

Barr Community Council Minutes
Thursday 11th of October 2018
7pm Barr Village Hall

Present: Mr Hamish Denham (HD) Chair, Mrs Jackie Logan (JL) Secretary, Mr Tom Copeland (TC) Treasurer, Mr Mark Smith (MS), Mr Alec Tait (AT), Mr John Donaldson (JD), Mrs Isabel Kay (IK).

In Attendance: Cllr Peter Henderson (PH), PC Graham Gordon (GG), Tom Walker.

Item	Minute	Action
1	Sederunt: As above	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	Apologies: Mrs Merlin Currie (MC) Vice-chair, Mr Matthew Cross (MCR) Planning Contact	
4	<p>Police Report: 6 incidents, but no crimes to report since 11th August 2018. 3 incidents involving trees were reported along with 2 abandoned 999 calls and 1 report of the school intruder alarm being activated. PC Gordon advised that the Localities Policing Team lead by Inspector John Hamilton, consisting of Sergeant Alan McDowall, PC Gordon, PC Briggs and PC McIntosh (Campus Officer) will be working closely with to maintain continuity within communities. Members of the team will be walking/cycling the streets and meeting with community groups. PC Graham reminded that all those living in rural areas should be vigilant as the theft of heating oil and diesel are still occurring.</p> <p>The closure of the road at Barskaig due to a dangerous tree was raised. The road was closed by ARA for over a week without prior notification and signage at Penkill did not make it clear that there was no access to the Village via the “Screws” at the Stincher Bridge. PH advised that he had addressed the issue, but it was agreed that HD would send a letter on behalf of BCC to Kevin Braidwood ARA to outline the concerns and impact on residents, bus services and businesses.</p> <p>The incidents of vandalism in Girvan were discussed. PH reported that the old system of 5 cameras is not working and a new system is needed. In the meantime SAC are looking at using the mobile CCTV to see if this will help.</p> <p>PC Graham left the meeting at 7.20pm</p>	HD
5	<p>Minutes of:</p> <p>(a) The previous meeting of the Community Council were accepted as accurate. Proposed by AT, seconded by IK.</p> <p>(b) Meetings of any sub-committees: None.</p>	
6	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Item 5 - Timber transport management for the White Knowes and infected larch removal at Lambdoughty (see Item 8) - it was pointed out that the bridge mentioned as being “at risk” joining Stinchar Road and The Clachan crossing the Water of Gregg has already</p>	

	<p>been damaged. PH to report to ARA.</p> <p>Item 7 - The barriers for “The Screws” have been procured, but no date of installation has been given. Brae Toll junction Give Way lines have been repainted however no new signs have been placed.</p> <p>Item 8 (3) - Cllr Henderson advised that scaffolding and cladding have been erected at Ayr Station Hotel to make it safe for trains to run hopefully within a week or two. PH also advised that essential maintenance and cleaning up of the lines has taken place whilst the lines were closed.</p> <p>Item 9 - There is no news on the replacement picnic bench for the upper trails car park. MC to follow up.</p> <p>Item 10 - The corner of Changue Road and Glenginnet Road will have double yellow lines in due course. PH advised that the delay in painting the lines is due in part to discussions being held to remove the tree on the corner which impedes the road. This also ties in with the repairs to the 2 areas of subsidence on Changue Road just beyond Bridge End.</p> <p>IK raised that cones and barriers have been left at Sally Pollock’s bridge after the completion of works. IK also pointed out that the hedges on the Crosshill road have not been cut back. PH to follow up with ARA on these 2 points. IK also informed that she has called FCS at Newton Stewart regarding trimming of the trees at the Nick of the Balloch and will keep reminding them.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>MC</p> <p>PH</p>
7	<p>Regular Reports:</p> <p>Treasurers Report - bank balance of £13,143.44.</p> <p>HHCF Report - Nothing to report. IK informed that meetings will rotate around the 3 Village Halls in the future.</p> <p>Carrick Futures Report - No meeting</p> <p>Assel Valley Report - Meeting cancelled as no applications to discuss - next meeting January 2019.</p> <p>BPDC Report – Barr Bikes now have all their new bikes. The MUGA opening will be held 11am on 20th October 2018. Hoodies to mark the opening have arrived for distribution to all youngsters. Mr James Gracie will be officially opening the MUGA and all VIPs have been invited. Barr Village shop and Café will provide refreshments in the Hall. A further meeting re-Hall Asset transfer will take place with Tom Burns SAC and Colin Love SAC on 23rd/24th October.</p> <p>Barr Stores Steering Group - No report as MCr was not in attendance. AGM 16th October 2018 7pm to which all are invited with the proviso that only members can vote.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>(1) Confirmation from Steven Parr from Euro Forest of the statutory requirement to remove infected larch from Lambdoughty by 2019. This will be done by chipping the trees and tractor/trailing them to Girvan Land Energy. As per previous transport plans they will ensure they avoid school times etc. JL raised concerns about log lorries from Whiteknowes operating at the same time and suggested that Steven and Ben Anstead from Treeline Forestry should discuss to avoid conflict of traffic. HD to contact Ben and Steven.</p>	HD

	<p>(2) Copy of response from Ben Anstead re-comments raised by BCC re-Whiteknowes timber transport plan. HD to re-iterate could they please advise 20mph limit.</p> <p>(3) Request from Struan Candlish at Ayrshire Rivers Trust to suggest where the school can plant trees for a further project. IK suggested funding should be requested from HHCBF. HD to pass on to MCr. JD to check ownership of land opposite Changue Road where trees were felled, failing that look at the river bank backing on to The Clachan.</p> <p>(4) Letter of complaint regarding leaf blowing at Alton Albany Lodge. A complaint was received regarding the occupant of the Lodge blowing leaves across the road off of the property, which has caused a potential skid hazard for bikes, motor bikes and cars. HD and CCs were unsure what could be done as there are now so many leaves across the road. PH to check with ARA.</p> <p>(5) Copy of Cllr. Henderson's response to e-mail sent by JL regarding the installation of a Hybrid vehicle charger for the Village. Mark Baker SAC and his team are working on the installation of chargers and Barr has now been included in the role out. PH added that SAC are looking at new charging units which fit onto lamp posts and looking at funding for an electric bus. Social Enterprise are looking at electric bikes which people can hire at hubs including Girvan and Barrhill Stations with charging points in villages as well as towns. PH also was glad to report that the use of the Barr bus service has increased.</p> <p>(6) Confirmation that superfast broadband will be available for Barr Village and up to approximately 1 mile out with the Village. Rural properties will hopefully get coverage from 2021-22 under the Scottish Government R100 proposal for 100% coverage across Scotland. See link for further information - https://beta.gov.scot/publications/digital-scotland-reaching-100-programme/</p>	<p>HD</p> <p>HD MCr JD</p> <p>PH</p>
9	<p>Funding Applications:</p> <p>Barr Community Association - Request for £300 towards the £314 cost for a new gas regulator and hose for the Hall kitchen in order to comply with current regulations. Approved</p> <p>Barr Community Association - Request for £400 to help fund the bus for the Village shopping trip to Glasgow with £5 per head being charged for the remainder of the cost. Approved</p> <p>Barr Community Association - Request for £500 to help fund £560 for the Village fireworks display on Friday 2nd November. Approved</p> <p>Barr Community Association - Request for £227.40 to cover 6 months of superfast broadband/Wifi. Approved</p> <p>Barr Community Association in association with Barr Bikes - Request for £400 towards £440 cost to run a fundraising event for</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>

	<p>Barr Bikes in the Hall, alongside the switching on of the Hall Christmas lights.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Barr Community Association - Request for £325 towards £345.43 to purchase non slip/trip mats for the entrances to the Hall and kitchen as Maggie Bunnett reported there have been a few accidents. It was felt that for insurance purposes permission from SAC should be sought. PH suggested that SAC should provide the mats as it is SACs liability. PH to ask SAC to provide and fit.</p> <p>On Hold</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>PH</p>
10	Open Forum: none.	
11	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>AT has been asked if SAC could put a dog waste bin at the chair between Changue Road and Lockston to try to stop people hanging poop bags from trees. PH to ask SAC. AT also asked PH to chase ARA about the 2 areas of subsidence between Changue Road and Lockston which have been getting worse. PH pointed out that ARA are aware and they are awaiting the tree decision at the corner of Changue Road before they proceed.</p> <p>HD asked if PH could ask SAC to remove the fence that is still lying on the grass at the Pot.</p> <p>TC asked for an update on the progress of the Hall asset transfer. HD explained that a further meeting with SAC will be held 23rd/24th October 2018 to discuss funding/money, work required and whether the toilets will be part of SACs Comfort Scheme. Planning guidelines regarding what is/is not allowed have still to be finalised and technical issues have to be firmed up. A sustainable business plan is being drawn up for the Hall as is with no initial changes. A new group/SCEO will be formed to take the transfer forward with new trustees from the BCA, BCC, BPDC, BBC, All groups who use the Hall and Residents who wish to get involved.</p> <p>PH gave an update on current wind farm activity: Glen App is looking to expand; Altercannoch is still at appeal stage and Millenderdale has gone quiet. PH said that SAC will have funding to support local communities with Christmas lights. Official notification will be released soon and application forms will be available. PH was delighted at the successful launch of the new Invergarven School, saying it will make a tremendous difference for Pupils, parents and staff. PH was also pleased announce that SAC continues to win more accolades.</p> <p>MS shared that Sophie has qualified as a First Responder - Congratulations Sophie. MS asked whether Sophie could get funding to pay for the bag required to perform the role. The bag costs £1600 and once purchased would belong to Barr Village. HD suggested that the BCA could act as a sponsor for Sophie and an application could be submitted to the Assel Valley Fund.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>
13	<p>Meeting closed at 8.50pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: 8th of November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.</p>	