

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th May 2025, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.**

No	Item	Action
1	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcL), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Alan Lamont (ACK) (SAC Councillor), Lee Kirkwood (LK) (SAC Link Officer). No Members of the Public were present.	
2	Welcome & Apologies for Absence	
	JT welcomed all to the AGM. No apologies were received.	
3	Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting of Wednesday, 29th May 2024	
	These were approved: proposed by KMcL, seconded by JS.	
4	Report from the Chair	
	<p>Report given by the Chair, Johnnie Thomson.</p> <p><i>“Another year has passed – where does the time go? Looking back, we have the same issues as last year. There is a list of all of these that have been reported. As a Community Council all we can do is report those faults. It was good to point these out to Mr Braidwood (South Ayrshire Council) when he joined us at the last meeting.</i></p> <p><i>As a Community Council, we receive funds from Carrick Futures, the money from the wind turbines. This money is handed out to local groups e.g. Barrhill Bowling Club, Angling Club, Badminton Club etc and also the Barrhill Events Group, which organises events for the community of Barrhill. Thanks to all those involved, for all their hard work to keep the local groups going and those on the Events Group, for putting a lot of time into organising the events as we know this does not happen by itself.</i></p> <p><i>Net Zero Project: This is a project that is to try and help people in the community with heating costs by insulating their properties; also through heat pumps, solar panels and battery storage. We are working with Scottish Power to try and roll this out. There have already been some houses done. This will be good to compare with their current costs.</i></p> <p><i>Stranoch Windfarm and the Kilgallioch Windfarm Extension Liaison Groups are attended by Andy and myself to represent Barrhill. This is to try and sort out the Community Benefit – which community gets what. There is more money coming to Barrhill when these projects get started.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to thank all members of the Community Council for their work time they put in for their community. Andy for his work with Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch over the years; Celia for all her hard work that she puts in; Jamie for his work on the Community Transport group and Carrick Futures; and Martin for Kilgallioch.</i></p> <p><i>Also a big thanks to Alec and Alan for their help to try and get issues resolved.”</i></p> <p>JT was thanked for his report.</p>	
5	Secretary’s Report	
	<p>Report given by the Secretary, Celia Strain.</p> <p><i>“The year again commenced with a full complement of 10 Community Councillor and no by-election was required in March. This last year, however has seen the departure of our Link Officer, Katie Busby, who stepped down in October, having only been in post since May. This</i></p>	

	<p>was due to her work relocation to the Prestwick and Troon team and she has taken on a role with a local community council, which reflects that area. Her input had been welcomed and the CC wishes her success in her new post. In her place, we welcomed Lee Kirkwood and hope that he will enjoy his tenure with Barrhill CC.</p> <p>Councillor Alan Lamont continued at Barrhill until the year end change in December and this saw the return of Councillor Clark in January.</p> <p>This last year only one speaker has attended - Stewart Marshall, Locality Manager of the SAHSCP, addressed the meeting in June on the 'Team Around The Locality' project. While not attending as speaker, we were also pleased to welcome last month SAC's Kevin Braidwood, to discuss outstanding complaints with regard to both SAC and ARA. It was unfortunate that for the first time for months, no member of the public was present!</p> <p>The volume of emails received for the CC has increased further, particularly from the SAHSCP and is quite overwhelming at times. Consultations on Forestry plans have not been so numerous but more emails are now received from the G & SA Biosphere and also from Nature Connections, who are both keen to conduct workshops in the village, with some imminent. SAC consulted on its review of the Scheme of Establishment for CCs, only a few years since the previous one. The CC was a Consultee on the proposed Glenvernoch Windfarm, just over the border in D & G and in January the CC sent a letter of objection to the ECU.</p> <p>Regrettably the matter of Place Planning/Action Plan has not yet been resolved. A joint meeting was held in June with other groups, followed by ongoing contact with SAC. The survey response was disappointing.</p> <p>Elena Whitham MSP held a Roundtable meeting at Ballantrae in December to discuss ongoing traffic complaints during road closures/diversions etc</p> <p>Complaints to the CC were numerous following the commencement of the Mark Hill Sub-station extension works, which Johnnie has covered. Other general complaints are received and regrettably not always resolved and remain ongoing for some time. The matter of the locked gates at Kildonan, however, has at last recently been resolved, more than 2 & a half years after the first complaint and the footpath can finally be accessed again. The CC and Cllrs Clark and Lamont had pursued this, as well as a local resident and coincidentally or not, after the resident got the MP involved, the matter was finally resolved.</p> <p>Local groups, including the CC, continue to benefit from the CF Small Grants Scheme, as Andy will cover in his Treasurer's report.</p> <p>SAHSCP LPP meetings continue in the Carrick Buildings, some of which I attend. Jean attends online meetings (CAG and Biosphere Community Networks) on the CC's behalf. Andy and Johnnie attend the Liaison meetings for the 3 windfarms/extensions under construction. Andy retired as Carrick Futures director after 13 years – his contribution was much appreciated. He also retired from the Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund, replaced by Martin. There are now 2 vacancies on the CF Board and Jamie is willing to fill one of these.</p> <p>Community Transport meetings, attended by Jamie and Pearl, resulted in the successful launch of the new bus service, which is proving a success. Stinchar Connections is now progressing matters.</p> <p>Thanks go to Councillors Clark and Lamont for their input over this last year, which is always helpful and much appreciated. The CC is also grateful for the monthly Police Report and attendance when possible is also much appreciated.</p> <p>I would conclude by once again thanking Johnnie and all my fellow C Councillors for their help and support over the year, in particular Andy, for his computer skills! Thanks also go to Kenneth for maintaining the defibrillator at the Surgery.</p> <p>Thank you to all." CS was thanked for her report.</p>							
6	<p>Treasurer's Report/Approval of Accounts</p>							
	<p>AC gave his report and circulated the accounts sheet for the financial year ending 31st March 2025 (separate document available to view). The accounts had been audited, submitted to SAC and approved.</p> <p>"Opening Balances were:</p> <table data-bbox="146 1948 1406 2047"> <tr> <td>Barrhill Community Council</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,295.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carrick Futures Small Grant Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£13,160.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The CC provided Hall hire grants for:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Barrhill Community Council	£1,295.51	Carrick Futures Small Grant Fund	£13,160.86	The CC provided Hall hire grants for:		
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	<p><i>Men's Club, Art Club, Book Club, Wee Whist Club, Badminton Club and the Indoor Bowls.</i></p> <p><i>We also supplied funding for, among others: Dog Training Cours; Bowling Club/Petanque court and a new strimmer; Defibrillator pads; Dog poo bags; Children's Christmas Party; Tents for the Scouts; and Christmas lights.</i></p> <p><i>In all £7,000 was given out in grants. Donations of £50 each were given to Girvan & South Carrick First Responders and Girvan Academy Prom Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Income</i></p> <table> <tr> <td><i>Carrick Futures Small Grant Fund</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>£5,000</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Closing Balance</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Carrick Futures</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>£11,191.54</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Barrhill Community Council</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>£1,339.57</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Total</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>£12,531.11</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>The report concluded and AC was thanked by JT.</p>	<i>Carrick Futures Small Grant Fund</i>	<i>£5,000</i>	<i>Closing Balance</i>		<i>Carrick Futures</i>	<i>£11,191.54</i>	<i>Barrhill Community Council</i>	<i>£1,339.57</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>£12,531.11</i>	
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7	Election of Office-Bearers											
	<p>The Office-Bearers then resigned, with Councillor Clark taking the chair. After expressing thanks to the retiring Office-Bearers, and expressing appreciation to all members for the work they did, he asked for nominations for the election of those for the forthcoming year. The following Office-Bearers were proposed and elected:</p> <p>Chairperson: Johnnie Thomson: Proposed by JB, seconded by CS. Secretary: Celia Strain: Proposed by JS, seconded by PMcG. Treasurer: R. Andrew Clegg: Proposed by JB, seconded by JT. <i>Prior to agreeing to hold office in the interim, AC announced that due to health reasons he would only continue temporarily. He is willing to assist a new Treasurer. There were no volunteers at present and AC will remain in post temporarily.</i> Vice-Chairperson: Jamie Burgess: Proposed by JT, seconded by PMcG. Planning Contact: Jean Shaw: Proposed by CS, seconded by JT. Licensing Contact: Pearl McGibbon: Proposed by JB, seconded by JS. AL then vacated the Chair and handed back to JT, the newly re-elected Chair. <i>(CS to complete information form and submit to SAC.)</i></p>	CS										
8	Community Council Representatives: Carrick Futures Board Directors/Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Board/Locality Planning Partnership etc.											
	<p>The following representatives were unanimously agreed:</p> <p>Carrick Futures' Board Directors: Following AC's resignation at the CC meeting on 30th April as the CC's director after 13 years, JB had agreed to take on the position. His nomination to the CF board was then unanimously approved by the meeting. JT expressed the CC's appreciation of AC's previous long service on this board.</p> <p>Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Board: Directors as before--- Ann Robertson (AR) and MR. HSCP LPP: CS agreed to continue to attend the Locality Planning meetings – there were no other volunteers.</p>	CS										
9	AOB Incl. The Year ahead											
	<p>It was noted that once again some of last year's items are unfortunately still outstanding, as follows: Action Plan: It is hoped that this will finally be updated this coming year. It was noted however, that at long last the matter of the locked gates at Kildonan had been resolved, with the formation of an access to the path, which is part of the Whithorn Way. There is hope too, that the suggestion for a footpath from the caravan parks to the village will be given due consideration by South Ayrshire CAG. <i>The meeting closed at 7.25pm, to be followed by the normal May meeting.</i></p>											