

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 14 August 2014 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Cllr Alec Clark (ACK), Sgt Kevin McKeown (KM)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mr Hamish Denham (HD) joined meeting at 7.40pm No apologies: Mr James Gracie (JG)	
4	Police Report: No crimes reported for Barr this month. Rural theft – 2 incidents in Turnberry. The non emergency number for Police Scotland is 101.	
5	A short presentation from GreenPower about the proposed Millenderdale Wind Farm was followed by questions about the development. The proposal is for 7 turbines at 125m with between 2 & 3 megawatt capacity. Generated electricity will be taken to Markhill by overhead transmission. GreenPower are currently in consultation with SAC. There are no fixed plan as to how community benefit will be delivered and a benefit figure of £1000 per installed megawatt. The project start date is currently envisaged to be 2017.	
6	Minutes of meeting held on 10 July were approved, proposed by MC and seconded by IK.	
7	Matters arising from the minutes of 10 July: <i>Item 6:</i> No decision has been made on relocating Girvan Police Station. Police Scotland now funded centrally and not from SAC. Cemetery Wall – AC has spoken to Lizzie Linton (SAC) who are aware and hope to repair the wall next year as funding becomes available. <i>Item 7:</i> BPDC Ballot for the purchase of Dinmurchie successful. 131 votes for, 19 against and 2 spoiled ballot papers with a 58% turnout. 18 Ballot papers received late. <i>Item 8c:</i> Stinchar Valley Magazine – IK attended meeting – a merger with the Barrometer was discussed and generally discounted. Alistair Smith is happy to continue to provide content for SVM and carry on with the Barrometer. <i>Item 10:</i> Control of Dogs – A rep from SAC will be asked to attend the next meeting. The community should be encouraged to report incidents with dogs causing problems to the Police to allow action to be taken. <i>Item 11:</i> The rules regarding Community Councillors attendance at meetings are clearly explained in the Community Councils Handbook.	
8	Regular Reports:	
	Treasurers Report: (no bank statement) £10442.61. SAC Administration Grant and HHCBF Small Grant Fund top up received. SAC grant can include costs for secretarial supplies and postage.	
	HHCBF Report: HHCBF are keen that the bicycles purchased for Barr with a HHCBF grant are utilised. BPDC are in process of taking responsibility for these bicycles.	
	Carrick Futures Report: Handover between Ailsa Horizons and Foundation Scotland the new secretariat are ongoing. Grant Funding is currently suspended at present.	

	BPDC Report: In addition to the successful Ballot, ground works for the PlayPark have commenced.	
	CCCF Report: MC and IK attended – In future only 1 rep needed. Reverse genealogy discussed. (John Donaldson agreed to follow up on behalf of Barr) Ayrshire & Arran Tourism journeys mentioned (see 12.Barr signed up last year MC booked on two) Discussion took place re. the new secretariat to CF. MC felt it was CF's business whether they asked CCCF to comment on future applications for the Wider Fund and did not see a problem, however, CCCF decided to write a letter to request clarification.	
9	Correspondence:	
9a	A programme of trips by Kyle Community Transport to be displayed in shop.	MC
10	Funding Applications: None.	
11	Open Forum: J Donaldson – Dogs are still causing problems in and around the village. B Donaldson – The steps form the Avenue to the Glebe are in a terrible state of repair. Issues around the ownership of the steps have in the past been a stumbling block. ACh will investigate with SAC.	ACK
12	AOCB	
	AT asked about signage for the new PlayPark. The relevant departments of SAC will need to be contacted for signs to be requested.	AT
	MC is going to attend several community trips visiting other communities to learn from their experiences of taking forward community development projects.	MC
13	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting will be held on 11 September 2014.	