

# Barr Community Council

## Minutes

Thursday 13 February 2014 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

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

**In Attendance:** Mr J Donaldson, Mrs BM Donaldson, Cllr Alec Clark (ACk)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None.	
3	Apologies: Mr James Gracie (JG).	
4	Police Report: No Police Officers present.	
5(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 9 January 2014 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by AC, seconded by MC.	
5(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Altercannoch – Meeting re-scheduled for 27 February at Barrhill Memorial Hall.	
6	Matters Arising from the Minutes: <i>Item 5b:</i> MC reported on correspondence with Rachel Shipley (SAC Access Officer). SAC do not have the capacity to undertake routine, planned maintenance of routes, but, when complaints are received, do carry out reactive repairs, as and when resources allow. As there is no Path Agreement for the Barr Trails, the council have no legal obligation to maintain the walks. However, would be happy to meet to discuss possibility of creating a formal Path Agreement (with relevant landowners' input). All agreed that MC should take this forward. AT agreed to help with this. WD suggested that we look back at old records & minutes from 5 – 8 years ago to see if there were any agreements regarding the Trails. ACk also said he would also look into this.	MC/AT HD ACk
	<i>Item 6:</i> MC reported that she has received a complaint regarding sunken drain in Glebe Road. Also drains in front of cemetery – someone from SAC visited on Tuesday, but MC not aware of the outcome.	ACk
	<i>Item 8A:</i> Eileen Howat will attend BCC meeting on 12 June along with Claire Monaghan – but will contact HD closer to the time to firm up arrangements.	
	<i>Item 8B:</i> SAC Website has now been updated – J Leil has been removed and HD has been added as temporary secretary. JM to provide details to add to website.	JM
	<i>Item 10:</i> AT has submitted the paperwork – ongoing.	
	<i>Item 13a:</i> MC not moved forward on this as yet, however Cllr Clark has offered to chase this up.	ACk
	<i>Item 14a:</i> HD reported that an article will be in next issue of Barrometer re: process to follow regarding notifying & reporting to environmental health, as well as how to fill in a web form to report incidents. ACk also suggested that Connie Lober and/or Gordon Lauder to come and speak to BCC regarding how to deal with this problem. He also suggested the Dog Warden. HD to provide his details to ACk so that he can pass these on to contacts and arrange for them to come to BCC meeting.	HD
7	Treasurers Report: WD reported that balance = £12,098.78 as at 6 February 2014.	

8	Correspondence:	
8(a)	Letter from Police Scotland – confirming decisions re: counter closures – Girvan being one of them. ACK reported that nearest counter service is Ayr. MC asked for opening times to add to website.	HD/MC
8(b)	Altercannoch Meeting – date and venue as previously reported.	
8(c)	Climate Challenge Fund Update.	
8(d)	SSE – HD read letter to the meeting re: Hadyard Hill extension proposal – will put the DVD on Drop Box but web link can be made available too. It was agreed to discuss this further after open days.	MC
9	<p>HHCBF Report:</p> <p>WD reported that no funding bids were received at the January meeting.</p> <p>Girvan and South Carrick Leisure Centre – require match funding.</p> <p>Brunston Castle Golf Club House – have submitted an offer with closing date of 17 February, and if refused, will no longer pursue.</p> <p>The 2 Pins Centre have land and planning permission in place, and now require to secure £1.7 million funding to go ahead with project.</p> <p>HD asked how the secretariat was tendered for and WD replied that this was reviewed at the AGM. MC enquired if Catriona Haston was still employed by HHCBF part time as she is also employed by Ailsa Horizons full time. WD will have to ask HHCBF.</p>	WD
10	<p>Carrick Futures Report: AC handed out report to members. He summarised that at last meeting, Ailsa Horizons had requested funding of £158,316 to purchase the Davidson Hospital building to create a Creative Industry Centre to allow them to have office space within this. He raised his reservations regarding the legal implications of this, and Barrhill, Pinwherry and Barr representatives were all opposed to the bid. He reported that it is partially approved pending report from solicitors. Ongoing.</p> <p>Carrick Futures secretariat is reviewed at the AGM.</p> <p>Concerns over Prospects for Carrick were discussed. WD reported that this has not been discussed any further by HHCBF.</p> <p>MC reported her concerns re. a CCCF housing document mentioning Prospects for Carrick throughout as an expected outcome during the first half of 2014.</p>	AC
11	<p>Barr Parish Development Company (BPDC) Report: IK reported that meeting held on 11 January. The application was now completed and would be submitted by hand the following morning. BPDC will meet Friday 14 February at 7.00pm to discuss MUGA designs with David Lowden. HD updated ACK on BPDC.</p> <p>IK asked if WD could transfer funds to the BPDC for a Start-Up Grant. WD agreed to look into how much.</p> <p>HD also asked WD about funds from Carrick Futures and HHCBF – if this would be the full amount or a top-up – CF would provide full amount and HHCBF would top-up amount.</p> <p>It was also agreed that BPDC would pay invoices once the funds were transferred.</p> <p>IK handed out a review report of the BPDC to all members.</p>	MC WD
12	<p>CCCF Report: MC was not at this month’s meeting, however reported that at the previous meeting, Chair, Peter Mason, had stated that groups such as Carrick Rugby, should be going to national funds first and not to Carrick Futures. MC read quote from the Minutes:</p> <p>“it was the original intention of Carrick Futures to be a funder of last resort “</p> <p>MC wished her grave concerns to be known to the committee as these funds were set up for local communities and <i>should</i> be approached first.</p> <p>Scotland Reaching Out – MC reported that Barr is not included – but ACK informed the committee that this was just in first stages.</p>	

13	Funding Applications: Stinchar Valley Quilters - £150 for trip. Agreed. HD reported that the Burns Club Prize funding went mostly to Barrhill pupils – and that for future applications – will need to ensure that funds are for Barr pupils only.	
14	Open Forum: None.	
15.	A.O.C.B.:	
15(a)	HD requested backup for MC at the CCCF meetings. JM agreed.	
15(b)	HD stated that he will continue as secretary until the AGM in May.	
15(c)	MC proposed to e-mail a copy of supporting evidence along with the application for the Playpark to all members of the HHCBF and Carrick Futures. AT suggested that we inform Ailsa Horizons. WD happy to receive all documentation.	MC
15(d)	ACk reported that the Davidson Hospital was bequeathed to the people of Girvan by Thomas Davidson, and that the NHS is selling this back to them.	
15(e)	AT reported that Green bridge (across from school) has rotten fencing. The Stone Bridge over the Gregg has been reported to the Bridge Department, but no further action as yet. ACK will look into this further.	ACK
15(f)	AC reported that he has 3 interested parties who are willing to come along to Barr to discuss the Dark Skies Park and he would like to go ahead with organising an event. HD suggested we involve BCA. AC to contact DT and organise this.	AC
15(g)	IK reported road subsidence at Pynannot (mile and a half north of Barr). WD reported bad state of Milton Hill Road with pot holes. HD also stated that the more people reporting these problems, the more likelihood of them being fixed. ACK reported that a new Roads Alliance (4 members from East Ayrshire and 4 from South Ayrshire) headed by Stuart Turner will be taking over road maintenance, and this should see an improvement. IK asked that it be suggested to Stuart Turner that he visits the roads he requires to maintain, as she had reported a problem to someone in the past who was unaware where Barr was.	ACK ACK
16	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 13 March 2014.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm	