

BARR COMMUNITY COUNCIL BALLOT REPORT

OVERVIEW

Barr Community Council recently conducted a ballot to gauge community support for a proposal to apply to the Barr Community Fund via Foundation Scotland. The proposal aimed to provide a Winter Fuel Grant of approximately £500, TV Licenses for residents over 75, and membership to the Quay Zone. One ballot paper was distributed to each household with a stamped addressed envelope to return the completed forms to Jen Williams a self employed Community Project Worker to collate the data. The ballot results will inform the Community Council's decisions and discussions with SSE and Renantis (Nadara).

KEY FINDINGS

- **Ballot Participation:** Out of 133 distributed ballot papers, 79 forms were returned, marking a 59% response rate.
- **Questions and Responses:**
 - **Windfarm Benefit:** 24% of respondents reported tangible benefits from the windfarm, while 73% did not.
 - **Winter Fuel Grant:** Majority supported the initiative.
 - **TV License for Over 75s:** Majority supported the proposal.
 - **Quay Zone Membership:** Majority supported the initiative.

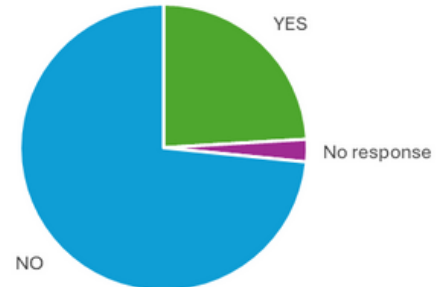
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Q1. HAVE YOU HAD ANY TANGIBLE WINDFARM BENEFIT?

24% of respondents (19) replied YES

73% of respondents (58) replied No

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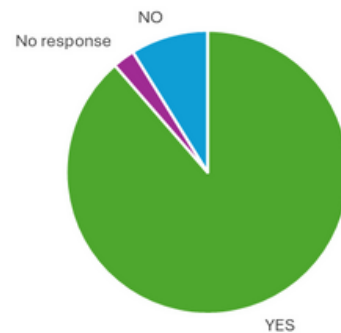


Q2. DO YOU SUPPORT A WINTER FUEL PAYMENT?

89% of respondents (70) replied YES

9% of respondents (7) replied No

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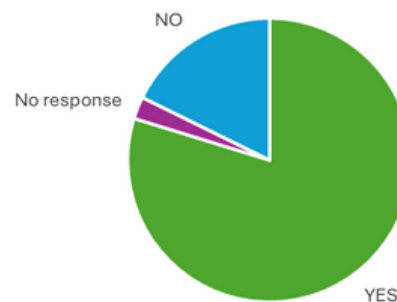


Q3. DO YOU SUPPORT A TV LICENSE FOR OVER 75S IN THE COMMUNITY?

80% of respondents (63) replied YES

36% of respondents (14) replied No

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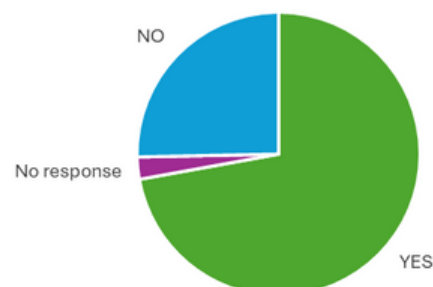


Q4. DO YOU SUPPORT SOME FORM OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE QUAY ZONE?

72% of respondents (57) replied YES

25% of respondents (20) replied No

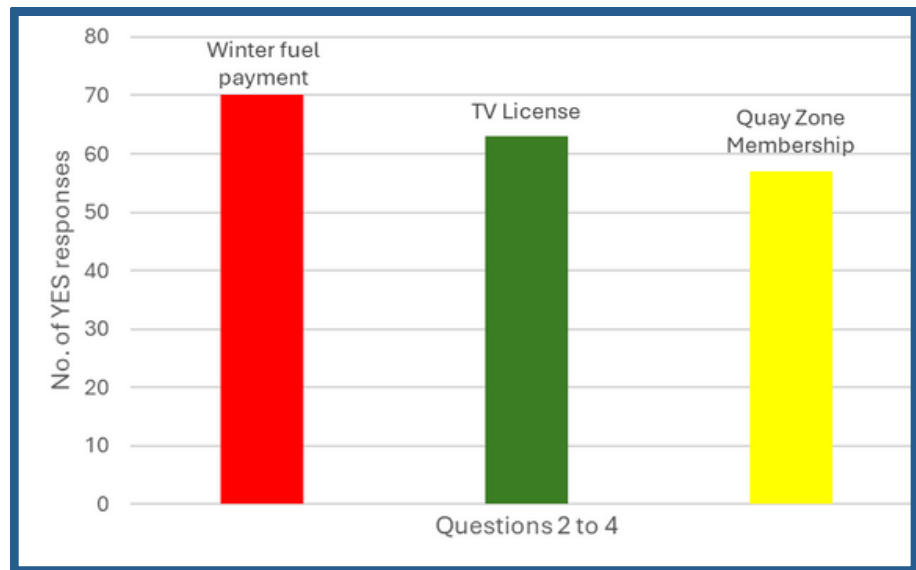
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DATA

70 respondents supported the Winter Fuel payment initiative
63 supported the TV License for over 75s
57 were in favour of some form of membership of the Quay Zone

The Winter Fuel Payment was the initiative most supported by respondents



3 respondents did not submit responses for all 4 questions

1 left all 4 blank, but provided a comment

1 replied Yes to Q1 and left Q2 to Q4 blank, but provided a comment

1 replied yes to Q2, No to Q3 and Q4, but gave no response for Q1

6 respondents replied No to all 4 questions and 1 provided their signature on the paper ballot

COMMENTS PROVIDED

- Funds should be for all ages and members of Barr Community / skip every month / vouchers for shop / subsidised fuel, logs, oil, gas for all in Barr / Quay Zone membership for all who want it
- None of these above benefits the Barr Village / Parish as a community, so they do not have the support of this household. We see the exercise to be a ploy to spend the community's money on short term sops rather than on longer term needs, such as operational seeding for the community hall after CAT.
- Negotiate for a turbine for the community of cheaper electricity. This is (indecipherable) and is a form of gaslighting by SP. The funds are divisive - we should have had a turbine here as the test bed area for South Ayrshire. The main issue in Scotland is fuel poverty, not for those retiring here who have sold elsewhere and have funds.
- But we really need a mobile phone mast before anything else in the village. The lack of one causes many problems such as SMART METERS.

ALL BALLOT PAPERS WERE RETURNED TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON COMPLETION OF THE REPORT.

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