

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 31 AUGUST 2021 IN KINGS ARMS HOTEL, BALLANTRAE**

**1 SEDERUNT:** Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Alan Bell (AB); Laura Cunningham (LC); Cllr Peter Henderson (PH); Tom Davidson (TD); John Hainey (JH); Becky Yuill (BY); Dave Langton (DL); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

**2 APOLOGIES:** Carol Bell; Colin McNally; Gwen Campbell; Police representatives

**3 MINUTES:** Approved, proposed by PH and seconded by LC.

### **4 MATTERS ARISING**

The police had responded, saying they did not know that BCC was meeting; they have now been informed again.

Kennedy Mausoleum – MMcK has spoken to Heritage Scotland who want very specific information. They have been invited to come and see the mausoleum but no further contact has been made. It seems planning permission will be required to do the work needed. It is thought to be a Grade 3 listed building.

### **5 POLICE REPORT**

There were 19 incidents in the period 1.7.21 – 31.8.21: one public nuisance, one theft, one false call, 2 silent 999 calls, 9 road traffic matters, one vandalism, 2 assisting members of the public, one sudden death and one child protection. From the 3 crime reports raised, one has been detected and 2 remain under investigation.

### **6 TREASURER'S REPORT – AB**

The balances remain the same as last month. £350 has been written in cheques. The account will go down by about £800, including the grant awarded to the darts team. All the accounts will be collapsed into one account to make administration easier.

### **7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - MMcK**

MMcK and CB had planned to speak to the North Carrick Community Benefit Group, but this has not yet been done.

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

The next meeting will be in early November. Closing date for applications was last week.

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

Carrick Futures – LC reported that the next meeting is on 6.10.21. The application deadline is 9.11.21 for the January meeting. AGM will be held on 27.10.21; this will be online.

Kilgallioch – MMcK said that 2 potential new directors are being interviewed this week. There are 30 applications for funding.

## **10 BALLANTRAE TRUST – AB**

Kings Arms – the main objective was getting the food up and running. So far this is going well although there is a shortage of staff.

An AGM is being arranged, as well as an AGM of the Kings Arms management committee. The Trust AGM will possibly be held in November, with a closing date for nominations being 24.9.21.

Biosphere and Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink meetings are being held on Zoom. PH reported that the Biosphere road signs will be going up shortly.

MMcK asked about the 20mph limit in other villages. PH said that Amey are responsible for the main trunk roads and it is unlikely the speed limits will be reduced on these roads. PH remarked that Amey seem to be far more efficient than Transerve. JH said there are signs missing which should be there; PH will follow this up.

## **11 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - LC**

AGM will be held on 15.9.21.

Two of the 3 current office holders are standing down. There is a drive to get new people involved. If this does not happen the hall will revert back to being managed by SAC. LC encouraged people to come forward to benefit the village. The funds would also be under the management of SAC. DL asked what activities take place in the hall; LC listed the various groups and events which take place. PH said it is vital that the village has a Community Association to prevent serious consequences long term.

PH said Girvan Youth Trust who are very active are looking to come out to the villages and organise activities and events.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran have booked booster clinics for covid vaccines in October, November, December and January.

## **12 HARBOUR – AB**

The metal work has been done; no bill has yet been received.

TD asked when the harbour was last checked for damage. AB will have a look and report back; he will also have a word with John McIlwraith.

## **13 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE**

PH reported that grant applications are open for the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Applications will be made for the bridge, the castle and hopefully the mausoleum.

The Scottish Heritage Fund is coming up in November and PH has sought help from Colin Love regarding an application. It was suggested a heritage trail be set up. New photos have been taken by SAC to assess the condition of the bridge.

## **14 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – PH**

The UK Government has been working on a levelling up fund. A joint bid with Dumfries and Galloway is being made for £90m for the A77. Stena and P&O have already said they will move to Heysham and Liverpool if significant work is not done on the road. PH has also been working with the councillors in N. Ireland. Five separate funds have been applied to. There is also some work being done with North

and East Ayrshire. The A714 has had some work done on it, and more work is planned. The Maybole bypass is progressing well and it may be open by the end of the year. Material costs have gone through the roof and there is no sign of these costs decreasing; there are also huge delays in getting lots of items.

Furlough ends at the end of this month and there is £20 being taken off Universal Credit. There have also been significant water shortages. SAC supplied water to households who had run out. One school ran out of water last week, and animal welfare on farms etc has also been an issue.

SAC has 38% of their staff off work, either with covid or isolating. The staff have been fantastic. SAC is the only council in the UK who did not stop waste pickups.

MMcK asked about wood lorries using “C” class roads near Balkissock. PH said that Forest Scotland have the right to extract timber and the landowner has given permission. PH has spoken to Kevin Braidwood who is now head of Ayrshire Roads Alliance, and this is being looked at. PH will report back. If the road is damaged it has to be reinstated.

Girvan Bingo Hall has been demolished. The area will be landscaped.

£6m has been given for covid recovery.

Afghan refugees – SAC can take 6 families. They are being offered £15 per person per night. There is a move to free up Ministry of Defence houses.

The unions have rejected pay offer and are balloting for strike action. School cleaners, school cooks, etc, are being targeted. They have been offered 3%, and a bit more for lower paid workers.

### **15 CORRESPONDENCE** – As circulated

An email has been received saying that Billy McCubbin is retiring from piping at events after 40 years. Would BCC be interested in giving a donation for a gift? LC suggested that this be done by BCA and she will take it forward.

An email has been received from Liz Grace about the camper vans on the Foreland. She has had a conversation with Mrs Dalrymple who is willing to help. MMcK suggested putting up a sign saying “no overnight camping”. PH said if Mr Dalrymple puts up signs and people breach it they can be prosecuted by the police. The motor home trial has been a success in other places and it is hoped this will be brought in here. Chemical disposal points will be put in. It is known there has been a problem with waste from chemical toilets being dumped in the sea or in the public toilets, which is not satisfactory. BY said she feels it is rude that people park outside her house and make a noise etc. TD asked about farmers opening Certified Location sites. PH said this was tried in Dumfries and Galloway and was not successful. At the moment the nearest chemical toilet disposal point is in Girvan. PH reported that SAC have no legal power to stop people parking. DL asked if Mr Dalrymple could sell or rent the land, and it could then be fenced off with a height restriction. This would allow the day visitors to come, but prevent camper vans at night. PH said

public right of way would have to be looked into, but added that if anyone is causing a disturbance the registration number should be taken and the police informed. PH also said that fly tippers will be prosecuted. There is a right to roam in Scotland, but you cannot light fires or leave waste. MMcK will phone Mr Dalrymple.

#### **16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AB asked on behalf of Carol Bell about the Red Hand of Ulster flag which is in a garden in the village. It was suggested this should be reported to the police.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 28 September 2021