

Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council

Minutes of PPCC Business Meeting held on Thursday 15 March 2018 in Pinwherry Community Hall

Agenda	Action
<p>1. Sederunt</p> <p><u>Community Councillors</u> Anne Berry (AB) Mike Chamberlain (MC) David Logan (DL) Hal Maxwell (HM) Veronica Norman (VN) John McAlley (JMCA) Ian Yellowlees (IY)</p> <p><u>South Ayrshire Council (SAC)</u> Ian Fitzsimmons (IF), Councillor</p> <p><u>Speaker</u> Kevin Braidwood – Ayrshire Roads Alliance</p> <p><u>PPCDA/2Pins Rep</u> Peter Walker (PW)</p> <p><u>Members of Public</u> Hugh Armour (HA) Linda Boyd (LB) Agi Crowe (AC) Marie McNulty (MMcN) James Stewart (JS)</p> <p>Minutes: Irene Climie (IC)</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Apologies were received from Alec Clark (SAC Councillor) and Chris Campbell (SAC Link Officer).</p>	
<p>3. Declaration of interest: No declaration of interest was received.</p>	
<p>4. Police Report: Derek Aitken (DA) represented the police at this meeting. He reported that there had been 14 incidents of which one was a drink-driving charge, 1 about nuisance phone calls and the rest being reports of shoots of which 10 were planned shoots. DA reported that although notification of planned shoots to the police was encouraged, and which responsible gun owners already did, but it was not a requirement to do so.</p>	
<p>5. Presentations: Kevin Braidwood (KB), Operations Manager of Ayrshire Roads Alliance attended as guest speaker. KB spoke of the recent weather which had been more severe than last winter. KB said that 5 tonnes of salt were usually required for the area but, this year, ARA had already used 10 tonnes and the use of a further 3 tonnes was expected. KB said that he had £4m capital which he would be able to use for patching and gully-cleaning. KB announced that ARA would be targeting land-owners for water coming onto the roads from their lands which KB said was the landowners' responsibility to prevent.</p>	

Works which KB detailed were:

- £½m to upgrade the road from Corwar to the boundary
- Money was set aside for improvement to Pinwherry Bridge. KB indicated the need to purchase land and that he had tried to contact the new owner. The work would require to cut into the embankment so that vehicles had a greater swing round into the bridge.
- £2m was allocated for LED light replacement. KB said his intention would be for 90% of lighting to be LEDs within two years.
- 20 mph zones in all rural villages which wanted these. KB said that six had come forward so far.
- Road investment is down nationally by 26% over five years.

At this point, MMcN said there was a planned increase in forestry by the Scottish Government with a great increase in SW Scotland. She wondered if the impact of this increase had been built into the costs?

KB replied that money would go to Timber Transport schemes.

PW asked about rail at Barrhill?

KB stated that timber coming into Girvan from Arran, would be offloaded at Girvan and then moved by road to Land Energy. Around 50 vehicles a week were calculated for this.

HM asked about potholes and the nature of repairs.

KB said there were four categories of potholes:

- Cat 1 – to be dealt within two hours – risk of life / limb
- Cat 2 – to be dealt with within five days
- Cat 3 – to be dealt with within ten days
- Cat 4 – to be dealt with within twenty-eight days

KB said the weather was not suitable for full repairs so he was concentrating on temporary repairs.

HM asked if the public could do anything.

KB said that a new system would be generated from 01 May. This would see inspectors having tablets, which meant they could inspect faults more quickly.

JMcA asked if there was anything the Community Council could do?

KB stated that PPCC would be asked for a letter of support when asking for the bid.

PW asked about the proposed 20 mph limit in villages.

HM thought this could be useful for Pinmore/ Pinwherry and also Poundland.

KB was asked about the inconvenience to residents by the road closure times recently. He referred all to the Scottish Roadworks Register.

JMcA pointed out that there were no alternative routes in some areas.

KB said that he currently notified Community Councils of the dates of any closure.

HM asked if he would put notices in the local press but KB said no.

HM said PPCC would do what they could to support.

6. Minutes of Meeting on 15/02/18

The minutes of this meeting were proposed by DL and seconded by JMcA.

7. Matters arising

- a) HM reported that AB + VN had been elected from being co-optees.

<p>He said there were still vacancies so other individuals could be co-opted.</p> <p>b) A speaker on the Galloway National Park had been confirmed for the next meeting.</p> <p>c) Breaker Hill timber – a report had been released on the number of red squirrels.</p> <p>d) Skip in Pinwherry – HM stated that he had emailed Mike Newall, but was awaiting a reply.</p> <p>e) Right of Way near the old station. HM said he had discovered this was not on a register as an official Right of Way but it was accessible.</p>	
<p>8. Correspondence:</p> <p>a) There had been communicated support for Bill Grant regarding interest in a rail halt at Pinwherry. SAC had backed proposals and was in discussion with Network Rail. PW stated that the proposal had the backing of the MP, MSP and a member of the House of Lords.</p> <p>b) IY reported on the approval of a Mobile phone mast. He queried the need for a second mast, understanding that every attempt would be made to use any existing mast, which there was. IY said that, as well as the project being approved, there had been no neighbour consultation and, as he had a map of the proposal could state that things on the map were in the wrong place. AC said that no-one seemed to know about the planning application. IF said that it was the responsibility of the planning department to notify neighbours. AC responded by saying that he had a communication from solicitors of Mr S and wanted people to be aware. IF indicated that he would discuss with planning department.</p> <p>c) PW – HM said that he had been present at a meeting with Foundation Scotland (FS) who stated that the 2Pins site was likely to flood as there was a flood plain near the railway line. HM asked how PW would like it to be taken forward? IY said that there was misinformation, which should be taken up with FS. MC commented that it was not the first time they had misinformation. IY felt there was no point in backing 2Pins if the site was likely to flood. PW argued that it was impossible for the site to be a flood plain. MC felt it was caused by people from outside. HM said he would write to Cara at FS supporting the 2Pins bid and would express his concerns at misinformation. He said that he would circulate his letter of support round PPCC for comment then would submit it to FS.</p>	<p>IF</p> <p>HM</p>
<p>9. Reports</p> <p>a) <u>Link officer</u> There was no link Officer report as CC was not here.</p> <p>b) <u>PPCDA / 2Pins</u> PW reported that PPCDA had held their AGM, and that they were now going to FS to employ a Development Officer.</p> <p>c) <u>As above</u></p>	

<p>d) <u>Health & Social Care Partnership</u> PW informed the meeting that there would be a big consultation in early April on the priorities for the next 3 years. This would take the place of an afternoon and evening open session for all residents, where everyone could comment on the priorities for South Carrick. PW encouraged everyone to come along and present their views. Details of venue, date and times to be announced.</p> <p>e) <u>Elected members report</u> IF reported that the Council Budget had now gone through with middle-management positions being looked at. IF also reported on the Goudie Exhibition taking place in the McKechnie Institute, Girvan.</p>	
<p>10. Planning Matters There were no issues under this item but DL will continue to keep watch.</p>	
<p>11. Roads This topic was covered by KB's report.</p>	
<p>12. Open Forum Community Centre LB started by asking whether the timescale for a community centre to be built in eighteen months was realistic. HM responded by saying that it would be a different scale from the original and that a lot of work had gone into looking at options.</p> <p>Communications HM said that PPCC was using the website as much as possible and that regular meetings were being put on the website as it was found this was the most efficient way of spreading community news. HM said that it was an ongoing challenge to communicate. He said that JMCA put things on the community noticeboards but that PPCC was not able to police social media pages. LB asked why people were still not coming in any numbers to meetings? HM pointed out that they were happy to receive information from any members especially ideas for improving communication. HA stated that there was a Facebook page on Barrhill Past and Present HM said there was also a 2Pins Facebook page.</p>	
<p>13. AOCB There was nothing extra under this section.</p>	
<p>14. The next meeting will be held on Thurs 19 May at 19:30.</p>	

15. Finance

MC produced a note of the balances as of March 2018:

Community Council	2506.35
Carrick Futures Small Grants Fund	4168.31
Hadyard Hill Small Grants Fund	4148.91
Minute Secretary	878.44
Kilgallioch Benefit Fund	75229.28
Layby Maintenance	0
Total in bank	86931.29
Assel Valley Benefit Fund	29633.57
Grand Total	116564.86

IY gave an update on the footpath costing, which showed an increase from £7000 to £13822. He said that this could come down to £11000 if they used local contractors and if there were no comfort facilities.

IY said that the contract had overstated the sum of £2750. The sum of £13822.72 was the sum which he expected PPCDA to finalise.

HM said this would be put down as a pending item.

Funding bids:

1. Dance class MC noted that the Dance Class application was not from a constituted group. MC said that he would want another application from PPCDA sponsoring the dance class.

IY noted there were a large amount of applications in PW's name. He wondered if some of these groups should have submitted their own applications.

The dance class application was for £430.18 and HM thought they could write out a cheque if the group had a bank account.

2. PPCDA Tourist Guide

This application was approved.

3. 2Pins

JMcA said that PW had asked if bids could receive money from different funders.

HM expressed surprise at this as he said that, on the application form, it clearly asked "have you received from other funders?"

MC said they had the money in the small grants fund.

JMcA said he had asked if the grants could be split between Carrick Futures and Hadyard Hill small grants funds and that Cara from FS said yes.

The Car Park application was approved but it was felt that there might be a better quote for the gates.

MC said he would ask for the application to be re-done.

MC

The meeting finished at 21:10.