

Barr Community Council
Minutes
 Thursday 9 October 2014 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD), Mr William Dunlop (WD), Treasurer; Mrs Isabel Kay (IK); Mr Alexander Tait (AT), Mr James Gracie (JG)

In Attendance: Cllr. Alec Oattes, Graeme Keddie, Ciara Wilson, PC Graham Barclay

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt: as above.	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mr Alex Forsyth (AF), Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC) Mr Alasdair Currie	
4	Police Report: No crime to report in Barr. Incidents reports received from farms in Maidens and Straiton areas of quad bike theft. HD reminded that farms to put on CCTV camera signs as deterrents.	
5	<p>SSE Barr Community Fund: HD welcomed the two representatives from SSE; Graeme Keddie and Ciara Wilson to answer questions regarding Barr Community Fund money which was ringfenced for Barr Village Hall development. GK replied that the fund was still available and SSE had a commitment to deliver this for a sustainable project, however the amount is now £230,000. He explained that a project had to fulfil the following criteria: has to be financially sustainable, for a single project, and requires one single body to move it forward and also has to have the support of the community, and will require a business plan to be drawn up.</p> <p>HD asked: if the fund could be put into a trust fund and the income from the interest raised used for smaller projects? GK said no. if a partnership with SAC could be set up, could this now be considered? GK said that he would look into this further and e-mail an answer at a later date. If the fund could be used for community ownership of private windfarm shares? GK replied no. that a ballot in the village to purchase NFLS land (Dinmurchie) had gained a Yes vote and if a business plan was formulated, could the fund be used? GK answered yes as this was one project, as long as it fitted the criteria above. if the Hadyard Extension went ahead, could the fund be used to buy a community share in this? GK replied that SSE would be happy to support this.</p> <p>AT asked: if Barr's share of the HH fund could be paid straight to Barr instead of going to HH? GK replied no, but the fund from the extension would be reviewed.</p> <p>IK asked: If all 3 groups wanted to split the money separately as it was not working well, would this happen? GK replied no as SSE was happy with the good spread of projects. Further discussion took place. GK reported that the model for fund from the Extension has not been decided on and would not be discussed until after consent. There would be £5000 per turbine. ACK reported that good practice was to consult with communities prior to consent. However, GK stated that SSE would not discuss this until consent, but would take on the views of the community.</p>	GK (SSE)
6(a)	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 11 September 2014 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by JG, Seconded by IK	
6(b)	Minutes of meeting of sub committee: Tralorg Meeting: MC attended meeting and the model to be used for funding is still ongoing. Altercannoch: Meeting changed from 23 rd Oct to 4 th November. HD passed information to AT.	
7	Matters Arising: <i>Item 5a:</i> Control of Dogs – MC sent letter to GL and the replied that Civil Court action was the	ACK

	route to be taken. ACk has met with the Chief Executive of SAC and will get feedback at a follow up meeting and report back, as the issues need to be resolved. Police have had a word with one dog owner. BCC will keep an eye on the situation.	
	<i>Item 7: Steps from Avenue to Glebe – Tom Copeland has ownership of top part of steps in his title deeds, but do not know who has the bottom half. Discussion took place, and it was decided that investigations into the steps being a Public Right of Way need to be established.</i>	HD
	<i>Item 9c: MC and HD signed up to go along to Assel Valley Community Benefit Fund meeting on 28 October 2014.</i>	HD/MC
8	<p><i>Regular Reports:</i></p> <p><i>Treasurers Report:</i> Balance = £15,000.82. WD reminded members that travel expenses could be claimed.</p> <p><i>HHCBF:</i> AT asked WD if a cheque had been received for bikes – not yet.</p> <p><i>Carrick Futures:</i> no update but communication from new secretariat requiring new members. Mr Smith no longer a member as he does not live in the area. Two directors are required, and only have one at present.</p> <p><i>BPDC:</i> IK had call from Steven Lindsay and will require a meeting to be set up with him.</p> <p><i>Playpark update:</i> AT reported that bad weather and requirement of independent risk assessment for Health & Safety checks have held up completion. Discussion required on opening event.</p> <p><i>CCCF:</i> no report.</p>	<p>HD</p> <p>IK</p> <p>AT</p>
9	Correspondence:	
9(a)	Millenderdale Windfarm – 30/10/14 – Community Benefit Consultation Meeting – HD thought that one BCC representative should attend. Will e-mail to all members.	HD
9(b)	Community Empowerment Bill – HD to e-mail to all and formulate reply.	HD
9(c)	Update from Eileen Howat visit in June: broadband speed cannot be improved for the village, but will look into improvements of the outlying areas. Trees opposite the Kings Arms will be crown lifted prior to Xmas.	HD
9(d)	Application received from John Donaldson to be co-opted on to BCC up until the AGM in March). All members agreed to this. 3 week notice to be put out to enable JD to attend next meeting.	HD
9(e)	Daljedburgh Forest Planning by Egar.com – woodland policy. E-mail to IK	HD
9(f)	Alasdair Currie's resignation from BCC, BPDC and as director of CF. HD put himself forward for the planning representative.	HD
10	<p>Funding Applications:</p> <p>Sheepdog Trials - £340 – approved.</p> <p>Barr Teas Ladies Lunch - £350 – approved.</p>	
11	Open Forum: nobody present.	
12	<p>AOCB: MC received complaints re overhanging trees on the Screws road. Thea Pettigrew replied that it would be 12-18 months before work would be carried out. However, as the trees across from the pub are to be cut before Xmas, this could be carried out at the same time.</p> <p>Branches have snapped at the top of the Clachan and are overhanging the road.</p> <p>Rowan Trees are now encroaching on the Green Bridge across from the school</p> <p>Aileen Ross has resigned as Minute Secretary and HD will advertise this post.</p>	<p>ACk</p> <p>HD</p>
	ACk requested that a poster outlining the Political Decision Making Structures be put up in the village hall noticeboard.	
13	<p>Arrangements for next meeting: Meeting to be held on Thursday 13 November 2014. This may be the last meeting of the year and would therefore be Cllr Clark's last meeting.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:35pm.</p>	