Mr J Donaldson

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest:	
3	Apologies: Mr James Gracie, Mr James Leil, Mr Alasdair Currie	
4	Police Report: No police representative present.	
5(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 13 June were accepted as accurate. Proposed by AF, Seconded by AT	
5(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Altercannoch: AT attended meeting on 1 July, he reported that BCC role is to give support to Pinwherry, Pinmore and Barrhill. It was agreed by all that information gained about the Windfarm company would be useful experience for any future sites affecting Barr. AT also indicated that if anyone had any questions they would like him to bring up at the meetings, they were to e-mail him directly.	
	Sundial Update: MC reported that she met with David Bett of Carrick Heritage Trail and plans have been agreed. The whole community is to be involved from school projects, adults and youths who have already shown some interest. The sundial project requires to be completed by October, to allow inclusion in the Heritage Trail Leaflet. MC also reported that the £3000 was inclusive of VAT, but DB agreed that grant funding could be obtained. The project will be completed in 3 phases; the layout of the concrete base, the numbering and finally the outer rings where links to the trails would be included. It was also discussed that Barr Trails need upgraded and improved, especially from tourism aspect. The Bruce Trail's Sarah Crome showed interest in this upgrade and suggested they could produce new signage to incorporate the trails, red squirrels and the sundial. AO asked to be kept up-to-date with progress of the project.	MC
6	Matters Arising from the minutes: Item 9c: HD spoke to Mark Hamilton and a Forestry Commission representative re: application. He was informed that all 4 neighbours were notified as were the BCC, by letter and the area to be planted is Doularg land behind the "Birthday Wood" up to the conifer line. A map has been posted on notice boards, FB and the website. The trees to be planted are to be a mixture of deciduous trees. Mr Alec Wright brought along to the meeting a petition signed by villagers, against the planting. HD will scan and e-mail signatures to MH as a matter of urgency. AO asked if planning permission had been given, but HD reported this was not required. IK asked why this area was now allowed to be planted, when previously not, and HD explained this was due to time lapse of more than 5 years.	HD
	Item 15b: IK reported that the BT is now up and running.	
	Item 7: HD e-mailed copies of the letter sent to Mr J Wilson requesting his resignation from the HHCBF, and his reply, to all members. AO reported that with permission of	

	<p>the BCC, he has contacted Mr Charles Welsh, Hadyard Hill and Mr Stuart Lindsay, Ailsa Horizons, and was informed that at the AGM, which is held in November, the Articles of Association are to be amended to state that it will be the norm for members of Community Councils to be on the HHCBF.</p> <p>Following lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a report from the HHCBF meetings is to be included as a point on the BCC agenda.</p> <p>It was also decided HD to write a letter to CW thanking him for the information and that we look forward to this change as we have a nominated councillor awaiting inclusion on the board. It was also agreed MC to write a letter to Mr J Wilson asking him to come along to BCC meetings to give a report on the HHCBF meeting.</p>	JL HD MC
7	<p>Treasurers Report: Bank Account approx. balance as at today's date = £14,711.35 SAC payment made. BBC paid £432.80. BCA paid £500. Companies House paid £150.</p>	
8	Correspondence:	
8(a)	Carrick Futures Small Grant – has been dealt with.	
8 (b)	Altercannoch Meeting on Monday 1 July – reported by AT previously.	
8 (c)	Carrick Development Fund re: closing dates for applications.	
8 (d)	Community Transport in Carrick posted on web & fb	
8 (e)	Marion Young – SAC re applications as before.	
8 (f)	Police – not BCC business.	
8 (g)	Carrick Invasive Specious Project – re training – AT already has qualifications	
9	<p>Barr Development Company: HD reported that the first meeting of the new company was held on Monday night. However, prior to further report, WD indicated that the new company was not required as there was already an existing company. Following discussion it was agreed that HD and IK would meet with Stuart Sheddon to ask for clarification on how to continue with the dilemma to allow prompt action and get a development company up and running. IK to arrange meeting. WD will then have a meeting with JG to vote on new members.</p> <p>HD subsequently reported on the meeting held on Monday: the Development Company will prioritise finishing the playpark project and looking at energy efficiency for the village. Ideas on how this would be communicated to the community were by doorstep, followed by an Open Day and finally an AGM where it was hoped that community members would join the company. The Articles of Association were discussed and it was decided that 3 community council members would be board directors.</p>	IK WD/JG
10	<p>CCCF Report: see handout. AO also reported that due to lack of communication between the CCCF and community councils, a Link Officer, Clair Monahan has been appointed. He also reported on Tourism Project which is going well but it was indicated by MC that there were issues with areas of Carrick incl. Barr not being included on the Ayrshire Tourism Leaflet.</p>	
11	<p>Funding Applications: Albany Players requested £500 to purchase blackout curtains. MC and IK as Albany Player members were not allowed to vote. All other members agreed. Approved.</p>	
12	<p>Open Forum: Dave Trotter thanked BCC for the £500 awarded to BCA which went towards the cost of the gala. He stated that due to lack of communication between various groups in Barr, BCA have decided at their last meeting, to invite 2 members from each to attend the BCA meetings. HD thanked DT and stated that he would endeavour to have a representative of BCC attend.</p>	HD
13	AOB:	

13(a)	HD attended a meeting with BCA and BBC representatives regarding the BBC Club House and use of the hall. He has been asked about part purchase of the hall by BBC and asked AO for a name of the appropriate contact at SAC. AO indicated David Lewis. HD will get in touch with him and report back to BBC.	HD
15(b)	MC reported that the Barr Trails bin has been emptied by SAC, after communication with Thea Pettigrew & Rachel Shipley, Access Officer. This will take place once per month. HD also suggested contacting the FC requesting them to empty it as well, as once per month not enough. MC also reported that Rachael noted the tree down and will be looking at the other Trails in due course. MC also to contact Rachael to find out who is responsible for the signage regarding closures due to work being carried out on the trails.	MC MC
15(c)	AO expressed how he thought that Maw Broon's Afternoon Tea was a great idea and this was unanimously agreed. MC reported how D.C. Thomson and Co Ltd have been extremely helpful and supportive.	
15(c)	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 8 August 2013.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm	