

Barr Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 09 January 2014 @ 7pm 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); Mrs Isabel Kay (IK); Mr James Gracie (JG)

In Attendance: Mr J Donaldson, Mrs BM Donaldson, Mr D Trotter

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None.	
3	Apologies: Cllr Alec Clark, Mr Alex Forsyth, Mrs Joanne Muir	
4	Police Report: No Police Officers present.	
5(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 14 November were accepted as accurate. Proposed by MC, Seconded by AC.	
5(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Altercannoch – Meeting Postponed BPDC – Meeting with Forestry Commission re Mountain Bike Trail and Drainage for Playpark. Update given by MC. Bike Track Designer met with Rachael Greuter & Adrian Henderson (ACE) & found the proposed Dinmurchie hill unsuitable but located another beside the High Changue track, which MC, RG then discussed with Forestry recreation officer Archie MacNeillie & 7 Stanes designer. Forestry approved of site & advice given. It was agreed to have the Track consultant invoice BCC for his expenses. Forestry agreed to drain field beside Playpark, feeding into SAC ditch. SAC agreed to clear out ditch & culvert to handle increased water below. AC voiced concerns re. present flooding of fields & the capacity of road drains to cope. MC to speak to John McIlraith at CCCF meeting 14 th Jan	MC
6	Matters Arising from the Minutes: Thea Pettigrew SAC viewed & assessed trees and overgrown hedges in the village with MC, JG a focus group of residents. A timetable of agreed action from Thea was circulated to BCC by MC. Litter picking on Clachan river banking took place same day. MUGA – Three companies are preparing quotes for consideration. Possibility of combing bid with cycle trails	
7	Treasurers Report: WD reported that balance = £12870.78.	
8	Correspondence:	
8(a)	CEO SAC Eileen Howat visit to a BCC Meeting. June or July meeting deemed as best meeting for hosting Eileen Howat.	HD
8(b)	Update of SAC Website information on BCC - Removal of James Leil from SAC Website as BCC Secretary.	HD
8(c)	Councillors Annual Burns Supper 2014 – 7 February 2014 in Ayr County Hall.	
8(d)	Planning and Renewable energy Forum – Edinburgh 28 January 2014.	
9	HHCBF Report: WD reported that the following funding bids were discussed at the previous meeting of HHCBF; Daily Activity Centre, Carrick Way rerouting the southern loop, Stinchar Valley	

	Magazine, 2 Pins Community Centre. WD also reported on a general discussion involving HHCBF and CF and Prospects for Carrick and that WD was the new Chairperson for HHCBF.	
10	HHCBF Directorship nomination: Following the resignation of Mr John Wilson from HHCBF, BCC are eligible to select a new Director for HHCBF. After discussion, Mr Alexander Tait selected after a unanimous show of hands.	AT
11	CCCF Report: MC had missed last meeting but reported that it had discussed the Bruce Trail and Carrick Heritage Trail and that the Carrick Way had been successful in their bid for funding an assessment of all the Trails and hope to extend the loop from Barrhill. MC AF RG talks with Forestry had led to agreement to extend the Dinmurchie trail to connect with Barrhill and thereby link with the network of tracks through Kirroughtree, 7 Stanes, Clatteringshaws etc. MC to inform of further developments	MC
12	Funding Applications: Barr Burns Club requested £500 towards cost of the Annual Burns Supper and School Burns Competition. All members agreed. Approved.	
13	Open Forum:	
13(a)	Location of Litter Bins within the village raised. Lack of bins on Glenginnet Road highlighted. Action – request another bin from SAC, if none available then redistribute existing bins.	MC
13(b)	DT brought up the issue of responsibility re. the Clocktower as the Assoc. had an insurance bill to pay and had inadvertently let the cover expire. A discussion took place the building is in the ownership of the village HD clarified that as such, it remains the responsibility of the Assoc. MC affirmed that the legal deeds requires the Community to keep up repairs to the tower as the Community is liable for any damage to the attached property through allowing it to fall into disrepair. MC DT to investigate possible maintenance/conservation funding options.	MC DT
14(a)	Dog Faeces – Problem highlighted by residents on social media. SAC Environmental Health engaged but need to know which dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul and not clearing up afterwards. Also the public can report problems online at http://ww15.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/form.aspx?form=Dog_Fouling	
14(b)	Clachan Grass Bank - Sheep were discussed to keep the grass down in the enclosed Clachan area and the option of wild flowers or low growing shrubs. AC to look into shrub option.	AC
15	Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 13 February 2014.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm	