

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 8 August 2013 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD), Chair; Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC), Vice Chair; Mr James Leil (JL), Secretary; Mr William Dunlop (WD), Treasurer; Mrs Isabel Kay (IK); Mr Alexander Tait (AT)

In Attendance: Cllr. Alec Oattes, PC Estcourt, PC Porter

Members of the Public: Mr J Donaldson, Mrs B Donaldson, Mr J Wilson

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mr James Gracie, Mr Alasdair Currie, Mr Alex Forsyth	
4	Police Report: Nothing to report in Barr area. However, farm quad bike thefts taking place in Dumfries & Galloway and agricultural machinery theft at Pinmore. Police ask for public to be vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles such as white vans, especially at night.	
5(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 11 July were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, Seconded by AT	
5(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Altercannoch: AT reported that next meeting not to be held until 19 th – report at next meeting.	AT
	Sundial Update: MC reported that a risk assessment and method statement has been submitted simplifying the process, and it is hoped that this will then be passed by Planning, and then project will commence immediately.	MC
6	<i>Item 8 – Report from HHCBF brought forward.</i> Mr J Wilson (JW) reported that most business dealt with by HHCBF was commercially confidential information, and could not be divulged to the public until figures were decided. He gave a history of HHCBF: how they look at ideas for long-term future investments, such as Brunston and Dinmurchie; explained that a Development Officer was employed to deal with communities and to assist them in applying for funding; that Carrick Futures was set up to carry out the business of investments. HD asked if Prospects for Carrick and HHCBF would be joining up as one big company with one pot of money, JW explained that although they might join up, the money would remain separate. HD stated that Barr have only accessed 1.8% of the fund, and Ailsa Horizon projects 11.1%. JW explained that the HHCBF board had rules to follow and it was expected that at the end of the 25 years when funding would desist, that all parties would have had an equal share. AO also stated that the Hadyard Hill fund would remain accessible only to this area. JW unsure of when public information would be available re: Dinmurchie. JW reported that meetings of HHCBF board are held every 2 months and HD asked if JW and WD could keep the BCC up-to-date with information from board meetings. HD thanked Mr Wilson for attending.	
7	Matters Arising from the minutes: Item 13a: HD has not yet been in touch with David Lewis but will add this as an after note to minutes as he will be in contact with him. AFTERNOTE: Contact made with David Lewis – outcome of conversation to be discussed with Barr Bowling Club.	HD
	Item 15b: MC reported on Barr Trails signage: met with Archie McNeillie and agreed that in future signs would be put up in village and in the shop and at start of trails. She reported that all trails are now open at present.	
8	<i>Item 11 Open Forum brought forward:</i> Mr Donaldson stated that he objected to the point of the large turnout attending the Dinmurchie Open Day being taken as support towards the project, as he felt this was more of an objection. AO explained that a survey was taken of those who were present. Mrs Donaldson also stated her unhappiness regarding the organisation of the Open Day. HD reported that he had attended a meeting with Ailsa Horizons and felt that decisions had been made prior to the open day and people's views being taken on board. The concerns are noted and it is hoped that the BCC will be made more aware of the directors of HHCBF views in future.	
9	Treasurers Report: Bank Account balance = £14,211.35 Albany Players paid £500.	
10	Correspondence:	

10(a)	BCA requesting two representatives from BCC to attend meetings. HD suggested this should be a rotation of members, dependent on Agenda items and interests. IK and HD have volunteered to attend the next meeting of 23/8/13	IK HD
10(b)	Scottish Police Authority re meeting on 21/8/13 – to be displayed on notice board in hall.	JL
10(c)	Barrhill CC re: Altercannoch viewpoint locations – passed to AT who will be attending the meeting as above.	AT
10(d)	Home Energy Efficiency Agency – no action required.	
10(e)	Draft SA Adult Mental Health Strategy – no action required.	
10(f)	Carrick Invasive Speices Project – Free Training available – to be displayed on notice board in hall.	JL
11	Barr Development Company: HD recapped on last meeting where two companies had been set up and IK and HD were to meet with Stuart Sheddon for advice. HD reported that outcome of meeting with SS was that either company would be valid. HD e-mailed all members and received 6 responses, 5 by e-mail, one verbally and one no reply, resulting in 5 votes in favour of the Barr Parish Development Company (BPDC) and 1 in favour of the Barr Community Development Company (BCDC). However WD requested that this vote should be re-taken and Minuted for public view. A vote then took place with the members present, resulting in 3 votes for BPDC and 2 for BCDC. HD also voted for BPDC as he felt this reflected on the majority of the members not present. Thus resulting in the BPDC being taken forward. WD also explained that the BCDC could be left dormant until 2017 and this action was agreed. HD had also requested that SS send his invoice for works carried out. However, he has as yet not done so, but it was agreed that he would be given an amount of time, after which HD would enquire again.	HD
12	CCCF Report: MC gave brief report on items discussed. The Ayrshire & Arran Tourist Board Leaflet was of concern as no area below Culzean was on map. AT and MC discussed the Barr Trails leaflet being in need of updating. AO stated that funding for this would be available and HD wondered if this could be funded by the new Development Company and would look into this. AO also reported on how Ballantrae’s Visitor Information Point, located at Craigie Mains Garden Centre, was a good example of how communities can highlight their local area, and this should be looked at. MC also reported that she had spoken to a representative from Scottish National Heritage and their interest in joining up Barr with Straiton in their leaflets.	HD
13	Funding Applications: Stinchar Valley Quilters requested £100 towards cost of bus hire for trip to Ingleston. All members agreed. Approved.	
14	AOB:	
14(a)	AT reported that a meeting with Playdale Direct re: playpark, has been arranged for 21/8/13 and asked that MC be present. AT will report outcome at next meeting. He will also speak to David Loudon, SAC to get cost comparisons. AT also requested if hospitality could be charged to BCC and this was agreed by WD.	MC AT AT
14(b)	IK reported that she had been approached by someone who could not access up-to-date minutes of BCC on website. JL explained that minutes were on first page, but only minutes that had been approved would be uploaded, therefore would be a month behind. IK asked that BCC write to BT regarding the telephone line lying on the road and the poor service being received by properties north of Barr. IK will compose the letter and HD will sign on behalf of BCC. AO stated that Adam Ingram and Sandra Osbourne should be copied into the correspondence, to help ensure a satisfactory outcome.	IK
14(c)	WD expressed concern regarding the removal of the telephone in the hall. IK and HD are going to bring this up at the BCA meeting.	IK HD
14(d)	AO reiterated the point about Ballantrae’s Visitor Information Point being a great idea.	
14(e)	JL stated that he was resigning from BCC. HD extended the current BCC’s gratitude for his support, and the whole community’s thanks to JL for his 40 years service to the village and expressed that he would be sadly missed. JL enquired who he would be handing over to. HD asked if any non office bearers of BCC would take on this role but no-one was willing. HD affirmed that a notice would be displayed on notice board requesting for a Co-opted member to become the secretary. Meanwhile, HD will also take on the role of secretary on a temporary basis. JL will notify Bill Pollock, SAC of his resignation.	HD JL

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15	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 12 September 2013.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:55pm	