

PINWHERRY & PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ROADS MEETING HELD ON
Thursday 19 June 2014
IN PINWHERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Community Councillors present: Roger Pirrie (Chair), Chris Saunders (Vice Chair), Marie McNulty (Secretary) John McAlley, David Logan.

Co-opted members:

In Attendance: S.A.C Link Officer Louise Fyfe, SAC Elected Councillor John McDowall, Ayrshire Roads Alliance Stewart Turner & Kevin Braidwood.

Community Police Officer: Kevin McKeown

Apologies: Mike Chamberlain (Treasurer), Joy Chamberlain, Peter Walker.

Members of the public: John Hair, Dave Russell.

Chair taken by Roger Pirrie. **Minutes** taken by Senga Scobie

Declarations of Interest: No additions to those registered.

Item no.	Item	Action by
	Roger Pirrie welcomed Dave Russell, Chair of Barrhill CC and especially welcomed Stewart Turner and Kevin Braidwood to the meeting.	
1.	Welcome Stewart Turner/Kevin Braidwood – Ayrshire Roads Alliance. ST introduced himself and briefed all present on the reasons and purpose for the Ayrshire Road Alliance.	
2.	Q and A session – prepared questions previously sent to Ayrshire Roads Alliance. SAC Roads meeting Thursday 16 th Jan. Revised 23 April 2014 Questions. These are the regular questions that our community ask Community Council.	

<p>Q. We are given to understand that a consultant has been appointed to assess the conditions of the A714 can representatives of Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Council meet with them?</p> <p>A. Yes. The road has been surveyed for the roundabout to the boundary. KB produced an action plan for the next 1-5 years, this has not been costed as yet. KB will email RP and DR the action plan. All agreed this is a good start.</p> <p>Concerns re the A714</p> <p>Q. What is the time scale for further resurfacing particularly the section from Holmhead to Daljarrock What is the time scale for re surfacing the section of road from Leigh Letter Pin Wood entrance to the C13 What is the time scale for resurfacing Pinwherry Main Street What is the time scale for resurfacing the section from B734 to Pinwherry Main Street</p> <p>A. KB – looking at all of the above in this year’s road plan with delays to the main street section due to imminent drainage works.</p> <p>Q. We understand that an SAC roads officer has spoken to several local land owners regarding dead trees that overhang the road. Can you please advise what is being done especially the section from the Viaduct to Asselfoot?. This also applies to the overhanging bushes at the railway bridge past Broomalaw Cottages.</p> <p>A. Have spoken to landlords but need to put more pressure on them to do this.</p> <p>Q. The road works (new kerbs) that were carried out between the Pinmore bus stop and Leigh Letter Pin Farm the ditch created by the contractor has resulted in continuous flow of water across the road.</p> <p>A. Have asked D McLaughlin to look at this.</p> <p>Q. On some of the bends heavy vehicles are causing deep ruts in the verges when two lorry’s pass each other should a small car be forced into one of these it will cause damage to the car and could cause an accident.</p> <p>A. KB – can’t deny that. But questioned whether you should be driving on the sides of the road. DR stated there are a lot of sharp corners, it is not always avoidable when meeting large lorries even at low speeds. ST advised they have to priorities pot holes etc. KB advised they have identified the edges in the</p>	<p>KB to RP & DR</p>
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<p>action plan. CS questioned whether the report highlights the problems caused with 2 lorries passing on parts of the road which is not fit for purpose. KB replied they have identified parts of the road need to be widened. ST wants to make the roads fit for purpose and agrees with CS.</p> <p>Q. With leaves now forming on the trees and bushes Sight lines are being reduced. We noted that a tree on the south side of Pinwherry Bridge has been cut down but what is happening with Daljarrock Bridge and Herds Bridge.</p> <p>A.KB has spoken to Thea regarding this and she will get this done nearer the end of June due to H&S issues with birds nesting.</p> <p>Wind Farm Developments that affect the A714 B734</p> <p>Q. Re various proposed Wind Farm developments which will be using the A714 B734 & C13 what action is being taken to elevate further damage to these roads. What discussions have taken place with developers?</p> <p>A. KB- we will meet with the developers as they have to have an agreed route which is a condition of the planning. They have not been in touch as yet. SPR have met with Barrhill CC. RP explained as per last year's meeting, the possibility of the A77 being used as an alternative route. KB agreed to attend a meeting with SPR and PPCC. ST would rather they used the trunk road. SPR said it is more economical and environmentally friendly to use the A714. It was agreed a meeting be arranged with KB, ST, DR PPCC and SPR.</p> <p>Q. Has a condition survey been taken of any of these roads before construction traffic use them?</p> <p>A. £100,000 went to the council towards titivating roads post Arecleoch and Mark hill. KB advised a condition survey will be done and H.G template will be applied. JMcD stated, previously pre survey was not done, so this is encouraging. ST advised they don't know what the template will be, taking into account 2 risks, one being the road falling to bits afterwards and the other not enough being done. Hopefully the sum of money will be enough.</p> <p>Q. With the proposed wind farm development at Breaker Hill and both the Construction and Timber</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>DR, RP, KB</p>
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extraction vehicles using the B734 what is the opinion of SAC roads department as the B734 is not a designated timber route this must also apply to heavy construction vehicles.

A. KB- Will speak to T.Thorburn in office re this. RP advised Breakerhill was refused today. KB has been on the timber transport website and confirmed this is not a designated route. RP - numbers on lorries for ease of identification, Barr have already done this, others are not so keen on the idea. DR and RP will follow this up. KB will also look into this. ST advised vehicles and their speed can be tracked. With regards to inappropriate speed of log lorries the police are unable to do anything unless they catch them. RP suggested having an unmarked police car on the road between 7-8am, Kevin advised this would be difficult to do.

Q. The B734 is a route used to convey School children to and from School and residents have safety concerns.

A. This concern may have been raised due to the accident concerning school children a few years ago. There have been no other incidents since then.

Q. What restrictions can be placed on construction traffic exiting the A77 at Ballantrae and the A714 on to the B734.

A. KB – this comes back to routes with the road authority, have to wait until the construction route is identified.

Muck Road

U52 Muck Road Quote 30th July “ We have identified the need for surfacing works and endeavour to carry these works out when funds become available.” Any further action? Time scales
What can be done about restating passing places as this is a single track road?

A. Two sections have been identified, work starts on the 30 June.

Q. The road Sign at the start of Muck Road at Pinwherry bridge is signed as Main Street this causes confusion to visitors

A. KB has looked at this and will talk to the planning team.

	<p>C13 Why are timber vehicle still being allowed to use this road. What can be done to deep ruts in the verges? What is being done to cut back trees and hedges? <i>These three questions are answered in previous questions.</i></p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Any other business: Member of the public, J. Hair, expressed his concern regarding several issues with the road. KB referred back to the development plan explaining these issues have been picked up but he has to identify resources. The risk assessment is also in the document. RP advised the most significant hazards will be prioritised. KB – stated there will be a short, medium and long term process on results of the report over 1-5years. DR suggested speaking to the community when prioritising the list.</p> <p>In answer to the subject of poor pothole repairs, KB advised 2 hotboxes have been bought, one is in Girvan the other in Coylton. As a result improvements should be seen. Some emergency repairs will be done but proper repairs will be done in future.</p> <p>JH – regarding damage to bridges, suggested barriers could be put in place. A discussion took place regarding barriers on facing of bridges. Network Rail - (Herds Bridge) JH, would like traffic lights there, bus drivers would also support this. KB advised, talks are ongoing with Network Rail regarding this. Further discussion took place on the success and safety of different types of barriers for bridges. DR regarding routine road resurfacing- Black Clauchrie road services 4 properties, DR asked if this money would be better spent where most needed. KB advised it comes down to scoring matrix. DR also asked how long it will be before the document is published with time scales etc. ST has an annual budget, 1year roads improvement plan to do for November to advise Councillors of route action plan. The joint committee can consider a realistic budget plan. KB is working on costing and prioritising.</p> <p>JH questioned road bumps through villages. ST is not in favour of bumps but possibly tables for traffic calming measures. It was noted speed limits are in place for a reason.</p>	

	<p>CS – Matrix for assessing roads and claims for repairs to vehicles, damage being done on unfit roads. KB – a defect matrix is done. Public is sent a claims form, claim is assessed by insurers, each claim is based on a whole process. ST – SAC, EAS & ARA websites to report faults, give as good a description of size, where and how unsafe as it is.</p> <p>Roger Pirrie thanked KB and ST for attending the meeting. RP and DR are both looking forward to receiving the road survey.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>	
	<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 17 July</p> <p>2014 @ 7.30PM IN PINWHERRY COMMUNITY</p>	

Minutes approved: Chris Saunders

John McAlley

Last meeting May 15th 2014