

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 13 June 2013 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD), Chair; Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC), Vice Chair; Mr James Leil (JL), Secretary; Mrs Isabel Kay (IK); Mr Alex Forsyth (AF); Alexander Tait (AT); James Gracie (JG) Julia Whitaker, Ailsa Horizons; Emma Taylor, Ailsa Horizons; Constable Gordon Thomson, Girvan Police Office; Constable David Painter, Girvan Police Office.

In Attendance: Cllr. Alec Oattes

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Minute</i> | <i>Action</i> |
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| 1 | Sederunt: as above. | |
| 2 | Declaration of Interest: None | |
| 3 | Apologies: Bill Dunlop (Treasurer) A Currie | |
| 3(a) | Police Report: Farm thefts are still ongoing & usual vigilance recommended | |
| 4 | Secretarial Minutes Taker: One application was received and by a unanimous show of hands, appointment of Aileen Ross as minute secretary was agreed. | |
| 5 | Ailsa Horizons: Julia Whittaker introduced Emma Taylor & gave a brief view of Ailsa Horizons who are based in Girvan and have been running since 2000 – how they deal with all communities even those outwith the area. They deal with all the paperwork for grant applications from Carrick Futures and Hadyard Hill. They also sit on South Ayrshire Partnership forum. They are involved in Business Planning and Small Enterprises. They have a staff of eight. Julia explained that an application for a windmill at Grangestone is in the pipeline and this funding will help Ailsa Horizons to continue. They also have a board that will support community projects. | |
| 6(a) | Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 9 May were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, Seconded by AT | |
| 6(b) | Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Heritage Trail – no further news at present. . | |
| 7 | Matters Arising from the minutes: Item 12: HD reported that he has not heard from Mr Wilson re the Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Board regarding his intentions. JG has spoken to Mr Wilson and said that he had no intention of resigning. As the Board was set up with two representatives from each community council, BCC unanimously felt underrepresented Councillor Oattes suggested we deal with Hadyard Hill direct. A letter is to be sent out suggesting we would like to propose a candidate. Cllr. Oattes suggested a representative should be ready in waiting, a vote was taken. MC was proposed by IK and seconded by AT. Afternote: Correspondence received from Mr Wilson on 14 June 2013. Delay writing to HHCBF until discussed at next meeting. | JL |
| | Item 13: The funding application from Barr Stores has now been paid. | WD |
| 8 | Treasurers Report: Apologies from WD. Bank Account as at June 4 = £15,724.15 Received £5000 Small Grant from Hadyard Hill. | |
| 9 | Correspondence: | |
| 9(a) | Ayrshire Planning Forum: AT reported that the meeting was not well run and was a bit of a shambles. Alec Oattes was also at the meeting and concurred. | |
| 9 (b) | Hall Insurance: has been received. | JL |
| 9 (c) | Woodland creation proposals Traboyack: Application is now with the Forestry Commission. HD will contact Mark Hamilton re: organising a public meeting in the | |

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| | Village Hall. | HD |
| | Letter from CCCF – a reply to be sent. | MC |
| 10 | Altercannoch Wind Farm Proposal: MC reported the PR team was courteous and agreed to include us in their minutes and keep us informed of any developments in the interests of transparency | |
| 11 | Barr Development Company: Following discussion, a committee was set up as follows:- Chair – Isobel Kay Treasurer – Hamish Denham Secretary – Alex Forsyth | |
| 12 | CCCF Report: see handout | |
| 13 | Funding Applications: Barr Community Association requested £500 towards the Gala. Discussion followed regarding their recent action declining to offer the provision of a bar for the Gala Dance to the Community Shop. Universal disapproval was noted, however it was also felt that the wider ‘community’ should not be penalised. The funding application was therefore approved. A letter is to be sent to BCA requesting that in future they consider supporting the Community Shop by using it as often and as widely as possible. Barr Bowling Club requested £432.80 for Greens equipment. Approved. | JL & HD JL |
| 14 | Open Forum: Nil | |
| 15 | AOB: | |
| 15(a) | HD and MC attended a meeting with the Hotel owner to ascertain intentions and clarify the situation. Both parties looking at options through the Plunkett foundation and various other bodies to see if there is a way forward. | |
| 15(b) | IK intimated many residents and visitors desire for the tearoom to be re-opened and requested support to seek a reversal of the decision by the Barr Village Tearoom committee to close. HD did not feel this was essentially CC business, however, as the BVT had separated from the Community Association a few years ago & it was very important in the history and popularity of the village it was generally felt by all that an alternate tearoom which used and complemented the community shop would be wholeheartedly supported. In the absence of such, MC was contacted through Barr Village Facebook and provided refreshments at the Barr gallery to a Belfast cycling club who will return in Sept, would like to make it an annual event & requested future info re. Tearoom and shop. | |
| 16 | Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 11 July 2013. | |
| | There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm | |