

BCIC NEWS

BARRHILL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

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BCIC ENGAGES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



After advertising and follow-up interviews earlier in May, the BCIC are pleased to announce the appointment of Amy-Dee Watson of Creetown Initiative as Barrhill's Community Development Officer.

Creetown Initiative Ltd is a social enterprise, with the aims of improving life for people in rural communities. To fund their home-based work, they offer support to other groups, primarily in Dumfries and Galloway, but also across the wider area of Scotland. They are also currently working with the Ballantrae Trust.

Read Amy's article on the next page and pop in to introduce yourself at the BCIC Office in the Memorial Hall. With Amy's and Creetown Initiatives guidance, the BCIC are hoping for great inspiration, ideas and the opportunity to bring exciting plans to fruition. Let's pull together and make it happen.



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TRADING AS BARRHILL ENTERPRISE LTD

NEW VICE CHAIRMAN

We are pleased to announce that Gavin Hughes has agreed to act as Vice Chairman for the BCIC. He will be working closely with Chairman Johnnie Thomson and the other BCIC Directors at this important time, while the village creates its action plan for the future.

We are also pleased to welcome Ken McLaren, Jenny Murray, Richard Brown and Kassie Farmery as co-opted BCIC Directors until the 2018 AGM is held later this year.

NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY

The BCIC is intending to recruit a full time handyman/handywoman for the village shortly.

Full details will be announced soon but if anyone would be interested in applying for the job please let Amy have your details.

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GREAT news for all Barrhill groups

Understanding how important local clubs, groups and organisations are to Barrhill, and wanting to encourage more social interaction and meaningful participation in community life, the BCIC Directors have decided that a charge of just £5 per hour will be made for the hire of the Memorial Hall for any Barrhill-based organisation, club or group.

We hope this news is well received by the village and that the low rental charge for our re-vamped Hall will encourage more people to join the existing clubs and groups, and even consider starting their own in the future.

A rate of £18 per hour will be charged for private hire, and £22 per hour for commercial use.

Barrhill Memorial Hall

BOOKINGS LINE
07387 759052

LOUISE OTTAWAY, CARETAKER

LINE OPENS 9AM TO 5PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY
CALL TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION



BARRHILL'S FALLEN

The BCIC was recently contacted by Lorna Conaghan of the Girvan and District Great War Project. Started in 2014, they are currently researching all of the fallen men in the area from WW1. Taking names from War Memorials, visiting churchyards and cemeteries and researching names from the Church Roll of Honour; on Barrhill War Memorial there are 29 names (but the project has researched 31 men).

It is the project's intention to present each village with a folder of their research, for the use of the community and for people visiting Barrhill to research family members. *The main aim is for these men never to be forgotten.*

On behalf of the community we contacted Lorna to say we would be honoured to receive a Barrhill folder which will be stored in the Memorial Hall. We shall be arranging a suitable date nearer to the Armistice Centenary for Barrhill to receive this important document.

Lorna can be contacted on 01465 710714. You can also find the project on Facebook, 'Girvan and District Great War Project'.

HELLO BARRHILL

My name is Amy-Dee Watson (please call me Amy) and I am the new part time Community Development Officer for Barrhill Community Interest Company. I wanted to take the time to introduce myself to the village and I am looking forward to working with Barrhill CIC and the residents of Barrhill.

A little about me... I have been employed by Creetown Initiative since June 2011 and have carried out a broad range of community-based projects over the past 7 years. Locally in Creetown I manage 6 part time Youth Workers to deliver high quality youth programmes in Creetown, Newton Stewart and Kirkcudbright, however I also have worked on projects across the country. Some examples include working in Kingussie on market research, funding assistance and business planning, assisting with the fundraising campaign to redevelop the Theatre Royal in Dumfries, working with a volunteering project in Gatehouse of Fleet to develop a funding strategy and business plan and working in Clydebank on a business review, business strategy and funding strategy for a community arts organisation.

I am also the 'creative' person on the Creetown Initiative team and carry out graphic design work, including logo design, leaflets, posters, layout (for example Community Action Plans) and every now and then I am able to use the skills I learnt during my degree and carry out film making projects.



I am pleased to be working in Barrhill and hope to work in partnership with Barrhill CIC, other local groups and the community as a whole, to develop and drive forward projects to strengthen the community, providing opportunities for locals and visitors alike. As I work as part of a close-knit team, I will also be assisted occasionally by my colleague Chris Hanna and manager Andrew Ward.

I will be based in the Memorial Hall one or two days a week, so please do pop by for a chat. My email address is amy.barrhillcic@gmail.com and my office number in Barrhill is 01465 821000.

Are you part of a local group, organisation, or business? Then get in touch.

Help Amy to develop community projects in Barrhill. Over recent years, there has already been a great deal of preliminary work and consultations carried out, which has provided a solid platform from which to spring forward.

To help Amy to become acquainted with Barrhill and it's current offerings, please can all local groups, organisations and businesses get in touch with Amy?

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Through the generosity of Barrhill resident Tog Porter, of Ayrshire Web Design the BCIC now has its own website at www.bcic.org.uk.

You'll find all the forms, grant applications and information you need to make the most of your BCIC. On behalf of the community we would like to thank Tog for the countless hours and hard work in creating our great new website.

AWD can be found at:
www.ayrshire-web-design.co.uk



2018 Planner

ABOUT US

A group of keen crafters of all ages and abilities, meeting on the 1st Thursday evening of every month at 7pm throughout the year in Barrhill Memorial Hall. Everyone welcome, so come along and join us.

5 JULY
Cross stitch

2 AUGUST
Card Making

6 SEPTEMBER
Candle Making

4 OCTOBER
Christmas Crafts

1 NOVEMBER
Christmas Wreaths

MORE INFO

Free membership. Session charges £2 Barrhill residents, £3 non-residents. Full details on the Barrhill Craft Group Facebook page or from The Shop, Barrhill.

Join the fun

John Thomson - Chairman
Gavin Hughes - Vice Chairman
Mark Bradshaw - Treasurer
Pauline Hewitt - Secretary
Directors: Pearl McGibbon, Ken McLaren,
Jenny Murray, Kassie Farmary, Richard Brown

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Barrhill's Benches

The Board would like to thank Martin Rennie for taking on the project of replacing all the wooden benches around the village, most of which have fallen into disrepair. Any brass plaques on existing benches will be cleaned and put on to the new benches, so there is still a connection to the relevant person and the village. After consultation with James Duffey, a new bench will be erected, and a plaque added, in memory of Annie Clarke, who had many friends in the village, and will be sorely missed.

The new benches will be in teak as it does not warp, rot or crack, and will therefore last a lot longer. It does not require treatment because it is protected by its own natural oils that migrate to the surface of the wood and make the wood virtually impervious to water.

Look out for the new benches over the summer and lets hope the weather stays good!



BCIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Barrhill's Fun Day!

All Welcome

Saturday July 28 2018 Barrhill Memorial Hall
Doors open 1pm

Be there!