

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 27 APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM**

**1 SEDERUNT:** Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Alan Bell (AB); Carol Bell (CB); Linden Hunt (LH); Cllr Peter Henderson (PH); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

**2 APOLOGIES:** Tom Davidson; John Hainey; Gwen Campbell; Colin McNally; Laura Cunningham

**3 MINUTES:** Approved, proposed by LH and seconded by AB.

### **4 MATTERS ARISING**

Dog fouling and litter picking – it is hoped that seasonal rangers will be taken on for the whole summer.

Camper vans – two trials are going ahead for overnight parking areas in Girvan and Ayr, running from May till September. There will be barriers and contactless payments. Hopefully the trial will be up and running for 24-hour stays from 10.5.21. Temporary toilets and waste facilities will be installed. Hopefully facilities in Troon, Prestwick and Ballantrae will follow. These areas are only for camper vans, not caravans. The law will be enforced to prevent people, including lorry drivers, parking overnight in laybys. Wardens will be on duty night and morning. Cost will be £5 per night. There has been good feedback from camper van owners.

MMcK had received a letter from a Foreland resident complaining about overnight stays on the grass at the foreland, and sometimes antisocial behaviour. Robert Dalrymple and Mrs Dalrymple who own the land have suggested that people should not be allowed to park overnight. CB said she felt it is the responsibility of the landowner to prevent overnight stays. PH suggested that Robert Dalrymple could erect signs to this effect. CB remarked that there had been antisocial behaviour on the part of another resident who had protested about people being there. On a public highway the police can move people on, but they have no powers on private land. It was agreed that when you buy a property you do not buy the accompanying view. PH advised that the resident could get in touch with the landowner or her MP. It was also agreed that this letter of complaint is not representative of the views of the majority of the community. CB and MMcK will write to the resident on behalf of BCC.

Glenapp Castle Hotel now have their restaurant application complete and passed for 150 people. It was agreed that speed restrictions have to be set up on the road up to the hotel entrance. PH has spoken to the appropriate people at SAC and this is being dealt with. This process can take anything from 6 weeks to 6 months. PH has asked for it to be dealt with quickly.

There are still a large number of rabbits on the putting green. CB has asked around locally and it has been suggested that we ask one of the farmers, who will probably have an appropriate licence.

#### **5 POLICE REPORT:** as circulated

#### **6 TREASURER'S REPORT – AB**

Account balances unchanged. Otherwise nothing to report.

#### **7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

Lorraine O'Hare has applied on behalf of the "toilet group" to buy flowers, compost etc to tidy up the area near the toilets. They have also suggested erecting a notice board with local facilities listed on it, to encourage people who stop at the toilets to stay in the village. Total applied for is £300, to cover landscaping the area, putting pots and flowers in, and erecting a notice board. This has been applied for by Ballantrae Trust. Application agreed unanimously. LH wondered if SAC would help with compost etc, PH suggested she contact Fiona Ross at SAC. Permission may have to be obtained for erecting a notice board; this will be looked into.

#### **8 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND – MMcK**

A training session for two new members of the panel is being held tonight. Next meeting 10.5.21.

#### **9 CARRICK FUTURES AND KILGALLIOCH**

Carrick Futures – MMcK reported that the next meeting is next month. Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink: money has been put back for another year, so it can be used for the marquee. Kilgallioch – meeting next month.

#### **10 BALLANTRAE TRUST – CB**

Kings Arms is opening on 30.4.21. There will be a booking system. Posters will be put up; bookings will be made over the phone. Covid regulations will be followed. The accessible toilets have been upgraded and will be used by the ladies. The gents' toilets have also been upgraded with wash hand basins etc. The pub will be dog friendly. LH will bring dog poo bags to put up. £38000 has been raised in shares. AMcA has offered to help anyone fill in the application forms. Initial opening will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 6-9.30 pm. A temporary manager has been appointed who has local connections. The advert for a permanent position will be made public soon. Everyone congratulated the Trust on their hard work.

MMcK reported that an application for £5000 had been submitted to the Scottish Event Recovery Fund, for the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink. The application was successful. PH suggested contacting Claire Monaghan

as there is funding available from the Scottish Government for cancelled events. Foundation Scotland have allowed an application to go in for the funding which was not required for PPE; this had to be match funded. PH suggested continuing to put information online.

## **11 HARBOUR**

MMcK received an email from Shirley Mcllwraith, who has suggested a picnic table or large bench in front of the sheds or near the old lifeboat shed, so that people can sit there. CB said picnic benches have been produced for the pub at a cost of £95, which is very good value. Shirley Mcllwraith has also suggested that the steps down to the harbour are reinstated. PH said planning permission would be required. AB suggested putting a set of concrete steps alongside the ramp.

## **12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE** – No change

## **13 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The next covid vaccine day will be on 1.5.21.

## **14 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - PH**

PH said there have been issues about the mental health of staff and many are on sick leave. Staff have been subjected to abusive phone calls and emails from members of the public.

Work is also being done on improving the mental health of schoolchildren. Work is being done in communities with regard to getting the public involved in community planning. Vision 2030 has been published, showing a way forward for economic regeneration. £1.7m has been allocated to SAC. Help will be given to small businesses etc.

Flood risk management paper published today. SEPA had suffered a computer hack and lost a lot of data. One of the worst areas for projected flood risk is Prestwick. Scottish Water, SEPA and SAC are monitoring the situation.

Another £1.5m has been allocated for roads. Ayrshire Roads Alliance were not allowed to work during the lockdown, despite arguments being put forward for roadworks being done when the roads were quiet.

Taxis usually get a licence for 11 years; this has been extended for one year.

Station Hotel – a business case is being put to SAC tomorrow.

CB said that 5 people in the village have now asked about the allotments. PH suggested that they contact Chris Campbell at SAC, based in Girvan.

Hopefully a site will be allocated if there is enough interest.

Scottish Government have announced there will be activities for children during the summer holidays; meals will also be provided.

Outdoor activity developments, eg coastal paths, are progressing.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE** – As circulated

**16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

LH reported that the people who had caused some issues in Onslow Place have now left. The garden is in a terrible state with rats etc, as the permanent resident is not fit to deal with it. PH suggested contacting Girvan Housing Office and it will be dealt with.

CB reported that the application for Christmas lights has been submitted. The lights are kept under the stage in the hall.

CB mentioned the wild flowers which were discussed at the last meeting; it was suggested that they be planted on the path of grass across from the school, which belongs to the church. CB will find out more about this. It was agreed this should go forward. PH suggested speaking to the Parks Dept about getting seeds etc.

LH asked about the tennis courts being cleaned. PH suggested speaking to the Active Leisure Dept at SAC.

MMcK said there had been some local fly tipping, including furniture, fridge freezers, etc; this has been reported. PH reported that skips will be coming back. Communities will be discouraged from dumping illegal items such as asbestos etc.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 25 May 2021.