

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 14 November 2013, 7.00 pm 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).

In Attendance: Cllr Alec Oattes (AO), PC Thomson, Mr J Donaldson, Mrs BM Donaldson.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None.	
3	Apologies: Mrs I Kay. No word from Mr J Gracie.	
4	Police Report: PC Thomson reported that 2 incidents had occurred. The first was established that no crime was committed. The second was a drink driving report. PC Thomson enquired about the parking and HD replied that this had improved and if any future problems occurred, then BCC would try to resolve themselves in the first instance. MC gave PC Thomson the update on the missing Covenanter's gravestone which he will check over. This is now being dealt with by SAC.	
5	HD welcomed Peter Linton to the meeting. Mr Linton reported on the Girvan Leisure and Community Facility, showing the meeting the plans and designs for the proposed new building. There will be an open exhibition on Wednesday 27 November in the Town House in Girvan. He informed the meeting that consultation would take place on 20 th January. The next stage will be to develop a business plan for the building, before Christmas and then start the planning and funding in the new year. The application will reflect comments received from exhibition. HD stated that the exhibition would be advertised on Barr Website and Facebook page. HD thanked Mr Linton for attending.	MC
6	HD welcomed Bob Murison (Community Broadband Scotland) to the meeting. Mr Murison handed round information on a national project called Step Change which is a Scottish Government, BT and South Ayrshire Council funded project. He explained that his company offer funding and support to areas that will not get access from the aforementioned project. It would be community driven and would be dependent on users, technology etc. CBS would help in community engagement, fund technical design and then fund up to 89% of infrastructure costs. However, it was unclear from the map whether Barr would be part of the project or not, and this needs to be established prior to further action. He reported that BT will be producing more accurate information on which areas would be benefiting and AC will be in contact. HD asked if two communities, Barr and Pinmore, could be joined and this would be ok.	AC
7(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 10 October were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, Seconded by AF.	
7(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: No reports.	
8	Matters Arising from the Minutes: White lines have been re-painted. Bins have been put in place – HD reported that hall and school bins were swapped. Tree trimming – MC reported Thea Pettigrew, SAC will be assessing all trees and overgrown hedges in the village on 25 November. AT also reported that the fence across from school down to burn is rotten, and is to be looked at.	MC

	<i>Item 8a – Traffic Warden Review.</i> HD reported that traffic wardens are no longer Police Scotland employees as they have been decriminalised.	
9	Treasurers Report: WD reported a balance of £13,871.38. Cheques paid to Wee Whist, Dog Trials and School which have not yet been put through bank statement.	
10	Correspondence:	
10(a)	Letter re. Polling District & Place – no change for Barr – will take place in Community Education Centre.	
10(b)	Girvan Town Team Co-ordinator Vacancy – displayed on board.	
10(c)	Ayrshire 21 – Agenda for Tuesday 26 November – handed round for anyone interested.	
10(d)	MC received indication of interest from Joanne Muir for BCC co-opted member. A unanimous show of hands agreed and HD will read up on process for this.	HD
11	HHCBF Report: WD reported that AGM will take place next week.	
12	CCCF Report: MC & AO did not attend meeting. MC reported that the Carrick Way and trails are going to request funding therefore are up and running again. HD asked if Joanne might be interested in attending the CCCF meeting with MC. MC will find out.	MC
13	Funding Applications: No applications received.	
14	Open Forum: No business.	
15	AOCB:	
15(a)	Community Noticeboard – HD asked how we get the fallen noticeboard fixed. AO will enquire about policy on noticeboards, but suggested that MC discuss this with Thea Pettigrew.	AO MC
15(b)	MC reported that the Wicksteed Plans for the playpark have been decided on, although a few small items may change. Mr Loudon was happy with the decision and the next stage of putting in funding bids will take place before Christmas.	MC/AT
15(c)	AT reported that he is moving forward with the school to discuss the MUGA. He has been in discussion with planning to get the gate moved. The Forestry Commission has agreed to deal with the drainage.	
15(d)	AT reported on the Cycle Path which will be an access point to the existing 7 Stanes at Glentroll. This is moving forward.	
15(e)	AC reported that he has been in contact with Astronomical societies and Craigengillan Dark Sky Park and they have agreed to come to Barr. A discussion on getting viewing platforms on the trails took place. It was decided that an evening event should be held towards the end of January. AC to organise.	AC
16	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 9 January 2014. AO stated that it would be Cllr Alec Clark who would probably attend BCC meeting next year, but that he could still be contacted. HD thanked AO for all his hard work on BCC's behalf throughout the year.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.	