

# Barr Community Council

## Minutes

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Mr Hamish Denham (HD) Chair, Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC) Vice Chair, Mr Alex Forsyth (AF), Mr Alexander Tait (AT), Mr James Gracie (JG), Mrs Isabel Kay (IK), Mr John Donaldson (JD), Mr Matthew Cross (MCr)

**In Attendance:** Cllr. John McDowall (JMc), PC Painter, PC Thomson, Mrs Jackie Logan (Minutes)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mr William Dunlop (WD), Treasurer,	
4	Police Report: 1 Call for information, no crime reports. Oil and Kerosene thefts in nearby communities and agricultural thefts still ongoing. Police Scotland request that residents log any sightings of strange vehicles and try to get their registration numbers and report time, place and registration number to them.	
5a	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of 08 January 2015 were accepted as accurate once JD was removed from 8e. Proposed by JG, seconded by MC.	
5b	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: <i>Item 7(7):</i> Assel Valley Wind Farm Community Liaison Group. HD summarised the meeting of 08 December 2014. The Meeting focused on Fund Management and options regarding how funds might be held and administered. Copies of full notes are available from HD for any interested parties. It was agreed that each community would consider and consult further on the issues and its preferred approach for fund management. Next Meeting April 2015.	All
6	Matters Arising: <i>Item 7(5):</i> SSE Barr Community Fund - Steering Committee to be set up to manage the refurbishment/re-development of Barr Village Hall. HD asked Mr David Trotter, Chair of BCA to seek volunteers to represent BCA on the Committee as they have overall responsibility for the Hall. It was suggested that the committee should consist of HD, IK, and BCA representative(s). In addition a representative of Barr Bowling Club will be asked to join, plus a member to represent families with children. IK brought along one set of Village Hall plans and reported there are further sets of still to be found. IK reported that John McGinnis confirmed there were originally four plans a,b,c and d and has a letter dated 2005 that plan b was chosen at a cost of £300,000. AT reported David Loudon(SAC) confirmed that the Partnership for the All Weather Sports Pitch would be the same as the Play Park and that planning permission would not be required. Currently the cost has been reduced from £96,000 to £86,000 by scaling down the skate part and keeping the MUGA as is.	HD/IK  AT
	<i>Item 9a:</i> Stinchar Valley Magazine –Alastair Smith has agreed to continue compiling and publishing the Barrometer. To enable Alastair to keep the Barrometer going he will need more articles and information from members of the Community as he will be unable to attend all events. HD confirmed that the content for the SVM would now be fed from the Barrometer directly to the SVM.	IK

	<i>Item 9f:</i> Community Council Handbooks handed out to JD and MCr.	
	<i>Item 12b:</i> Trails Signs – no update as yet on signs. MC to continue negotiations with FCS and SAC Access Officer Rachel Shipley. £800 asset locked funding for signage – MC to find out what this means.	MC
	<i>Item 8f:</i> Memorandum of Understanding between PNE Wind UK and Tralorg Windfarm Community Liaison Group – After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that BCC are content to subscribe to the MOU.	HD/MC
7	<p><i>Regular Reports:</i></p> <p><i>Treasurers Report:</i> No Report due to WD absence</p> <p><i>HHCBF:</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p>Point of discussion arose about HHCBF community meetings &amp; lack of communication and understanding of Village Development Officer remit. It was agreed that clarification of remit and possible conflicting interests required further discussion. It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting and to draw up a list of questions for AT to take to the HHCBF meeting in March. <b>Point of Agenda</b> for next meeting.</p> <p><i>Carrick Futures:</i> MC summarised the meeting which was effectively a mop-up of the legacy that Foundation Scotland inherited. See attached notes for further information. MCr was appointed a CF Director representing Barr (RP &amp; MC).</p> <p><i>BPDC:</i> HD reported on the “Barr Community Windfarm” proposal. Discussions are ongoing with regard to grid connection and access for turbines via Forestry Commission roads.</p> <p><i>CCCF:</i> MC summarised the meeting. LUMI-IT Information screens - £957 average price offers wi-fi service but needs internet connection. Licence costs - £75 annually plus £10 per month. Roads were discussed at length – All communities felt strongly to lobby Ayrshire Roads Alliance re. state of the roads especially the infrastructure. The Secretariat were asked to leave for CC’s to discuss the Carrick Forum Action Plan/Strategy. Please see attached notes for further details. It was agreed that CC reps should be more pro-active in leading the Forum and were tasked with consulting their CC for a list of 5 things we would <b>like</b> to see to make Carrick a better place and 5 things we do <b>not</b> wish to see. Please can All send MC your 5 point lists. <b>Point of Agenda</b> for next meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion Lobbied by MC:</b> MC to request the following from CCCF on behalf of BCC -  A copy of the constitution  A copy of the service agreement  A motion to concentrate on collectively lobbying SAC &amp; others as an extension of Carrick CC’s.</p> <p><b>Vote taken - Passed</b></p>	<p>All</p> <p>HD</p> <p>MC</p> <p>All</p> <p>HD</p> <p>MC</p>
8	Correspondence:	
8(a)	£100 grant available for Management & Leadership Course Diploma – anyone interested contact HD	
8(b)	Electric Heating upgrade available for 70 properties on a 1 <sup>st</sup> come 1 <sup>st</sup> served basis. Home owners, Social Housing and those in receipt of certain benefits could qualify. MC to post on notice board & website.	MC
8(c)	Rural Panel next meeting 26 March 2015, 7pm – update of funding etc. If anyone wants to attend please contact HD for further details.	
8(d)	HHCBF will be holding benefit funding clinics at Barr Stores to help groups with funding applications and forms etc. The clinics will be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month 10:00am – 12:00 noon and evening in March.	
8(e)	Health and Social Care in the Community. An afternoon and evening meeting will	

	be held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2015 to discuss. JMc explained that health and social care are to be integrated into communities - no details as yet as they are currently in the planning stage. Anyone who wants to attend please contact HD.	
8(f)	Association of South Ayrshire Community Councils will be meeting 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2015. The meeting is to determine the future of the association. It was agreed that it would not be beneficial for BCC to send a representative - JMc explained the Association was likely to be wound up.	
8(g)	Letter received from Barr resident to request funding for the felling of the overgrown tree masking the clock tower. The resident has agreed to have the tree felled and permission to do so has been granted. It was suggested that as the tree is growing around a BT pole that the resident should contact BT to ask them to remove the tree.	JD
9	Funding Applications: None	
10	Open Forum: None	
11	AOCB:	
(a)	MC reported on the felling of 10, 200yr old trees on The Clachan. The trees were removed following a complaint from a Barr resident over concerns they posed a danger to nearby properties. Concerns were raised about the lack of consultation with BCC, Village residents and Lindy Renwick, Community Liaison Officer for the Forestry Commission. Nobody was aware of the impending removal of the trees until work had commenced. MC asked whether the trees were a danger - only 1 was deemed unsafe and required removal. MC was assured that the remaining 9 trees would be safe if they were crowned and trimmed. However, the request remained for all 10 trees to be removed. MC to raise questions with the Forestry Commission about how this happened.	MC
(b)	MCr reported back on the moles/molehills. MCr talked to Daniel Connon about dealing with the problem, but there were a couple of obstacles re. him doing the work. MCr offered to deal with the problem and it was agreed that he go ahead.	MCr
(c)	JMc confirmed that the Davidson has been acquired by Ailsa Horizons.	
(d)	MC update on the dog situation following Residents' complaints. The visit by the police seems to have been effective and no further complaints have been received to date.	
12	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7pm. Points for Agenda – HHCBF and CCCF	
	HD to make arrangements for AGM & Bi-Election.	HD
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:55pm.	