

Minutes of meeting of Ballantrae Community Council held on 26 April 2022 including AGM

Sederunt: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Laura Cunningham (LC); Cllr Peter Henderson (PH); John Hainey (JH); Becky Yuill (BY); Dave Langton (DL); Sharon Adams (SA); Deborah Cassels (DC); Liz Sullivan (LS) (SAC link Officer).

Apologies: Sean McIlwraith, John Campbell, Colin McNally

Welcome and introduction of the new Ballantrae Community Council for 2022.

AGM of the Community Council

Minutes of AGM: 30 April 2019 approved, proposed JH, seconded LC

Election of Office bearers

Chair: Mhairi McKenna

Proposed JH

Seconded LC

Vice-chair: Laura Cunningham

Proposed MM

Seconded SA

Secretary: Mhairi McKenna; (intermittent)

Proposed SA

Seconded DC

Treasurer: Sharon Adams

Proposed MM

Seconded DC

Agreed to advertise for a minutes secretary

Chairs report on previous years activities.

- Speeding through village raised with MSPs and SAC.
- Becoming a Biosphere community.

- Addressing fly tipping issues within the community council boundary.
- Working with various parties to try to resolve issues with Ardstinchar bridge, to date this has been unsuccessful. BCC are trying to create a heritage trail to include the bridge, the castle and the mausoleum.
- Armourer rock has been replaced at the harbour and the channel is to be cleared.
- New signage is in the process of being added at the harbour end of the Foreland to prohibit overnight parking.

Business of AGM concluded.

Main Community Council meeting

Minutes of meeting: 29 March 2022 approved, proposed JH, seconded LC

Matters arising

JH asked if there had been an update regarding the falling timber from the bridge. PH reported that there had been, and email update sent to MM and that ARA are currently looking at a safe access process for the works to be carried out.

DC asked if there was a process in place for adding times to the agenda for the Transport Scotland meeting on 23.05.22. Any items can be sent to Elana Whitham MSP, list MSPs, Alan Dorans MP. BCC to request minutes from A77 action group meetings. PH stated that there could be a further camera added to the centre of the village.

DC asked if there were any further details of the proposed additional Stena ferry from Dublin, PH stated this is still in the proposal phase.

BY asked if the signage has been ordered for the Foreland, MMcK reported they have been ordered and are awaiting delivery.

Police Report

None received this period.

Treasurer's report

No change from March 2022.

Community Benefit Fund - MMcK

No applications in this period

Ballantrae Community Fund

Ballantrae Community Fund, no meeting in this period

Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch

Carrick Futures, meeting 27.04.22

Kilgallioch AGM to be held 28.04.22

Report from Ballantrae Trust - LC, MMcK

KA/Bencom, lease and license currently being amended to be more in line with the current operating procedures. This weekend is the first anniversary of the reopening of the pub, there are several events planned to celebrate this landmark date. Discussions are ongoing with the Ballantrae Community Association for restarting the cinema. Plans are being discussed with a view to bring theatre events back to the village as soon as practically possible.

BFFD 25 stalls, booked inside and 4 outside, further 12 still to confirm. Online ticketing is running and people have started to buy tickets.

DC has stated that the sum up account and the ticketing site are set up for the Trust and this can be used for any other events in the future.

Report from the Community Association – No report

LC reported that BCA are working with Trust to restart the cinema screenings in the hall as a means of and increasing revenue to help maintain the hall.

Harbour Committee - SMcI

Clearing of the channel still to be completed at the next suitable low tide.

Ardstinchar Bridge

PH to further pursue the route of making a heritage/tourist trail for the mausoleum, castle and bridge to Historic Environment Scotland. Melissa McCulloch grants office for SAC is able to help with grant funding applications and Laura Kerr Tourism officer for SAC.

South Ayrshire Council - PH

PH Scotland loves local – credit/debit card/community wealth building has been introduced and local businesses are being encouraged to sign up. The card works like a prepaid card. Businesses can apply online or with SAC. The aim of the card is to help circulate money within the local economy. LS to forward further information to MMcK for distribution within the community.

PH stated that there have been no political decisions made since the last meeting due to the up coming council elections. Count for the election is carried out electronically on the following morning and then scrutineered separately.

Correspondence

None during this period.

Any other business

DC asked if the landfill site at Lendalfoot is to be closed, PH confirmed it is to be closed in May. Currently there are no plans for it to be replaced, the licence for the site has not been renewed. It is currently in the process of being capped and vented.

SA asked if it was possible for the gate to be removed from the tennis courts, a discussion was held and advise will be sought.

BY reported that heating oil has been stolen from a few houses in the village, PH stated that the Police are trying to deal with the issue, but it is increasing in all rural areas. Advice issued is to try to padlock tanks or install other security means.

Date of next meeting will be May 31 2022 at 19.00