

PINWHERRY & PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Thursday 19 Sept 2013 IN PINWHERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Community Councillors present: Mike Chamberlain (Treasurer), Marie McNulty (Secretary), Joy Chamberlain, John McAlley, Peter Walker,

Co-opted members: Charles Welsh

In Attendance: S.A.C Elected Member Alec Clark, S.A.C Link Officer Louise Fyfe

Apologies: Roger Pirrie (Chair), Chris Saunders (Vice Chair), Claire Pirrie, Pearl McGibbons, David Logan.

Community Police Officer: PC Wales and PC Hastings

Members of the public: Joe Rigby, William Boyd.

Chair taken by Peter Walker. **Minutes** taken by Senga Scobie

Declarations of Interest: No additions to those registered.

| Item no. | Item | Action by |
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| 1. | Police Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two crime reports, enquiries ongoing.• Three incidents, one accident, one alarm (community centre) and one assisting a member of the public.• Road closure problem-contradicting advice received from SAC. JC had John McIlwraith at his door questioning why the police do not like detail of where road is closed signed at closure points. A discussion took place regarding traffic police who are not local not being familiar with the roads. PC's Wales and Hastings will take this back to the Inspector, they are not aware of this being an issue. AC and LF have asked KB to look into this. LF reported KB has replied and will look into why closures went so badly wrong. Awaiting response. It was suggested SAC and buscompany liaise over road closures. AC will look into this. | AC |
| 2. | Open Forum: No report. | |
| 3. | Minutes of 15th August 2013. Approval proposed by Joy Chamberlain Seconded by Marie McNulty. All agreed. | |
| 4. | Matters arising not on the agenda: None. | |
| 5. | Regular Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAC Elected Member Alec Clark: Pot holes – New head of shared road services should be in place by the end of October. AC is part of this committee. Current budget for SA is £6.17m with EA being £17m. | |

Landscape wind capacity study- only development opportunities in this area are to extend existing wind farms. AC had a document for members information (not available to the public), this document 'South Ayrshire Landscape Wind Capacity Study' contains wind farm details in this area. PPCC to ask SAC for a copy of this.

PW/MM

A discussion took place over the event of windfarm companies or companies in ownership of the windfarms going bust, question arose, who would be responsible to reinstate the land, (open cast mines situation being used as an example).

• **SAC Link Officer Louise Fyfe:**

Hall lets – CA responsible for management of lets. PW reported 2 Pins may not be charged for hall let until Christmas. R. Sinclair met with the CA and are now clear on janitorial hours and flexibility of hours. This might change on Jenny's retirement. LF advised CA have support from R.S and can seek advice on this. New janitor time includes journey from Girvan and return, this may result in hours being over 15 per week. 2 Pins will write to SAC. LF advised CA should liaise with RS over this. Cost for let is £22 per hour. LF will speak to RS to contact CA about this. MC to email LF regarding administration grant.

PW

LF
MC

• **Treasurer Mike Chamberlain:**

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| Carrick Futures small grants | £646.00 |
| Hadyard Hill small grants | £4693.03 |
| Council business | £1,887.06 |
| Lay by enhancement | £1,926.27 |
| Secretarial | £967.24 |
| Total | £10119.60 |
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| School House | £12,090.00 |

Small Grants:

Pat testing £300
Girvan Youth Trust £500 for transport.

• **Secretary:**

- SPR response – benefits response copied and pasted from presentation leaflet handed out previously.
- Information received regarding benefits efficiency and green deal fuel poverty. MM will put this on 2 Pins website.

MM

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SA community conference 24 October, one member of CC invited, PW will be there, MM to ask RP to go. AC expressed these conferences are worth going to regarding communities having local expertise and knowledge of what communities need/want. MM will email members to see who wants to go. CW-offers are normally put to communities rather than ask what is wanted/needed. ○ Consultation on litter free Scotland, MM will do this. ○ Killgalloch windfarm consultation – RP has been asked to do a one to one interview this will possibly take place on 8 October. ○ NHS plans for charges, planning leaflets available from MM. Dialysis at Crosshouse going to be available at Ayr perhaps Girvan as well. | MM MM |
| 6. | <p>Pinwherry School & 2 Pins Centre projects:</p> <p>School building – original hostel/bunkhouse plan, architects have advised this will change use to multi occupancy, a lot of work is needed. PW will take this forward and keep everyone up to date.</p> <p>2 Pins application with SAC re building – this is moving forward, conditions/planning permission needed before ownership of land.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC advised no real debate can take place until the head of services manager is in place. KB will still be roads S. Ayrshire Roads Manager answerable to Head of Services based in E. Ayrshire. AC will be on this joint committee. • JM Muck road- SAC repairs have been done on lower end of road, quality of repairs is questionable. The question of who is signing this work off as satisfactory arose - J. McIlwraith and J Kelly would need to know about this. AC informed SAC now recognise the Muck road as their property. | |
| 8. | <p>Wind farm updates/developments:</p> <p>Asselvalley granted at appeal with reduction of 1 turbine, 10 turbines given the go ahead, it is hoped to see work done to improve the road. The road at the bridge needs to be widened, CW expressed importance of SAC adopting the land altered to accommodate wind farm traffic.</p> <p>Tralorg same as previous minutes.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Future response to planning applications for wind turbines/farms by PPCC:</p> <p>PPCC has not been formally objecting to all wind farm sites as discussed at previous meetings. AC suggested</p> | |

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| | <p>not objecting to the ones which have low or no particular impact on the community and object to the ones which do affect the community.</p> <p>Conflict over LA and Scottish Government policy, Scottish Government override LA decisions.</p> <p>CW- can only object on planning.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>Forum updates: All</p> <p>CCF AC- discussions took place over Bruces Trail. HH and CF granted funding to CCF.</p> <p>HH and CG supported the fireworks/ festival of lights and 2 Pins planning application.</p> | |
| 11. | <p>PPCC meeting/agenda structure:</p> <p>JC suggested holding CC meeting first then any other business after ie; future wind farm presentations or any other, which would give CC's the option of staying/leaving. After discussion PW proposed wind farm or any other major meeting be chaired by CC on an alternative evening with presenting company paying for the hall let. This was seconded by MC and J McA agreed.</p> <p>It was noted RP chaired the last wind farm presentation/meeting very well giving fair representation.</p> | |
| 12. | <p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>J McA – warning over phone calls from solar panel company (www.myplanetuk.com) for no cost panels installed/free electricity. After questioning and surveyor calling it became clear there is a cost.</p> | |
| 13. | <p>Meeting closed at 21:10</p> <p>Date of next meeting: 17th October at 7.30pm</p> <p>in Pinwherry Community Centre</p> | |

Minutes approved: Chairperson – Roger Pirrie

Secretary - Marie McNulty

Appendix 1.

Benefits to local communities – SPR windfarms response to PPCC meeting 15th August 2013

Details on the benefits to the local community of ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) developing and operating windfarms in the area. I have outlined some examples below in relation to the operational Mark Hill and Arecleoch windfarms and also the development of the consented Kilgallioch Windfarm. We can speculate as to the

benefits that could be realised if we were to build and operate the Extension to Mark Hill Windfarm but for now these are real examples of what is actually happening and we think this is more useful information at this stage.

- During the development process there are benefits in terms of accommodation and local shops used by surveyors and SPR staff and in some supporting services such as the use of local plant hire companies to install temporary met masts (most recently our mast contractors used Donnan Plant Hire of Stranraer for this type of work)
- Throughout the construction and operation of the windfarm there are numerous and varied indirect benefits (e.g associated jobs and supply chain benefits due to repeat business for local shops, cafes and accommodation providers)
- The development of SPR sites in the SW of Scotland and the resulting demand for appropriately skilled technicians going forward led SPR to set up a working group with local colleges and to ultimately seed-fund the pilot course which kicked off at Ayr College in March this year with a second course beginning in Dumfries College in Aug/Sept. SPR also provided various turbine parts to facilitate practical training alongside the theoretical training provided on this 18 month full time course.
- The students attending this Turbine Technician course at Ayr range in age from 16-46 and are all from the Ayrshire area, 6 from the Carrick area in particular.
- Bursaries were awarded to students from the windfarm community benefit funds being paid out from Arecleoch and Mark Hill, to cover their travel and other associated expenses to enable them to attend the course.

Info on employment and local companies being used at operational Arecleoch/ Mark Hill Windfarms

- B9 have the turbine maintenance contract for both windfarms and they employ 14 Technicians who cover Arecleoch and Mark Hill. All of these technicians live within Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway (In particular an apprentice from Glen Luce and three engineers from Maybole)
- We are also using:-

§ **Robertson Plant Hire (Barrhill)** for road works, snow clearance, potable water delivery, drainage works, crane pad repairs etc

§ **Suzanne's Stores (Barrhill)** Buffets and catering for meetings. B9 staff use this for Newspapers, filled rolls etc

§ **Esso Garage (Girvan)** Fuel for SPR Vehicles

§ **P&DJ McCubbin (Dalrymple)** for any mulching and fence repairs required

§ **Fairbairn and McQuiston (Girvan)** Welding and Fabrication

§ **BOC (Girvan)** Nitrogen supplies

§ **Grangestone Engineering (Girvan)** Tooling, nuts and bolts, machine work

§ **Ayrshire Motor Parts (Girvan)** Flashing beacons, hazard triangles etc

§ **Edmundson Electrical (Ayr)** Electrical supplies

§ **Bryce Walker (Dumfries)** Vending Machine Supplies on Site

Examples of Projects paid for using Community Benefit funds from Arecleoch/Mark Hill:

- The 2012 **Winter payment scheme** run by the BCIC allowed 140 households in Barrhill to receive £100 towards their fuel costs.
- The purchase and ongoing maintenance of the **Barrhill Community Bus** which provides transport for a variety of ages and activities.
- The set up and initial phase costs for the development of '**The 2Pins Community Centre**'
- Money towards publication of the **Stinchar Valley magazine**
- Installation of **Biomass Boiler** in Barrhill Community Hall
- Purchase of land and development of **public car park** in Barrhill
- Climate challenge project providing **insulation measures and energy advice**
- Community Action Network Project providing **patient transport** for rural patients unable to make these journeys.
- Funds to various local Schools to support **Outdoor Education** projects (e.g. John Muir Award)
- **Re-opening of Barrhill Public toilets** and ongoing domestic services

Some other examples of smaller projects are the purchase of a film projector for Colmonnel Village film nights, production of pocketsize train timetables, a dry stone-walling course for residents to repair the Martyr's Tomb walk walls and a primary children's trip to the Pantomime. As you're aware, Pinwherry and Pinmore

Community Council alone have also received at least £7,500 in small grant funds from the Carrick Futures Fund with other nearby communities receiving similar funds.

As I said at the meeting, the projects that could be funded by future Community Benefit money are unknown at this stage but the decisions on this spending will be in the hands of the local communities, will be eligible for matched funding and the long term nature of the funding commitment will allow for more strategic projects to bring tangible benefits to current and future generations living in these communities.

In addition to these more local benefits, we also consider there to be real long-term benefits resulting from the reduction in carbon emissions due to the greater provision of renewable energy and the ability of large companies such as SPR to continue investing in the development of new technologies such as offshore wind, marine and tidal.