

**Barrhead Community
Council**



Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

4th February 2016

<u>Date</u> <u>4th February 2016</u>	<u>Present</u> Rosaleen Reilly Vice - Chairperson Rena McGuire. BEM Secretary. Iain McCowan Treasurer. Mary Lawson Rita Connelly Laura Hendry Donnie MacInnes William McCready Rita McGettigan (part) Jo McIntyre
<u>Apologies</u>	Phil Traish Chimezie Umeh

Visitors & ERC Cllrs Visitors	Police Scotland Officer Alan Burrell Elected Cllr Reilly. Colin Napier Head of Service Delivery McGill's Roger Brooks (member of the public) Sean Rooney Barrhead News Reporter.
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1. **WELCOME** vice - Chair – Rosaleen Reilly.

The Vice - Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **DECLARATION OF
N/A**

3. **POLICE REPORT**

58 Crimes 23 of these were detected (90)

Assaults 11 (8)
Thefts 16 (4)
Vandalisms 11 (0)

Breach of the Peace 9 (5)
Housebreaking 2 (0)

2 x Road Traffic
1 x Drunk and Incapable
1 x Electricity Act - as expected, bypassing the meter
1 x Communications Act
1 x Sheep worrying
4 x Drugs

Questions & Answers

1. Vandalism - Broken window on McGill's Bus in Patterson Drive Auchenback.
2. Issues on Parking were discussed at great length; Community Wardens are responsible for ticketing offenders, there is several places in Barrhead where parking is causing an Obstructions, Bank st and Traffic Lights at Health Centre, this is the responsibility of the Police.
3. With new parking restriction in place you can park on Main st for 30 Minutes, with not return till after 1hour, Barrhead Centre is 90 Minutes all new signs are installed; single & double yellow lines have been painted where required.
4. The parked cars at Asda on the Main st, is still causing problems.
Other Concerns raised was bogus callers, which has discussed at great length on several occasions.
5. The Officer also highlighted problems with kids at the Foundry inside and out the Building, Police presence is essential at this time.
6. The Officer explained that as of the 12th January 2016 there is a new Minor Crime reporting in place, one-off offences are sent warning letters to avoid life-long record.

The Officer was thanked for his attendance.

4. McGill's head of Service Delivery

Colin Napier thanked the Community Councillors for the invitation to attend the meeting, updated that 3 new buses had been damaged in the area totally 15 incidents.

McGill's have invested £20 Million by updating to better Fuel efficiency, to provide a better travel experience, there is 2/3 buses being used in Barrhead

There was discussion on the problems caused through the Bridge repairs at Barrhead Station, diversion of the 54 / 101 bus services for a minimum of 3 months.

Double Decker will eventually be phased out, there were investment plans to update buses for Barrhead in the near future, unfortunately this has been put on hold due to income being down 30% in Barrhead.

What happens when a ticket machine does not recognise concessionary cards or if the machine is broken?

Concessionary cards there is a process in place, if a card fails on several occasions, passenger will be given a weekly ticket, they will need to contact SPT immediately for a new card (existing card can be retained by the driver) if machine is broken passengers will be allowed to travel.

Paying customers will be charged a £1 flat rate if machine is broken.

No passengers should be denied entry who holds a Concessionary Card.

They are also working to provide a better service, by introducing Smarts Tickets which will be on the phone.

Other question was about bus timetable over the Festive Season, no information is displayed in Bus Shelters, could the bus service be better over holiday periods, 52 service Barrhead Circular has always had good drivers unfortunately there is now 3 drivers per day, could this be brought back to 2, as occasionally we get drivers who seriously do not want to be working the route.

101 Service in Auchenback. On occasion bus drivers will not give way to car drivers, the streets are narrow with parking down one side. How can non passengers report a situation like this, there is a specific number on the bus on the 4 sides of the bus?

A member of the Public also raised a similar incident which could be described as Road Rage as he was harassed by a Bus driver coming down Carlibar Road,

Colin was also asked if McGill's take on apprenticeships, they have a been providing this service on apprenticeships very successfully, they have also received Investors in People Award, including the Princes Trust Award, for further information there is a free phone number which can be found online.

In the event of accidents on Public Transport, you should retain your ticket; passenger was informed by the Depot Manager that if you do not have a ticket it's difficult to prove. The Manager apologised for any inconvenienced caused.

The Chair thanked Colin for all the good work which is being provided with McGill's in the Barrhead and wider area, he will pass this on to the Barrhead Team.

At this point R McGettigan left the meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting

Minutes approved by CCIr McCready seconded by CCIr McIntyre

7. Matters Arising

Double Yellow lines have been painted in Bank st, unfortunately they have failed to include single yellow lines.

Demolition in Auchenback

It has been reported that the bats have left the building, it was reported this was not the case as some had returned.

Parking in Newton Ave

Wardens reported that all cars had been ticketed the previously night, the question on the 10 minutes waiting, everyone who parks had 10 minutes parking time..

8. Chairman's Report

N/A

8.Secretaries Report & Correspondence

1. Holocaust Memorial Day Saturday 23rd January 2016, Laura Hendry attended.
2. South West Community Rail Partnership meeting.
3. Zurich Insurance looking for feedback.
4. Key Elements of a Secretaries Role.
5. Signed copy of the Constitution complete.
- 6, Scotland Bill information received.
7. Clyde Plan.
8. Area Forums are being dissolved.
9. Circle of Hand, to meet with Officer and Architect next week, this will be arranged.
10. Response from Frank White: Band F (Attached)

9. Treasurers Report

Administration funding received £633.80 – Balance at March 2016 will be £00.00.

Funds remain for the seeds £345.80.

Folders & Writing pads will be purchased for all Community Councillors.

BCC are looking to change from Bank of Scotland to the Credit Union, due to various problems with Business Banking.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Health.

Pilot light attendance, there was a discussion about Isolation, people who need assistance, I raised the issued surrounding Band F there was a in-depth discussion as to why their funding had been stopped, the biggest expenditure is transport, there

is now a transport service with the Wee Red Bus which should be tapped into to reduce travel cost. Out live our Way Directive Support meeting on the 22nd February 2016.

b. Planning & Licensing

Rita Connelly, Mary Lawson, Iain McCowan, William McCready Jo McIntyre, Donnie MacInnes, are the Planning Sub Committee, until they meet they will designate a chair & note taker. Paperwork from Planning is being sent to Iain at the moment. Time limited applications, window cleaner etc.

9. Reports from Delegates to external bodies & Misc reports

William gave a report on the recent War Memorial meeting held on the 11TH January 2016

1) To find out if there was a scheme to tarmac an access area in front of the memorial and what were the costings?

2) To find out if there is scope to get a stone mason on board to get costing to refurbish the cross and surrounding edgings, the question was also asked about getting a cost to erect a small surrounding fence.

3) To get a cost to improve the existing lettering. Derek McPherson contacted George Rooney memorials a couple of years ago who came to site. You may want to try them, their phone number was 0141 880 5602.

Since the meeting a new Tarmacadam Path has been laid, this work had been put into the system in April last year.

William thanked everyone in attendance, and ERC for work already completed

Barrhead Community Council has been discussing applying for funding for the War Memorial since 2014 prior to the investment of £6k. It was also reported that new seats were organised by Cllr Hay, however it's disappointing that Cllr Hay is not working in Partnership with Barrhead Community Council on applying for funding for previous and future work to be done with the War Memorial.

They are looking into providing lighting in the future. - A site visit is still to be organised

James McGuire Building

Cllr Reilly stated ERC are hoping that a charity can take over the premises. The Food Bank is in need of a permanent building, Cllr Reilly was asked if the premises could be given to the Food Bank free of charge.

Cllr Reilly ERC with all the discussion with Cosla and the Scottish Government ERC had delayed their budget meeting, the meeting must be held before the 11th March 2016 and must make £21/2 million savings.

1. **AOCB**

2.

Thanks to Cllr Reilly as the lights behind Asda are now switched on.

The Food Bank is situated in the Church Hall, which will be sold over the next 3 yrs. There were great donations collected over the Festive Period. Sainsbury was also enquiring about contact details for the Food Bank; this information was provided to Sainsbury.

It was agreed at the last meeting it was agreed that all work concerning the Foundry works be passed to Cllr Reilly to take back and investigate further as Councillors were unhappy with the response sent.

However the Secretary was at a recent meeting held on the 9th December 2015 the Introduction to Community Councillors. Cllr Montague called me over to ask about the report which Barrhead Community Council received from the Leisure Trust at their last meeting concerning the internal works still to be completed at the Foundry. CC McCowan had approached her and raised the report with her without the approval of BCC.

This is not the practice of Barrhead Community Council, who work collectively; Community Councillors cannot represent the Barrhead Community Council unless specifically requested to do so.

There is a person in Darnley Road who makes Bird boxes etc, he would be happy to donate these boxes to Barrhead Community Council, who recommends the Wild Garden project should offered them, will contact Mark Brand.

Barrhead had previously been put forward for an S.U.R.F Award. Congratulations to East Renfrewshire Council on receiving the Award for the most improved Town,

A get Well Card to be sent to Phil Traish.

It was also reported that a Syrian Family have been housed within the Barrhead Area.

Date of next meeting is on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7pm

**East Renfrewshire Community Councils
Guidance on filming and recording of Community Council Meetings
February 2016**

Introduction

At the Community Council Welcome Event in December 2015, several community council members reported that some community council meetings were being recorded by members of the public. There were varying views about such instances with some members being quite uncomfortable being recorded, while others felt it was fine. It is worth noting that

Barrhead Community Council routinely record their meetings using an iPad to ensure accuracy of minutes.

There were points raised as to the legality of filming and recording of community council meetings. This document is being issued to all Community Councils to ensure there is consistent, clear guidance to refer to. It is not intended to provide detail or comprehensive analysis on the legislation surrounding filming, data and recording, but provides some basic information for community council members.

Data Protection Act 1998

Any information that identifies an individual, including their image and any expression of opinion, can constitute personal data. The Data Protection Act 1998 offers protection to individuals around their personal data and regulates the processing of personal data. 'Processing' means acquiring data, storing it, amending or augmenting it, disclosing it to third parties and deleting it – i.e. doing anything with it at all. The Act applies to personal data which is held in any kind of storage system, whether electronic or manual. Whilst the Act generally protects the privacy of an individual's personal data, it does recognise certain circumstances where such protection is not considered appropriate or necessary. Some of these circumstances are relevant to the recording of Community Council meetings.

There are three reasons why the protection offered to individuals from the Data Protection Act is unlikely to apply to Community Council meetings:

1. Community Council meetings are public events and as such there is an expectation that the individuals have willingly put their image or expression of opinion into the public domain.
2. A person can film a meeting and use the recording for their own personal use, known as the 'domestic purposes' exemption.
3. Personal data which is used for the special purpose of journalism, art and literature is exempt from protection by the Act.

If the recording is used outside of these exemptions then the Data Protection Act may provide protection. For example if a recording is posted to an online forum it is unlikely to be considered as domestic use and there may be grounds for complaint. It is important to note that in addition to data protection legislation, there are many other laws which offer protection to individuals including harassment and stalking law, and, defamation law.

Best practice

It is unlikely that there are grounds to prevent community council meetings from being recorded. However if the recording (or any part thereof) is shared publicly or is misused there may be grounds for complaint. Recordings should not be edited in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings.

We would suggest that where there is a request for a meeting to be recorded, best practice is to ask the participants of the meeting to consent. Should anyone not wish to be recorded they need not participate in the meeting.

Meetings may be recorded through note-taking, sound and video recording devices, and photography, and those recording should be reminded that their actions should be reasonable and not disruptive.

Further information

- Information Commissioner's Officer - www.ifo.gov.uk
- Data Protection Act 1998 - <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection/the-data-protection-act>

For further assistance, please contact the Community Planning Team on 0141 577 4644 or email listening@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk