

# Barr Community Council

## Minutes

Thursday 13 November 2014 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Mr Hamish Denham (HD), Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC) Vice Chair, Mr William Dunlop (WD), Treasurer; Mr Alexander Tait (AT), Mr Alex Forsyth (AF), Mr James Gracie (JG), Mr John Donaldson (JD)

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Alec Clark, PC Mohony, PC Campbell, Cara Gillespie (Foundation Scotland), Nic Coombey (G & SA Biosphere), David Trotter, Jackie Logan, Matthew Cross

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mrs Isabel Kay	
4	Police Report: No crime reports from Barr, 1 reported vandalism in Dailly and 1 in Kirkoswald. 1 theft of a calf in Barrhill area. 3 minor incidents none of note.	
5a	The Community Learning Officer for the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere, Nic Coombey, gave a short presentation on the Biosphere and its importance with regard to sustainable development, nature conservation and the positive impact on local communities. A new website is under construction which will feature all Biosphere communities including Barr, promoting a sense of 'place'.	
5b	Foundation Scotland – Cara Gillespie (CG). CG gave a summary of Foundation Scotland's background and role explaining that she covers South West Scotland and much of their work involves helping to mediate and ensure monies go to good causes on behalf of individuals and companies. 25-30% of this work is dealing with Community Benefit Funds. Foundation Scotland have been appointed by Carrick Futures as their secretariat and have been tasked with improving the administration of the fund. It is hoped the fund will reopen after a review of procedures is completed and approved by the Board of Directors. HD reported on BPDC's experience of a previous funding application. CG commented that a review of the application process was underway. The aim is to improve transparency throughout the process and offer additional assistance to applicants to enable them to successfully submit bids for funding. WD asked for clarification on the 20% Wider Fund. AC explained the Wider Fund was originally intended to assist wider Carrick community projects with up to 20% of the Benefit Fund.	
6(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 09 October 2014 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, Seconded by AT	
6(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Nothing to report.	
7	Matters Arising: <i>Item 5:</i> SSE Barr Community Fund – Following last meetings Q&A session with SSE representatives an email further clarifying the 'conditions' attached to the fund was received. The information will help to formulate the Public Meeting / Consultation planned for 10 December 2014.	
	<i>Item 7:</i> Assel Valley Windfarm - Date of meeting changed to 8 December 2014.	HD/MC

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	<p><i>Item 8: Barr Mountain Bike Club – HHCBF happy for funds to be transferred to BPDC account. Funds to be used for;</i></p> <p>The provision of cycling facilities in the village of Barr</p> <p>The purchase of a secure lock-up facility for bikes</p> <p>The replacement of any bikes or equipment which are unfit for use and incapable of repair</p> <p>The insurance of the bikes and equipment.</p>	HD/MC
	<p><i>Item 12: Overgrown trees cut back by contractor for Ayrshire Roads Alliance. One complaint received as slightly over zealous and some debris left at sides of and on the road. However a huge improvement and ultimately much safer for motorists.</i></p>	
8	<p><i>Regular Reports:</i></p> <p><i>Treasurers Report: Balance = £14310.18.</i></p> <p><i>HHCBF: Nothing to report.</i></p> <p><i>Carrick Futures: The CF fund is still closed to applications due to the review discussed at item 5b. AF has resigned as a director therefore BCC will need to identify another individual to represent the community on the board as a director.</i></p> <p><i>BPDC: The Playpark opening ceremony was very successful and well attended. Teas for visiting dignitaries were provided by The Kings Arms Hotel. The requirement for signs for the Playpark was discussed.</i></p> <p><i>CCCF: no report.</i></p>	HD  AT
9	Correspondence:	
9(a)	Email from Alastair Smith – Stinchar Valley Magazine / Barrometer Future. The future support to both publications was discussed and it was agreed that since BCA fund The Barrometer a joint discussion between BCC and BCA would be required in order to formulate a plan for the future of the Barrometer.	HD/MC
9(b)	Community Council Survey – Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice. Survey to be sent by email to all.	HD
9(c)	Kyle Rural Forum – Rural Panel Meeting – 14 Nov 1900hrs at Annbank.	
9(d)	Davidson Enterprise Centre – Community Questionnaire – Questionnaire to be forwarded by email to all.	HD
9(e)	Community Council Website Live – Web based resources to assist community councils.	MC JD
9(f)	Application for co-option by Mathew Cross – Unanimous decision to co-opt Matthew Cross onto BCC until the AGM.	
10	<p>Funding Applications:</p> <p>Parent Council of Barr Primary School and Nursery Class - Trip to pantomime (Bus) - £275 – Approved</p> <p>Parent Council of Barr Primary School and Nursery Class - Trip to pantomime (Tickets) - £336 – Approved</p> <p>Barr Community Association – VIP XMAS Dinner - £500 – Approved</p> <p>Barr Stores Steering Group – Volunteers Thank you Meal - £270 - Approved</p>	
11	Open Forum: No points.	
12	AOCB:	
(a)	A letter received from Barr resident about overgrown trees masking the clock tower. A similar issue was discussed with Thea Pettigrew last year and the outcome is that the trees are the responsibility of the private landowner. The landowner must first seek permission to have a tree surgeon coppice / crown lift or fell the tree.	MC

(b)	JD reported that the Trails signs are in a state of disrepair and that walkers were finding it difficult to find the trails and the car park. MC agreed to contact the Forestry Commission and SAC to see what can be achieved.	MC
13	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 08 January 2015.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.	