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Message from the Chair

I'd like to thank everyone for their input on the community feedback questionnaire about the possibility of the community purchasing and managing the Trout Inn. Overall feedback is showing a high level of support for this project and over the coming months we will review and analyse all comments and provide more detailed information soon.

I am also pleased with the installation of the new planters throughout the village and I hope that, when planted and in full bloom, they will greatly improve the look of the village.

John Thomson, Chair

Community Support for Trout Inn

The Trout Inn is a long established, purpose-built, licensed hotel, dating back to the late 19th century. It is located in a prominent position on the Main Street of Barrhill and is the only pub in the village. The current proprietor, who has owned the business and property for eight years, is wishing to sell the property in order to retire. Over the past few months, BCIC Community Development Worker, Amy, has been carrying out preliminary investigatory work into the possibility of the community purchasing, managing and running the Trout Inn as a pub and restaurant.

predicted finances, the current offerings and cultural opportunities in the local area, including annual festivals and how these may positively impact, have also been undertaken.

An independent valuer was engaged to carry out and produce a valuation report, whilst architects carried out a non-invasive survey on the property and produced initial proposals.

As a result of all of the above research, a Feasibility Study has been produced, which was presented to the Board.

Research on the current trading of the business, context of the local area, demographics, economy, heritage, connectivity, tourism, has been carried out, in addition to research on case studies of similar rural pubs and restaurants and other community-run pubs. Evaluation of the finances and

The next step was to consult with the community. This was achieved by producing large information boards summarising the content of the Feasibility Study and an Open Day was held on 9th February, displaying the information and inviting feedback from the community via a short

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Barrhill Primary School Friday Coffee Mornings

During this term, we have been lucky enough to have Amy-Dee Watson from the BCIC visiting our school. She gave us a questionnaire to fill in about what we would like to happen in the village. Most pupils said that they wanted a youth club so we are all really excited to see what happens in the near future.



PC Mackintosh has also visited our school this term. First, he came in to tell P1-7 pupils about internet safety and talked about ways to stay safe online. He also showed us a video about it. PC Mackintosh then worked with P6 and 7 to make posters to advertise Barrhill and showed us that we should take pride in our lovely village. We also discussed the issue of speeding cars in villages and had a lot of fun using his speed gun to survey the speed of the cars passing through Barrhill. We have had lots of fun with PC Mackintosh so far and we hope he continues to visit our school.

by James and Alisha

Friday Coffee Mornings



As of Friday 26 April, weekly coffee mornings 10am - 12noon will take place in the Barrhill Memorial Hall, run by a group of volunteers. They are open to everyone to attend and provide a chance for the community to get together, catch up, make new friends and socialise.

People are welcome to bring games, crafts and such, although this is not compulsory - these are purely social events. You're welcome to stay for the full two hours, or just drop in for a shorter time that suits you.

To help cover the costs of the tea, coffee and biscuits, we just ask for a small donation when you arrive. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Ann Robertson, 51 Main Street, 07766 740179.

New Charity - Barrhill Development Trust

We are pleased to announce the creation of a new charity for Barrhill; Barrhill Development Trust, which takes the form of a SCIO - Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Our charity number is SC049162.

The decision to create a new SCIO for Barrhill was discussed by members and adopted at Barrhill Community Interest Company's AGM on 10th October 2018.

The reasons for creating the SCIO and becoming a charity are:

- many more funding streams are available
- liability of charity trustees is limited and members are not liable to contribute to the assets, if it is wound up.
- title to land and buildings can be held in the name of the SCIO.
- there is only one single regulator - OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator).
- formal governance provides transparency and a legal operating framework.

Barrhill Community Interest Company will be retained, primarily to continue to issue the annual winter fuel payments, as this is not considered charitable (it is not means tested). BCIC will also continue to operate the grants and bursaries.

Over the coming months the Barrhill Memorial Hall, bowling green and community car park assets will be transferred to Barrhill Development Trust. The Development Trust will gradually take on the projects of Barrhill Community Interest Company, including the management of the Memorial Hall, future youth work, community events, Liam's Handyman projects and longer-term legacy building projects, such as managing community-run facilities and businesses (Trout Inn).

We would like to encourage the community to become members of Barrhill Development Trust. Becoming a Member does not entail any specific commitment and is completely free, it simply shows that you support the aims of the Trust. To be eligible to become a member, you must be aged 16 or over and be a resident of Barrhill, or the Barrhill Community Council Area. As a Member, we will write to you from time to time about the development of our projects and you will be invited to all Member's Meetings (these are usually annual).

Please email Amy-Dee Watson for a membership form - amy.barrhillcic@gmail.com, or pop into the Memorial Hall office on a Tuesday to pick up a form.

The constitution of Barrhill Development Trust is available to view, please email Amy for a copy.

Access to Leisure Card - Have You Got Yours?

The Access to Leisure card entitles the holder to a discount of up to 50% on many services and memberships from South Ayrshire Council's sport, leisure and golf services. However, it appears that few people locally know about this great opportunity.

Adults resident in South Ayrshire and employees of S.A.C receive 15% discount, students, pensioners, and those in receipt of Carer's Allowance receive 25% discount and those in receipt of other benefits receive 50%.

If you're interested in purchasing your Access to Leisure Card, please let Amy know, as, if there is enough interest, either Barrhill CIC or Barrhill Community Council could fund your card.



Barrhill Handyman Update

Since being appointed as Barrhill Handyman in September I have tidied and weeded the sensory garden flower beds around the car park and planted 1200 flower bulbs which are sprouting through the ground and mostly in bloom.

I have cleaned up the railings on the foot bridge as well as weeding the pavements and also attending to the park area. I have also jet washed the car park.

I have attended to various small jobs around the memorial hall and am in the process of placing planters throughout the village and waiting for bulbs and plants to be ordered so our village can be in bloom for summer and beyond.

It's also been my privilege to meet local village residents who have been helpful and friendly and some even sharing their knowledge on how to maintain the heating system, thank you.

Liam Barry



Barrhill Film Nights

The monthly film club organised by BCIC has got off to a good start with showings of Mamma Mia 2, Skyscraper and A Star is Born, in the Barrhill Memorial Hall. Future showings (which we cannot specifically name due to the licensing conditions) will include a musical biography of P.T. Barnum (our next screening); the ultimate cops and robbers story with DeNiro and Pacino and more! Tea, coffee, soft drinks are provided.

We will also have a couple of matinees during the summer holidays as well as a Christmas Special or two nearer the time. We would welcome any suggestions for films you would like to see being shown.

In the meantime here are the dates of the film nights for your diaries:- 27/4/19; 25/5/19; 22/6/19; 27/7/19; 24/8/19; 28/9/19; 26/10/19; 23/11/19 and 21/12/19. All are Saturday nights, starting at 7pm.

Richard Brown



Hall Online Calendar

The refurbished Memorial Hall is a great asset for the village and is open for bookings, including one off events and regular user groups. There is a large hall with badminton court lines, a spacious, fully equipped kitchen, a smaller meeting room and full disabled access, including toilet. The hourly tariff is £5 for Barrhill residents and groups, £18 for private hire and £22 for commercial hire.

Interested in booking? Check out the online calendar for Barrhill Memorial Hall to establish availability. Go to our website: www.bcic.org.uk/barrhill-memorial-hall.

For more information or to book, please contact Louise Ottaway on 07387759052.

Children's Christmas Party Fun



The children of Barrhill enjoyed the Christmas party on the 21 December, with 17 children attending. Children's entertainer, The Road Runner was a great hit with dancing and lots of party games. The children also met Santa.

Thank you to everyone involved in the organising of the event - a great time was had by all.

Senior's Christmas Meal

Forty five senior citizens enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal prepared and cooked by Sally Hair of Drumbreddan Catering.

Entertainment was provided by David Hunter and his wife singing Scottish and popular songs. It was a really great evening enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks go to Liliias Hegarty and Jenny Murray for organising the event, BCIC for funding it and to all the volunteers for their help.

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questionnaire. The Open Day was well attended, however to ensure that every community member was given a chance to feedback on the proposal, the questionnaire was distributed to every household in the parish. The information boards were also put online on the BCIC website, with links to BCIC social media and there were also many opportunities for community members to pop into the BCIC office to view the information boards and ask questions.

The deadline for feedback was 28th February and the results show a **high level of support for the community purchasing and managing the Trout Inn as a pub and restaurant - 76% voted yes, 19% voted no and 5% voted unsure.**

At the beginning of March, our Community Development Worker and some BCIC Board members attended a study trip to another community-run pub and restaurant in Dunlop, East Ayrshire, which was very useful and insightful.

Our Community Development Worker has since submitted a Stage 1 application to the Scottish Land Fund, for funding for the purchase of the property. If successful, there will be a second-round application to secure.

We will keep the community informed of any developments with this exciting project, as they happen.

Barrhill Bowling Club

Saturday the 4th May will be our opening day starting at 1:30pm, so all old (including young) and new members will be made welcome to join us.

The Bowling Club Email address is barrhillbowlingclub@gmail.com.

ADOPT A PLANTER

BCIC are looking for people to "adopt" one of our lovely new Barrhill planters. By adopting a planter, you would help us by watering and maintaining the flowers and planters, to add a bit of colour to our little village! Training (if required) will be provided and we can arrange personalisation of planters.

Interested?

Email Amy: amy.barrhillcic@gmail.com, or pop into the Memorial Hall office on a Tuesday.

BARRHILL BUSINESS BOOST

Three business development workshops have been held in Barrhill Memorial Hall this year. After suggestions from a number of different community members, BCIC's Community Development Worker contacted Ayrshire Business Gateway and arranged for an initial half day workshop to take place, to establish local interest. This workshop was well attended, with 11 people stating their interest in attending further workshops.

Due to our village's rural location and close proximity to the Dumfries and Galloway border, Barrhill is often "forgotten about", in terms of workshop delivery, resulting in community members being required to travel to Ayr, Irving, or even Kilmarnock, to access business development workshops.

Working with Business Gateway, two full day workshops have been delivered from the Memorial Hall in March; Social Media and Website Masterclass and also a Finance and Book keeping workshop.