

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 12 September 2013 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD), Chair; Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC), Vice Chair; Mrs Isabel Kay (IK); Mr Alexander Tait (AT); Mr Alasdair Currie (AC); Mr Alex Forsyth (AF)

In Attendance: Cllr. Alec Oattes, PC Porter

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mr James Gracie, Mr William Dunlop (Treasurer)	
4	Police Report: Nothing to report in Barr area. HD asked for update on thefts and PC Porter reported that enquiries are continuing but no recent thefts have been reported.	
5(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 8 August were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, Seconded by IK.	
5(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Altercannoch: AT attended meeting and reported that the SAC Roads department representatives did not turn up for the meeting but the committee members put together questions to send by e-mail. He reported that the windfarm has been downgraded from 10 to 9 turbines because of a certain viewpoint. The next meeting will be held in November.	
	Sundial Update: MC reported that the project is still awaiting the Planning to be passed.	
6 (a)	<i>Item 6 – Dinmurchie.</i> HD reported that Mr J Wilson (JW) attended last meeting and that WD and JW will continue to update BCC members as and when there are any updates. HD also reported that a press release stated that HHCBF is no longer pursuing Dinmurchie. However, they are still working on Brunston.	
6 (b)	<i>Item 7 – BBC Proposal.</i> HD reported that he had spoken to David Lewis regarding BBC purchasing the small hall and was advised that the title deeds may state that the hall is for public use only. After discussion, it was decided that HD will speak to BBC and find out if they still wish to continue with their proposal, and if they do, will pass the matter over to BCA, with BCC support.	HD
6 (c)	Matters Arising from the minutes: Item 10a: HD reported that IK and himself attended the BCA meeting, which is useful for co-operation between the BCA and BCC. The next BCA meeting is to be held on 1 st October and MC and AT volunteered. AF will go instead of MC if he is available.	AF AT MC
	Item 14a: Playpark – AT reported that progress is on track. He reported that Kate Bruce is unable to attend the Open Day, but will send posters for the kids to choose which apparatus they would like. Open Day is next step. AT also reported that Mr Loudon clarified that existing items in park could be removed.	AT
	Item 6: Dinmurchie – HD reported that the previous BCC declared an interest on behalf of Barr. He reported that the Forestry Commission may be interested again and may be planting more trees. A meeting with the Land Agent and the Forestry will take place on 8 th October and Barr Parish Development Company (BPDC) have registered their interest. HD reported that the Forestry will be willing to negotiate with BPDC. MC also stated that it would be useful to see the documentation regarding consultation and feasibility studies that were carried out and the committee agreed that MC should write to HHCBF formally requesting this information.	MC

	<p>Item 14e: Jim Leil retiral – HD asked if anyone was willing to take on the role of secretary, which will run until the next AGM in March. There was also one vacancy and a member would be co-opted onto the committee. A Vacancy would be displayed for 21 days on the notice boards. AC will draft the advertisement and MC will advertise this in various locations.</p> <p>IK offered to take on secretary position, to receive mail etc., for re-direction to other members. Proposer: MC, Seconder: AF</p>	<p>AC MC</p>
7	<p>Treasurers Report: No report.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence:</p>	
8(a)	<p>Girvan & South Carrick Updates – to be distributed to pub, shop and hall. MC to add link to website.</p>	<p>MC</p>
8(b)	<p>Draft SAC Adult Learning & Disability Strategy – not BCC business.</p>	
8(c)	<p>Traboyack Planting – reply e-mail from John MacBeth, Forestry Commission, re petition sent by HD on behalf of Mr Wright. The outcome is that the planting will probably go ahead as SAC and Defra have no objections. This was discussed by the committee.</p>	
8(d)	<p>Annual SAC Community Conference – County Buildings 24th October</p>	
8(e)	<p>SAC Community Planning Partnership – 18th October. MC interested and AF if he is available.</p>	<p>MC AF</p>
9	<p>HHCBF Report Nothing to report.</p>	
10	<p>CCCF Report: AO reported that Heritage Trail is going ahead and a draft leaflet was being prepared. This needs £5000 funding and once this is obtained, will be “all go”. CCCF Financial Statement was circulated to members. MC asked about a leaflet for Barr and this was discussed. It was decided that the Barr Website would look into this further, put together a format and obtain funding.</p>	<p>MC</p>
11	<p>Funding Applications: There were no applications.</p>	
12	<p>Open Forum: No members of public present.</p>	
13	<p>AOCB:</p>	
13(a)	<p>HD reported that he had received a number of complaints regarding dog fouling around The Clachan. AO suggested contacting Constance Libban, SAC. It was discussed that signage reminding dog owners of their responsibilities and bins could be requested.</p>	<p>HD</p>
13(b)	<p>HD reported that school parents have concerns about the safety on the Stinchar Road from school and round the corner into Glenginnet Road as there are no signs telling drivers that there is a school, or that the speed limit should be 20mph. AO volunteered to take this up with SAC.</p>	<p>AO</p>
13(c)	<p>HD asked if all members had a copy of the Handbook and all have. He asked that AF and AT sign the Register of Interest and Code of Conduct forms.</p>	<p>AT AF</p>
13(d)	<p>MC reported that the following items were reported and are being dealt with:- Drains at the bottom of The Clachan at bridge Trees at school needing trimmed Bridge at Alton Albany Lodge has bushes obscuring view needing trimmed Dead tree in graveyard to be cut down and wood to be given to the Pub</p>	
13(e)	<p>AT reported that residents at the top of the Clachan have asked if BCC could write to the Ayrshire Housing Association asking if the building could be painted as it badly needs this and residents are being ignored. AO volunteered to speak to AHA.</p>	<p>AO</p>

13(f)	IK reported that BT informed that problems were caused by lightening damage. AC will chase up broadband speeds in Barr area. He also asked about getting funding from HHCBF for an upgrade and will look into the possibilities of this.	AC
13(g)	HD asked about the conclusion of Carrick Futures and the number of members and directors allowed. AF to look into this.	AF
13(h)	AF reported that there has been an expression of interest in Penwhapple by Duke of Edinburgh Award/SAC (Vincent McWhirter) for use by groups if the sea is too rough.	
13(i)	AO reported that SAC South Carrick Community Leisure were refused funding, but that other funding sources would be approached and this was still ongoing.	
15	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 10 October 2013.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm	