

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th April, 2026
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), Chris Sampson (ChS), John Heath (JH), Dawn Hutchins (DH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair), Gillian Young (GY). (<i>Positions indicated are after Item 4 had taken place.</i>)</p> <p>In Attendance: Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), Lee Kirkwood (LK) (SAC Link Officer), Chris McMath (CMcM) & Peter Kane (PK) (Liberty Global) and 5 Members of the public.</p>	
3	<p>Speakers: Chris McMath, Senior Project Manager, Liberty Global (Egg Power) and Peter Kane of Kane Partners: Chirmorie Windfarm</p>	
	<p>This item was taken first and the two speakers from Liberty Global, Chris McMath, Senior Project Manager, and Peter Kane, Community Liaison, were introduced and welcomed. The leaflet previously emailed was distributed and CMcM explained the company's involvement in Chirmorie following the sale by the former owners ESB/Coriolis. He assured that they were in this for the long term and referred to the timeline drawn up previously by Coriolis. Considerable changes have now occurred regarding the construction, which has just commenced. The infrastructure for Stranoch Windfarm is now to be used more, using the A77, U90W and U84W, which will considerably reduce the amount of traffic load through Barrhill. There will be 10 turbines on each side of the railway line. Minor road upgrades will occur on the C72, with around 6-8 vehicle movements a day initially. This will vary. PK then referred to the Access Liaison Group that will be formed so that the community is fully involved as things progress. JT raised the question of Community Benefit and PK informed there were different ways in which this could be managed. He then invited questions from those present.</p> <p>A member of the public raised the question of traffic details, including numbers of trucks and driver behaviour, having recently been subjected to some appalling driving by an HGV driver on the A714. He queried the responsibility of the company to protect other road users. CMcM assured that he is accountable for the project and is confident of conditions applied to delivery loads and would follow up any complaints. Escort vehicles will be used and the volume of traffic notified in advance. After further questions CMcM concluded by stressing that all comments are welcome and he can be contacted at any time. Details will be made available and are online. <i>JT thanked him and PK for their input, who then left the meeting.</i></p>	
1	<p>Appointment of Interim Chair</p>	
	<p>Prior to Items 4 and 2, Councillor Lamont temporarily took the Chair for the election of Office-Bearers, this being the first CC meeting following the 2026 full elections.</p>	
4	<p>Election of Office - Bearers</p>	
	<p>AL then asked for nominations and the following Office-Bearers were proposed and elected:</p> <p>Chair: Johnnie Thomson Proposed by Jamie Burgess, seconded by Celia Strain. Vice-Chair: Jamie Burgess Proposed by Johnnie Thomson, seconded by Jean Shaw. Secretary: Celia Strain Proposed by Pearl McGibbon, seconded by Johnnie Thomson. Treasurer: Chris Sampson Proposed by Jamie Burgess, seconded by Pearl McGibbon. Planning Contact: Jean Shaw Proposed by Jamie Burgess, seconded by Celia Strain. Licensing Contact: Pearl McGibbon Proposed by Jamie Burgess, seconded Jean Shaw.</p> <p>The elections completed, AL then vacated the Chair and handed over to JT, who thanked AL for his assistance. CS to notify SAC of list of Office-Bearers.</p>	CS
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p>	
	<p>Martin Rennie (MR), PCs Paul McKinlay (PMcK) Andrew Thorne (AT) (Ayrshire LPST Girvan & South Carrick).</p>	
5	<p>Police Report</p>	
	<p>PC McKinlay had sent the Police Report for the period 26h March to 29th April, as he and PC Thorne were unable to attend, being on day shift. There were 7 incidents raised during this period, with 1 crime report created, which has not been detected to date.</p> <p>Incident Breakdown: Road Traffic Matters: 2 (1 x collision, 1 x person walking on</p>	

	<p>bookings; Engagement Strategy Plan – Final version / SAHSCP Toolkit draft; South Ayrshire Champions Board: Shine Brighter Small Grants Fund.</p> <p>Non-SAHSCP items as follows: Scottish Rural Action: News and updates; Barrhill Bowling Club Treasurer: Request for grant information details; SAC: Information on PWS Digital Support Hub; Knockcronal Windfarm: Project update; Simon Stuart: Response to reports of logging lorries on the B7027; Forestry Consultation: Reminder of Forest Management carried out by UK Forest Certification Ltd –comments now to be submitted by 8th April; Jiggy Wrigglers event: Thank you email received; JAKS (UK) LTD: Village Gateway leaflet; Elan City: Road Safety signs leaflet; SAC’s Access Officer – see Item 7, Matters Arising; Newsletter No.6 for Community Councils: Update on invitation to survey local community re-New Powers for CCs; SAC: Scheme of Establishment of CCs – CC Constitution; Noted that this will be confirmed at the AGM in May; SPEN: information on Storm Dave (2); BDT: Invoice for hall rental for CC meetings (BDT will invoice SAC); SPEN: Community Benefit Funding Round 2: Reminder from Suzanne that applications should be submitted by 8th May; Chirmorie Windfarm: Various emails (see <i>Item 2 Speakers</i>); ARA: Press Notice re- 20mph speed limits in Girvan and Ballantrae;</p> <p>SAC: Safer Shores flyer; geViews: Information on self-watering planters; Scottish Rural Action: Newsletter from Water Group/What’s On this spring/Election Hustings; Biosphere Communities Network: Community Network meeting on 27th April; VASA: Communication sent to all 3 Barrhill organisations regarding SPEN Community Benefit. This concerns support assistance. This matter was discussed and all agreed it would be beneficial. It was noted that BDT have already been in touch with VASA. CS to contact VASA.</p> <p>SAC: Info on Childcare Course in August; Foundation Scotland: E-bulletin; Stranoch Windfarm: Update on construction and information on crane delivery; Justice Service: Emailed reply from Dean Barlas: Community Payback can paint/varnish benches if materials provided, but unable to weed the car park – agreed to accept the offer - CS to contact;</p> <p>ARA: Press Notice re-Girvan carriageway repairs on A77 and Resurfacing of the A78 in Prestwick; SURF Awards: Shared Learning Workshops in May; Zurich Insurance: Receipt for payment of renewal premium; Plantscape: Information on Christmas Trees. (<i>Details on any item available on request</i>)</p> <p>Barrhill Resident: Since the above list had been sent out to CC members an email had been received from a resident expressing views that the practice of the CC not to send out minutes until they had been approved was incorrect, as the Scheme of Establishment for CCs stated that draft minutes had to be made public at least 7 days before the meeting at which they would be approved. CS had been flabbergasted to receive this email as until the new Scheme came in on 1st April 2026, only approved minutes could be made public. In addition, allegations were made of rudeness and intimidation by Community Councillors. A discussion followed and LK, as Link Officer, and AL, will raise the matter with SAC. Noted</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>LK/AL</p>
14	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor’s Report</p>	
	<p>PMcG had noted the reuse of boarding, kept for the Fun Day, to advertise the Crosswater. JB commented on the beautiful display of daffodils on entering the village – all agreed. LK informed that next month’s CC meeting would be his last at Barrhill, as he was moving to a new job. He had greatly enjoyed his time as Barrhill’s Link Officer. All congratulated him on his new post and were sorry to be losing him.</p> <p>SAC Councillor’s Report: AL informed that the problem with the road sign on entering the village had been resolved.</p> <p>New Community Councillors: JT welcomed the 3 new CC members, DH, ChS and GY, and hoped they would enjoy their time on the CC.</p> <p>Road Closures: CS referred to the closure of the A714 next week for 12 days, as indicated by flyers put through letterboxes. Neither she nor JT had received any notification from ARA about this, or of another closure of the Colmonell Road. AL will make enquiries with ARA.</p> <p>Mark Hill Lorries: JS had received information of these lorries driving even further away from Mark Hill than previously thought. CS will contact Colin Wylie for a further update.</p> <p><i>Meeting closed 8.50pm.</i></p>	<p>AL</p> <p>CS</p>
15	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday 27th May (+AGM) at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.Further meetings in 2026: Wednesdays 24th June, 26th August, 28th October, 25th November.</u></p>	

	<i>NB. There are no meetings in July, September and December.</i>	
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