

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HELD ON 25.9.18 IN BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SEDERUNT

Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Thomas Davidson (TD); Janette Sloan (JS); Linden Hunt (LH); Gwen Campbell (GC); Laura Cunningham (LC); Cllr Ian Fitzsimmons (IF); Sgt Alan McDowall; Frank Maguire (FM); Lynn Nield (LN); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES: John McIlwraith; Colin McNally

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approved as an accurate record, proposed by JS and seconded by LH.

5 MATTERS ARISING

The Transport Minister's visit to the area has been postponed.

Scotrail have closed Ayr Railway Station but 2 platforms are being used for shorter trains. The car park at the rear of the station is closed to cars as it is being used for buses. Hopefully the station will be open by mid-October.

5 POLICE REPORT – Sgt McDowall

Police are moving to localised policing; there is now only one sergeant for the whole of Carrick. Until now 8-10 community police officers have been available. From 12.9.18 there will be 2 locality officers and a campus officer; the campus officer covers the primary and secondary schools and will be based in Girvan Academy. The 2 locality officers are allocated to South Carrick. Although there are only 3 officers and a sergeant it is hoped they will be more visible in the area, and it will be advantageous that specific officers will cover one area. LH asked how long the new policing system will be in place as there have been numerous systems tried and discarded. Hopefully as it is not resource intensive for the police it will have more chance of staying in place. From this weekend 13-14 police officers will cover busy periods at weekends when the community team are on.

LY asked about the Remembrance Day Parade as she has passed on responsibility to the current Scout Executive team. So far the police have not been asked about covering the parade.

MMcK has been asked how the investigation is progressing about the local resident who was killed on the A77. There is a family liaison officer who will have been assigned to the case and this is who the family should contact.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – (written from JMcl) MMcK

Harbour Account – Balance £2052.70.

Community Benefit Fund – Balance £1924.96.

General BCC Account – Balance £321.27.

7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – no new applications.

8 BALLANTRAE TRUST – MMcK

A meeting was held on 20.9.18.

Work is being done on getting a water supply at the harbour.

Work is also being done on trying to find accommodation in the village for an office for the Ballantrae Trust. The Development Officer in Barrhill has an office in Main Street which is working well. There is nowhere presently available in Ballantrae. Funding is going to have to be looked at. LH suggested that once the school have finished using the hall there may be a small room available, which has been suggested previously. The situation for the school has changed, so it maybe available.

There is a good number of new members; exact figure unknown.

A meeting was held regarding PLACE; 4 people turned up for the workshop. Oil and electricity schemes are being looked at.

The next meeting of Ballantrae Trust is on 18.10.18.

9 CARRICK FUTURES – LC

The next meeting is on 7.11.18.

The next meeting for Kilgallioch is on 27.9.18.

10 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – LC

A fireworks display has been arranged for 5.11.18.

The next meeting of BCA is on 12.11.18.

A craft fair will be held on 24.11.18; tables to cost £10 each.

A children's Christmas party will be held on 15.12.18.

Mrs Templeton gave an update at the Parent Council meeting 2 weeks ago. The children will remain in Girvan until after the Easter holidays, and the Early Years Centre will remain in the hall until the Easter holidays. There was extensive water damage to the new build. It is hoped everyone will move into the refurbished school on 24.4.18. Staff and parents are quite happy with the situation.

11 HARBOUR COMMITTEE – MMcK - No further developments.

12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – Bridge still locked; funding will be sought.

13 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – IF

68 Main Street was refused planning permission for the work which has already been done. The extension will either have to be made acceptable to the planning people or will have to be knocked down.

Shore Road is to have the pavements renewed.

The rosebed at the hall will be tidied up once by SAC, and then it will be the responsibility of the community. The grass area in Downan Avenue is now SAC property so will not be looked after by the council. It is unlikely that the grass area in Downan Avenue will be made into car parking space. IF will speak to Kevin Braidwood regarding the trees near the bridge which are obstructing the view of the road. **ACTION IF**

FM had contacted SAC regarding bins blowing over the roads; this is going to be a major problem with the new bins. IF said that if anyone does not want the new bins they can phone neighbourhood services and have them removed. LH said that the bins have been taken away from laybys because industrial waste was being put in them; now the same waste is being dumped in laybys and is blowing around the countryside. There is no sign in laybys saying there are no bins and asking people to take their rubbish home.

TD asked if the road grit could be brushed off the pavements; IF will look into this. **ACTION IF**

14 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

Scottish Power Renewables are looking to have an extension to Arecleoch Wind Farm; Chirmorie is also to be extended. Another application has gone in for a wind farm at Barrhill, at Altercannoch.

Alison Johnstone has sent an email to BCC regarding the library. It is difficult for disabled people to get access to the library because of the current fencing. Councillor Peter Henderson had suggested a wheelchair. Signs showing the way to the library are being removed. The gate near the library is going to be opened when the children are not in the school. LC as Chair of BCA asked that BCC do not get involved in this, as it is an issue for the library service within SAC to deal with. FM said that disabled people should be able to access all services. TD said there is a portable ramp in the library which can be taken out to the door.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LC reported that the Parent Council are holding a fashion show on 14.11.18 at 7pm in M&Co., Girvan. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

LH said there have been no further developments regarding speeding through the village. It was agreed that Transerv should be asked to have a look at what can be done. IF will look into this and MMcK will contact Transerv. **ACTION IF AND MMcK**

LY said that she along with other ladies are planning to have a display of knitted poppies, each with tags naming the fallen soldiers, at the war memorial to commemorate the centenary of WW1. This was agreed.

TD asked how the wreath would be delivered to BCC. IF will drop it off at JS's house and it will be put in the church. **ACTION IF**

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 30 October 2018