

Barr Community Council

AGM

Thursday 10th May 2018 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD) Chair, Mrs Merlin Corbett (MC) Vice Chair, Mrs Jacqueline Logan (JL) Secretary, Mrs Isabel Kay (IK), Mr John Donaldson (JD), Mr Alexander Tait (AT), Mr Matthew Cross (MCR) Planning Contact, Mr Mark Smith (MS),

In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Henderson (PH), Sophie Grater, PC S Briggs

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Minute</i> | <i>Action</i> |
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| 1 | Sederunt: as above. | |
| 2 | Apologies: Tom Copeland, Treasurer | |
| | Hamish Denham, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Police Scotland were invited to give their report, please see agenda item 4 in the monthly minutes. | |
| 3 | <p>Chairman/Secretary Report</p> <p><u>Hamish thanked the following:</u></p> <p>Local Councillor Alec Clark for his continued support into the beginning of the year and Councillor Peter Henderson for his support following on into the year.</p> <p>Police Scotland for attending meetings and keeping us up to date on local policing matters.</p> <p>Vice Chair, Merlin Currie, Secretary Jacqueline Logan and Treasurer Tom Copeland for their hard work and support throughout the session, as well as the other members of the community council for their support and work over the year.</p> <p><u>Presentations to Barr Community Council:</u></p> <p>PC Gordon, Police Scotland - Rural Watch - many Community Councils have signed up to receive e-mail updates. Main areas of activity include wildlife and farm animal issues, rural theft, fly tipping, sheep worrying etc.</p> <p>Dawn Campbell and Mark Bradley - Community First Responders. The role of the First Responders was explained and the current situation. BCC offered any assistance in could in spreading the word.</p> <p><u>Police Scotland:</u></p> <p>Assisted BCC with tackling the issue of dog control - nuisance, aggression and worrying livestock.</p> <p>Also helped BCC with advice on cold calling.</p> <p>Kept BCC abreast of policing matters in the wider area.</p> <p><u>South Ayrshire Council:</u></p> <p>Grass cutting around the Village including frequency and quality of work.</p> <p>General repair and maintenance - including the resurfacing of the Gregg Bridge; care of trees along the Gregg, Stincher, road sides and graveyard; vermin control by the Environmental Health Team along the Gregg; Jacobs Ladder - is it SAC or ARA's responsibility - ongoing; path to green bridge to address poor state of repair; The Clachan grass banking and robotic mower, thanks to the persistence of Alec Clark and Peter Henderson; bin provision/emptying and provision of a regular skip for the Village.</p> <p><u>Ayrshire Roads Alliance:</u> road and bridge repairs; timber transport; Changue Road subsidence and pot holes - ongoing saga; resurfaced stretches on the Barr to Pinmore road; resurfaced "Screws", which was not without difficulties - over ran, no white lines and potential for safety barrier to be required due to "floating" corners; 20mph speed limit in the village in progress. Communication from ARA</p> | |

during the works on the "Screws" was very poor regarding closure days/times plus an incident when the road was closed when it should have been opened - all resulting in the ARA having to apologise to residents.

Wind Farms:

Tralorg - under construction. 2 Directors nominated for the benefit fund panel. Assel Valley - panel meets quarterly to consider applications. Two new panel members have been recruited from out with the BCC and there are still spaces for up to 12 members.

Hadyard Hill - panel for the new Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Fund meet regularly and the previous company has been wound up.

Carrick Futures - Matt Cross and Merlin Currie are BCC's Directors. Regular reports on company activity and Grant Awards are made.

Hadyard Hill Extension – Application withdrawn.

Barr Parish Development Company:

MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) - BCC and BPDC are pushing ahead with SAC who have undertaken the tender process. Funding was applied for and received from the SSE Legacy Fund. The order has been placed and the build will commence on 18th June 2018 for 6-8 weeks.

Barr Bikes - have had an action packed year with ride outs, trails days and social/fund raising events in the Small Hall. Barr Bikes were also awarded funding from a Participatory Budgeting Event in Colmonell and match funding has been applied for from Carrick Futures to purchase new bikes. A Summer programme of events is planned.

Development Officer - no funding could be identified.

The decision has been made to move forward and identify a suitable building for the Community Hub. Barr Village Hall Community Asset Transfer is being investigated with SAC and Village Hall Stakeholders. Business Plan, energy efficiency, sustainability, planning, funding, condition survey, running cost all need to be considered with meetings, discussions and planning in progress.

Forestry Commission Scotland:

Fairy Knowe Trail steps are now complete and featured in the TV programme "Forest". The overhaul of Changue Picnic area and new car park is complete.

Dinmurchie has been sold to a private purchaser. FCS also held a public consultation regarding the land management for Changue Forest for the next 5 years.

Transport:

SACTN/SPT Barr Bus Service launched on 17th May 2017 with BCC donating £5000 towards the bus. The timetable was reviewed as it was not fit for purpose and a new timetable started on 12th February 2018. SACTN called a public meeting in March to say that there would be no funding from SPT and that the bus service would stop between May/August 2018. Barr residents understandably were upset and felt let down yet again. Moving forward it is planned that SPT would part fund, SAC intimated they could part fund and SACTN need to approach LEADER and Community Benefit Funds for interim funding for another year. SACTN actions are a little too late and they need to plan straight away for the future - no update from SACTN at present.

Small Grant Funding:

A review of the Small Grant application form and grant making procedures was undertaken and the new form and procedures are on line/available from the CC. The new form and procedures, including reporting back on the benefit of the funds received, have been made in line with Foundation Scotland's recommendations.

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| | <p>Small Grants have been awarded to Barr Community Association, Barr Bowling Club, Barr Primary and Nursery Parent Council, Barr Parish Development Company, Barr Teas, Barr Stores Steering Group, Barr Sheep Dog Trials, Stincher Valley Quilters and the Barr Rural Institute.</p> <p><u>Ongoing Issues and The Future:</u></p> <p>Broadband: A planning application has been lodged to install a green fibre cabinet in the Village. Outlying premises will be included in the R100 programme.</p> <p>Communications between ARA and the CC need to be improved.</p> <p>Conditions of the roads remain an issue and one which the CC will continue to address with ARA.</p> <p>The Asset Transfer of the Village Hall will remain key.</p> <p>Barr Bus Service will continue to be high on the agenda with Cllrs Henderson and Clark looking into school bus provision, MyBus and the SACTN service. At times there are multiple buses in the Village carrying small numbers of passengers and the services must be made more efficient in order to improve and maintain a vital transport service for Barr.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Treasurer Report and Annual Audited Statement of Accounts</p> <p>Tom Copeland, Treasurer, prepared copies of Barr Community Council's Income and Expenditure accounts for the period 11 April 2017 to 04 April 2018. As Tom was unable to attend the meeting he provided his report for Hamish Denham to distribute. The bank balance at 04 April 2018 stands at £9435.69.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Councillor Peter Henderson presided over the election of Office Bearers for the new session of Barr Community Council. He thanked the outgoing Office Bearers for their work throughout the session.</p> <p>Chair - Hamish Denham. Proposed by Matt Cross. Seconded by Alex Tait.</p> <p>Vice Chair - Merlin Currie. Proposed by Matt Cross. Seconded by Alex Tait.</p> <p>Secretary - Jacqueline Logan. Proposed by Merlin Currie. Seconded by Alex Tait.</p> <p>Treasurer - Tom Copeland. Proposed by Matt Cross. Seconded by Alex Tait.</p> <p>Planning Contact - Matt Cross. Proposed by Merlin Currie. Seconded by Alex Tait.</p> | |
| | <p>There being no further business, the AGM ended at 7:40pm. The monthly Community Council meeting continued, please see additional meeting notes.</p> | |