

Barrhill Community Interest Company



Company Number 348907
A Company Limited by Guarantee
Registered in Scotland

Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Barrhill Community Interest Company
Memorial Hall, Barrhill - Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 19.00.

Directors Present:

John Thomson – Chairman
Richard Brown – Vice Chairman
Mark Bradshaw – Treasurer
Laura Brown
Kassie Farmery
Ken McLaren
Pearl McGibbon

Members / Non-Members:

Members present in person:
Non-Members present in person:

Apologies

The Chairman confirmed apologies had been received from the following individual:

Jenny Murray

Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising

The Chairman requested any matters arising and approval of the Minutes of the BCIC AGM held on Wednesday 10th October 2018.

No matters arising were notified, and AGM approval of Minutes was given, being proposed by Pearl McGibbon, seconded by Shelia Thomson.

Welcome by Chair

Mr John Thomson Chairman of the BCIC Board, took the chair. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to everyone present at the Annual General Meeting of the Company and introduced Andrew Ward and Amy Dee Watson of Creetown Initiative.

The Chairman presented the following Report:

Barrhill Development Trust

The Chairman confirmed that at the BCIC's AGM on 10th October 2018 members discussed and adopted to create a new SCIO for Barrhill named the Barrhill Development Trust. The Chairman confirmed the Barrhill Development Trust has been founded and assets such as the Memorial Hall and Bowling Club have been transferred from the BCIC to the BDT.

The Chairman confirmed the BCIC is being retained primarily to receive the windfarm funding, to issue the winter fuel payments and to operate the grants and bursaries.

Trout Inn

The Chairman confirmed that since the 2018 AGM the community had been consulted on the purchase of The Trout Inn and that the project is going ahead following the successful application to the Scottish Land Fund for £135,000.

Employment

The Chairman confirmed the employment of a Hall Caretaker and Village Handyman.

Village Planters

The Chairman confirmed purchase of 39 planters for the village with the establishment of an 'adopt a planter' scheme.

BRICC 2018 Grant Application

The Chairman reminded those present of the BRICC (Ballantrae Rural Initiative Care in the Community) grant application which was discussed and voted on at the last BCIC AGM on 10th October 2018. Those present decided and voted NOT to support the BRICC application with Barrhill money.

Communication

The Chairman confirmed that BCIC communication was highlighted by a few individuals as lacking and to address these issues websites for the BCIC and BDT have now been created, monthly notices are issued on the Board meetings and newsletters are delivered door to door and published on-line.

Grants and Bursaries

The Chairman confirmed the BCIC continues to make bursaries available for full time higher education courses as well as part time courses, learner driver funding and apprenticeships. The Chairman stated that since the 2018 BCIC AGM a total of £2,050.00 in bursaries has been paid out to residents of Barrhill.

The Chairman stated the BCIC continues to fund a small grant scheme for groups and individuals to apply for funding for projects to improve the community and the lives of residents. The Chairman confirmed that so far in 2019 grants have been awarded totalling £5,688.00. These have been given to Barrhill Primary School in the sum of £4,330.00, Bowling Club in the sum of £723.00, the Scouts in the sum of £500.00 and the Flower Show in the sum of £135.00.

2019 Winter Fuel Payment

The Chairman confirmed the Board voted to increase the winter fuel payment from £150.00 to £300.00 per household for 2019.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the BCIC over the past year and gave a vote of special thanks to Pauline Hewitt, BCIC Secretary who is not standing for re-election.

Financial Report

The Chairman asked the Treasurer, Mark Bradshaw to give the Financial Report:

Mark Bradshaw confirmed that all BCIC Members should have received a copy of the Final Accounts prior to this meeting and that hard copies were available and stated that including all fixed assets the BCIC is worth over £1m.

The Treasurer confirmed the following balances:

Business Current Account	£1,714.19
Treasurers Account	£386,657.80
Savings Account	£121,746.00
Total monies held	£510,117.99

The Treasurer confirmed that running fees for the BCIC for the past year totalled £54,197.00 including running costs, legal fees, wages, electric, insurances and sundries. The Treasurer gave confirmation of a payment due from Kilgallioch Wind Farm of approximately £180,000 in December 2019 and a further £120,000 in March 2020.

The Treasurer then asked if there were any questions from the floor – with an individual asking what made up the fixed assets. The Treasurer advised that the Car Park, Memorial Hall, Bowling Green and Arnshean Park were the current fixed assets and clarified that the Memorial Hall is owned by the Barrhill Community Interest Company and held under Title.

Resignation, Election and Re-Election of Directors

The Chairman opened this agenda item after informing those in attendance that Pauline Hewitt has resigned and will therefore not be standing for reappointment. The Chairman further clarified that it was BCIC Members only who were eligible to vote. Following a show of hands the result was as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Resolution 1 Pauline Hewitt - Resigned		
Resolution 2 Pearl McGibbon - <i>voted in favour as a reappointed Director*</i>	9	0
Resolution 3 John Thomson - <i>voted in favour as a reappointed Director*</i>	19	0
Resolution 4 Laura Brown - <i>voted in favour as appointed Director*</i>	18	0
Resolution 5 Ken McLaren - <i>voted in favour as appointed Director*</i>	15	0

Open Discussion and Voting

Barrhill Railway Station Car Park

The Chairman outlined a request for support and part-funding received from the South West Scotland Community Rail Partnership to create parking of between 10 and 14 spaces at Barrhill Station in the sum of £20,000 from the BCIC. The Chairman confirmed that SWSCRCP had already secured funding from Carrick Futures and will be looking to Kilgallioch Windfarm for additional financial support, therefore forming a three-way split to finance the project.

After clarification of those eligible to vote (BCIC approved members only), a vote was taken with 19 For and 2 Against.

The Chairman confirmed approval given by BCIC Members to proceed.

Bowling Club Clubhouse

The Chairman outlined a proposed new Bowling Club Clubhouse design with a total cost of £30,000 including electricity supply with an individual asking if any other designs had been put forward. The Chairman confirmed the BCIC Members could vote against this design chosen by the Board of Directors if they so wished.

Discussion continued with individuals asking questions on the Planning Department, costings, insulation, and water supply. The Chairman of the Barrhill Bowling Club clarified the proposals he had submitted to the BCIC for consideration together plus costings with discussion and disagreement with the individual who had submitted the blockwork design under consideration at this AGM. General discussion continued culminating in the individual who had offered to undertake the blockwork clubhouse project withdrawing his proposal.

After discussion it was agreed to give further consideration and planning to this project before proceeding.

Community Questionnaire

Richard Brown, BCIC Vice Chairman advised that 50 completed Community Action Questionnaires had been returned and data is being collated for scrutiny and release.

Upper Limit

The Chairman asked for comments on an upper limit being set for grant approvals by the BCIC Board of Directors before a community consultation was required. After discussion on the level of limit that could be set and how community consultation poses its own challenges with regards to attendance, type of communication currently used and its limitations, and ideas for improving communication, a vote was taken with 10 votes For leaving the system as it currently stands and 6 Against.

The Chairman confirmed approval given by BCIC Members to continue as currently stands.

Future Projects

An individual asked the Board what future projects were being explored with particular reference to pensionable aged individuals and the possibility of a home improvement scheme being put in place. The Chairman responded that consideration will be given to multiple schemes going forward.

Investment

An individual asked if the Board had an investment policy in place for when funds run out with the Andrew Ward of Creetown Initiative responding that the BCIC is currently reviewing documents received from DTAS on investment for windfarm communities. Discussion took place on investment and interest rates and the risk levels that the community is prepared to take.