

# Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council

## Minutes of PPCC Business Meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2016 in Pinwherry Community Hall

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#### Community Councillors

Chris Saunders (CS)                      Chairperson  
Mike Chamberlain (MC)                Treasurer  
David Logan (DL)  
John McAlley (JMCA)  
Hal Maxwell (HM)  
Roger Pirrie (RP)  
Ian Yellowlees (IY)

#### In Attendance

SAC Elected Member – Alec Clark (AC)  
Link Officer – Chris Campbell (CC)

#### Public in attendance

Mhairi McKenna  
Jim Wilson

Minutes: Irene Climie (IC)

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b> CS welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that there were no apologies this evening.</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p><b>3. Community Police Officer's Report</b> PC Bob Graham gave a report that there had been only one crime in the past month, which had been a case of drink-driving.</p> <p>RP informed PC Graham that he had written to Kevin McKeown regarding heavy vehicles using the A714 with the escort vehicle following each vehicle. PC Graham replied that he was unaware of there being a specific law saying that an escort vehicle had to be in front.</p> <p>RP then said that it was the Windfarm developers who were in control of these vehicles. PC Graham said that he would try and find out what guidance was available regarding the placing of escort vehicles.</p> <p>There were no other issues for, or from, the Police who were thanked for attending.</p>	

#### **4. Presentations**

Jim Wilson gave a presentation on the current situation, and future developments, of SAYLSA, the Community Rail Partnership.

Jim began by informing the group of the resignation of the former Company Secretary and Treasurer Richard Carr, which had led the Board to look at governance of the organisation. At the end of the process, Jim stated that the Board was happy with the progress made.

Jim said that one of the necessary actions was reconnecting with the community. Jim spoke of how SAYLSA had lost connections, and that, by making progress in getting round the Community Councils of the line area, he felt that SAYLSA was heading in the right direction. Jim said that there was a need to focus on three aspects: marketing the line, extending the line through Kilmarnock down to Dumfries and increasing tourist numbers.

In discussion with the PPCC members present, Jim acknowledged that there were still issues around integrated transport as local bus services tended to be poor and often did not connect with on-going services either by bus or rail.

Jim spoke of an audit of station facilities including walking routes and signposting. Jim also spoke of general facilities, saying that nothing had been done at Ayr for years but that he was working to redress issues such as the continued car-parking problems at Barrhill Station. Jim stressed how the CRP would not want to lead but rather work with Local Authorities and community groups.

Jim spoke of his ambition to develop the "Great Celtic Rail Journey" which would cover three of the six scenic rail journeys covered by Scotrail – Stranraer to Glasgow, Glasgow to Oban and Glasgow to Fort William / Mallaig.

To realise this journey would require Jim to work with five LEADER areas in Scotland, securing preferential rates and exploring history from Celtic, Gaelic and Viking times.

Jim also spoke of the Heritage Gateways Station concept and said he was working on its feasibility. He stated this might involve A1 size panels at each station using "augmented reality". Audio / video / maps / walks / cycle paths and businesses would be involved and this would be GPS based.

Jim said he would be trying to attract youngsters through engaging value on trains. He spoke of a need to get better rolling stock and said it was possible the line would get Class 158s, currently used by Borders Railway.

In regard to Line Action Plan 2 (LAP2), Jim spoke of the new SAYLSA website with a social media presence as he said it was not possible currently to access the current website by mobile phone.

Jim stated that Stuart Rankin of the Glasgow and South Western Railway Association, based at Kilmarnock, was keen to work with SAYLSA on developing the Heritage Gateways Station signs.

Jim also spoke of the work of SAYLSA with START, which is currently developing the waterfront at Stranraer, which features the only remaining working Victorian pier station in the UK.

Jim explained the expected consequences of SAYLSA extending the current Stranraer to Ayr line by taking in Newton-on-Ayr, Prestwick Town, Prestwick Airport, Troon, Kilmarnock, Auchinleck, Kirkconnel. Sanquhar, Dumfries, Annan and Gretna. Marketing would be made easier as the line would then form a horseshoe, which would include the Biosphere and Dark Skies areas – this was believed to offer the

<p>new line a lot of potential. Although enlarging the line greatly, Jim felt this to be manageable and said that SAYLSA already had the backing of Dumfries and Galloway Council and the Kilmarnock Station Railway Heritage Trust.</p> <p>CS asked if the CRP would continue to be run by SAYLSA. Jim said that there was a need to change the name and that this change would be taken forward in the near future.</p> <p>Jim said that he felt the new CRP would flourish with a destination in Stranraer and that the whole emphasis would be on Stranraer's ability to attract people.</p> <p>AC spoke about the development of the new Quayzone in Girvan, due to open in March 2017. Jim said this would hopefully be helped by the development of an active travel hub in Kilmarnock and now in Ayr. AC confirmed that the travel hub at Ayr had been approved.</p> <p>CC noted that travel hubs existed and were well used abroad so the hire of electric bikes could help Pinmore, Pinwherry and Colmonell.</p> <p>CC also noted that there was currently the planned development of a Glasgow Fair festival, by Marianne Maxwell, which involved the journey to Girvan being made by train.</p> <p>Jim informed the group that there was a new membership structure. Members and volunteers could pay £10 to become full members with voting rights. There would also be a new group of Friends of the Line, who could pay £1 per year, though they would not have voting rights.</p> <p>Jim told the group of the work done at Kilmarnock Station with ADDACTION, who were keen to work with SAYLSA at Ayr. 70 volunteers currently work at Kilmarnock Station, and they have recently taken on a cafe at New Cumnock Station.</p> <p>Finally, Jim said that SAYLSA was looking towards the Heritage Lottery and the Awards for All scheme for possible funding of future projects.</p> <p>CS thanked Jim for his presentation on behalf of the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>5. Open Forum</b></p> <p>There were no items under this section.</p>	
<p><b>6. Approval of previous minutes 18 Aug 2016</b></p> <p>CS went over the meeting of the meeting held on 20 October 2016 and these were approved and seconded by HM and JMCA respectively.</p>	
<p><b>7. Matters arising not on this Agenda</b></p> <p>a) RP stated that he and Peter Walker were pleased to have defibs at Pinwherry and Pinmore. However the costings had not been finalised. RP said that the PPCDA want to adopt phone boxes and that the one at Pinmore had a notice on it referring anyone to the Council. RTP said that Peter Walker had reported that they Council said that it was nothing to do with them.</p> <p>RP said that there would be recurrent costs for the defib but that only a small amount of electricity would be used.</p> <p>b) CC spoke of the survey which he had given back to MC. CC said that he</p>	

didn't have to do much to it.

## **8. Regular Reports**

### a) SAC Elected Member

AC reported that he had attended Remembrance Day Services at Pinwherry School, Ballantrae School and Heronsford on Fri 11 Nov and had then attended services at Girvan and Barrhill on Sunday 13 Nov.

AC informed the group that the asset transfer of Barrhill Memorial Hall was going to the Leadership Panel on 29 Nov 2016.

AC reported on the proposed new travellers' site, which had to be moved from its present site because of flooding. The new site is proposed on the site of the former Girvan Nursery school. AC said this was also going to the Leadership Panel on 29 Nov 2016. AC spoke of the numerous alternative sites which had been considered, including the Pinwherry / Lendalfoot Road.

AC reported on the Housing Strategy document going through, following a meeting at Girvan Academy. The meeting had been to address rural housing need as it was recognised that there were specific problems in rural areas.

### b) South Ayrshire Link Officer

CC reported that he would be going to a conference the following day. He stated that he would welcome the Community Council guide book but, at 130 pages, he did not imagine that many would read it.

CC said that he had been trying to get it limited to 30 pages. IY said that he remembered being asked to volunteer to update the book.

### c) Treasurer's Report

MC gave his report, which included that the total bank balance at present was £86,135.45.

This is made up of:

Community Council - £1,665.29

Hadyard Hill Small Grants - £5,791.89

Carrick Futures Small Grants £5,258.48

Secretarial Expenses - £761.94

Kilgallioch - £72, 657.85

MC also reported that the Kilgallioch winder fuel payments had cost £9627.87 to date, with a further £375.00 to be added to this total.

### d) Secretary

CS reported on the secretarial uses which had arisen since the last meeting:

- 1) CS stated that he had responded to the Hillcrest support appeal on behalf of PPCC.
- 2) CS said that he had received a Memorandum of Understanding from Cara of Foundation Scotland (FS) re: Assel Valley (AV) Community Benefit Fund.

MC thought that a name needed to be decided for this.

CS asked who was the main point of contact for it.

JMcA thought that two people were needed in case one was away.

MC thought that the applications all went to Marian and wondered whether she then forwarded these to FS.

CS stated that some applications which have been sent to Marian did not fit the FS criteria.

CS thought that FS wanted PPCC to decide which ones went to Marian. He said that Marian sent all the applications first to PPCC as they are the assessors and then it is decided which ones should go to FS.

IY stated that he didn't want to upset FS by sending them applications which did not fit their criteria.

HM asked whether the "10.1" termination clause referred to a separate agreement and, if so, did PPCC have it?

MC asked whether this was an agreement between FS and AV.

CS asked whether the agreement had been signed at the Town House with MC. There was some vagueness over whether this had been done.

CC thought that PPCC should have a copy.

HM wondered if there might be an admin grant facility with a local solicitor to hold important documents.

CC stated that an external hard drive could store documents so it could send documents electronically. He commented that there could be a charge to access documents.

After some debate, it was decided to name the fund the Pinwherry & Pinmore Assel Valley Community Fund.

CS thought that the point of contact might be MC + HM.

JMcA noted that, at the bottom of page 7, it stated that all should "accept decisions of the trustees as final".

CS stated that the funding body decision was final. He said that the onus was on PPCC not to send applications to FS unless they met the criteria.

CC pointed out that it was common to ask for additional information.

CC also commented that, should PPCC not have read an application form, they would need to be quorate but could not comment on the application if they hadn't read it.

AC suggested that the application forms could be sent out days in advance.

IY felt there was a need for processes and protocols.

CS said that there was an "End of Grant" report, but that some funders required "update" reports every few months. He also reported that other funders would often send an "updating report" template.

MC wondered whether a project manager could be paid to do all this.

3) MC asked about the gardening project disclosures.

AC thought this might be making the gardening project over-complicated.

CC thought a co-ordinator might be needed, who could draw up an A4 "End of Project" form.

CS said that he would speak to Marion about an "End of Grant" form, and asked if there were receipts of any money spent.

RP wondered if there was a generic process of dealing with the applicant from beginning to end. He thought that MC had been right about questioning the management of the project.

CS agreed that, if PPCC needed a garden project co-ordinator, then they would need someone to manage the co-ordinator. He thought this would fit with FS.

CS recalled that, at the last meeting, it was decided that the gardeners would be more than technical experts – additionally they would need to be able to talk to older adults.

RP advised against becoming over-complicated.

AC said PPCC would need to advertise and interview the gardeners.

CC suggested that PPCC had a budget from windfarms and should do what was needed to govern that. If PPCC didn't want to do it, then they should hire a co-ordinator and set the criteria as the co-ordinator being required to report back.

MC wondered how a co-rordinator might be found.

CC thought that a job description should be drawn up and then the position could be advertised.

CS

<p><b>9. Carrick Futures (CF) update</b></p> <p>RP said that there had been no further meetings.</p>	
<p><b>10. Hadyard Hill (HH) update</b></p> <p>MC said that HH was still owed money by Ayrshire Catering. He suggested that HH should not finish until Ayrshire Catering had paid in full.</p>	
<p><b>11. Assel Valley (AV) update</b></p> <p>MC said that there was no update on this.</p>	
<p><b>12. Kilgallioch / Tralorg funds update</b></p> <p>MC said that there was a meeting tonight at Woodlands. MC said that, as he couldn't attend the meeting, the Minute of Understanding had been brought to his house and he had signed it.</p>	
<p><b>13. Health &amp; Social Care Partnership</b></p> <p>HM reported that, as a stakeholder GP, he represented PPCC at the H&amp;SC Partnership and highlighted the benefits of "community led conversations".</p> <p>HM spoke of NDIP over 18 months, which demonstrated a shift away from the "council does everything" approach, but stressed this was not to save money.</p> <p>HM said that it was intended to make greater use of the voluntary sector.</p> <p>HM gave an example of a change of focus – instead of asking a patient "what is the matter with you?", they would be asked "what matters to you?".</p> <p>HM spoke of the six locality planning groups and of the regular Chairs meetings.</p> <p>HM queried the impartiality of SPAG (Strategic Planning Action Group). He stated that the SPAG had an oversight of decisions + financial implications. He said that it acted as a "talking shop" for council priorities.</p> <p>HM said that the Partnership was aware of the public demand to keep Hillcrest open but felt that SAC considered it not to be viable.</p>	
<p><b>14. AOB</b></p> <p>HM brought up the subject of broadband problems and wondered whether PPCC might lobby BT.</p> <p>AC stated that the Scottish government said that 95% of the population would have a fast broadband service within a certain time.</p> <p>CC noted that Jim Wilson had mentioned boosters at railway stations and said</p>	

<p>that stagecoach was using boosters on some of their buses, which apparently picks up strong signals. He wondered whether this could be looked at.</p> <p>CS thought there could be another project from this wish for faster broadband.</p> <p>CC thought that PPCC might talk to Stagecoach about this.</p> <p>AC wished to make it known that this would be the last meeting of PPCC that he would be attending. This was because the position was rotated and therefore he intimated that it would be Councillor John McDowall who would be attending in future.</p>	<p>CC</p>
<p>CS thanked all for attending and confirmed the date of the next meeting would be .</p>	

The meeting finished at 21.30.