

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 11 September 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); Mr James Gracie (JG)

In Attendance: Cllr Alec Clark (ACK), PC David Painter, PC Gordon Thomson

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mr Alex Forsyth (AF), Mr Alasdair Currie (AC)	
4	Police Report: 1 false call with good intent (possible house breaking), 1 rural theft, 1 rural housebreaking. Extra vigilance required in rural areas specifically remote farms and houses – CCTV surveillance being advocated on farms. Reminder that non urgent matters should use the 101 telephone number to contact Police Scotland.	
5a	Gordon Lauder (GL) SAC – Control of Dogs The options for dealing with problematic dogs in the village were outlined by GL. MC and ACK expressed concern about individuals having to take civil court action in such a small community and felt that improved presence by the Dog Warden would initially be a better option. GL advised that due to the distance to travel the Dog Warden would visit when possible to monitor the situation. This was deemed to be unsuitable and impractical. A number of complaints lodged with members of the community about problem dogs have not been recorded. It was decided that BCC would write to GL detailing specific incidents, dogs and owners so that advisory visits can be organised.	
5b	Madeline Crawford (MC) – Local Energy Scotland MC outlined her area of expertise and described Grant Funding Schemes for community energy projects. An informative discussion followed with regard to Community Ownership of Wind Farms and Hydro Electric schemes. MC outlined the availability of Start-up funding, pre-planning loans, Renewable Energy Equity Funds and Local Energy Climate Challenge Fund. She offered to assist and provide advice on the way forward for the community.	
6	Minutes of meeting held on 14 August were approved, proposed by MC and seconded by AT.	
7	Matters arising from the minutes of 14 August: <i>Item 11:</i> ACK advised the issue of ownership of the steps from the Avenue to the Glebe is being investigated by SAC.	
8	Regular Reports:	
	Treasurers Report: (no bank statement) £9942.61.	
	HHCBF Report: Dailly Primary have been awarded 3 years funding for the John Muir Award. Funding has been approved for temporary repairs to the Barr Bowling Green surface (£1973.44)	
	Carrick Futures Report: No report	
	BPDC Report: Bicycles – Barr Postmistress is happy to sign bikes in and out. Some bikes need repair and a new place to store the bikes may be required. Playpark – Work progressing steadily. Should be complete in 2-3 weeks depending on weather.	

	CCCF Report: Foundation Scotland attended. Roads, Tourism and Trails discussed. Peter Mason to stand down as chair at AGM in November.	
9	Correspondence:	
9a	Letter from Susan Crosthwaite – Possible negative impact on health of those who live near wind-farms	
9b	Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal Programme – To provide 3G coverage to rural communities. HD will make an application to the scheme	HD
9c	Assel Valley Community Benefit Fund – Request for representatives of BCC to attend a meetings to discuss future of benefit funds. MC and HD to attend.	MC HD
10	Funding Applications: None.	
11	Open Forum: No points raised.	
12	AOCB	
	Bees at the Clachan – concern raised by a community member about plans to keep bees at the top of the Clachan. AT reported these plans are in the very early feasibility stage. BCC will be kept informed of any developments.	AT
	JG reminded people that we have one World War 1 grave in the cemetery and proposed that a wreath should be laid on the grave at the Service of Remembrance to mark the 100 year anniversary – there was unanimous agreement that BCC should fund a wreath.	JG
13	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be held on 9 October 2014.	