

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2022

1 SEDERUNT: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Laura Cunningham (LC); Cllr Peter Henderson (PH); John Hailey (JH); Sean McIlwraith (SMcI); Becky Yuill; Helen Bayliss; Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES: Carol Bell; Colin McNally; Gwen Campbell; Police representatives. Alan Bell has resigned from BCC. MMcK noted that signatories etc for the bank accounts will have to be sorted out.

3 MINUTES: Approved as accurate record; proposed by LC and seconded by JH.

4 MATTERS ARISING

The litter signs have been put up in Barrhill. It is hoped Ballantrae will get signs erected soon. Hopefully the law will be changed to allow spot fines for littering.

A grant of £14000 is being awarded from the Coastal Fund for work on the harbour. Applications can be made for other work in the village. The money comes from Crown Estates and the available amount is variable.

A member of the public has contacted the MP and MSP regarding vehicles speeding through the village. They are visiting the village next week to look at traffic speeds.

5 POLICE REPORT – no report

6 TREASURER’S REPORT – no report at present

7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - MMcK

The secretary to the Ballantrae Trust has applied for £500 for office supplies etc, and this has been approved.

8 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND – MMcK

No applications had been submitted so meeting was not held.

9 CARRICK FUTURES AND KILGALLIOCH

Carrick Futures (LC) – meeting held 26.1.22. No applications from Ballantrae. A separate meeting will be held to update the articles of the association. Stuart Green will be the next Chair as Roger Pirrie has resigned.

Kilgallioch (MMcK) – next meeting 24.2.22.

10 BALLANTRAE TRUST – MMcK

AGM will be held on 24.2.22. An election for the board of directors will be held. Bencom are still running the Kings Arms.

11 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Chair is ill at present and the Secretary is going away for a few months. The Treasurer is continuing in post.

It has been suggested that the film and theatre events are recommenced. PH reported that events through the Gaiety are also starting again.

12 HARBOUR – SMcI

SMcI reported he has spoken to Gordon Hyslop about the work on the harbour. Robert Dalrymple will be asked about permission to access the harbour over the grass area; this will be reinstated to its present condition on completion of the work.

13 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – no report

14 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – PH

The motorhome parking area in Ballantrae has been approved. This will be a trial for 6 motorhomes initially. A disposal point for chemical toilets will be installed. Spaces will be booked online, and the area will be managed by traffic wardens. Hopefully it will be up and running by Easter. The charge will be £10 per night for a maximum of 3 nights. The Motor Home Association is happy with the proposal. HB asked about the no parking signs at the Foreland; these will be ordered and erected.

There are problems with procurement supplies for building construction, food, etc. There are also problems with staffing levels.

The budget will be on 3.3.22. Clarity is awaited regarding an increase in council tax. Purdah is 14.3.22. No political decisions will be made from then until the election.

PH was invited to Glenapp Castle Hotel; another large investment programme will commence in the form of holiday lodges and the new restaurant will be open to the public. 85% of employees are local, and locally sourced food is also used. Donations from profits are sent to less wealthy communities worldwide.

PH reported he is meeting with the new Transport Minister, Network Rail and Historical Scotland later this month to try to resolve the ongoing issue of the Station Hotel in Ayr.

The new school programme in Maybole and Girvan is ongoing. The Flushes car park is being altered to allow more parking access.

15 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ian Fitzsimmons is not standing for election; Peter Henderson and Alec Clark are both standing. There are various other candidates.

HB asked if the train services were going to be extended. The service is being nationalised from 1.4.22, and it remains to be seen what changes will be made. HB added that the infrastructure in this area is very poor.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 29 March 2022