

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2022

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

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

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

It is not clear who owns the footpath beside the shop. PH suggested asking the planning team as all the information is on computer. MMcK will contact Anthony McGuinness.

PH will ask about the litter signs at the Barrhill CC meeting tomorrow night.

5 POLICE REPORT

December 2021 – 20 incidents including 2 crime reports;
January 2022 to date – 7 incidents including one crime report which has been detected.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – MMcK

BCC account - £12488.81.
£2000 has been received from Kilgallioch, and £5000 from Carrick Futures.

7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - MMcK

An application has been received from Ballantrae Trust. The Trust office has been recently set up at the pub. The Development Officer will be available on a Wednesday. Members of the community can raise issues about the Trust with her. A proper office with equipment is required. A photocopying and laminating service will be offered. They will also require various stationery items. The application is for £500 for office supplies and software. Approved unanimously.

MMcK reported that several items, eg Ipads, wireless mice, laptop locks, etc, are available. She will ask the school if they would be of benefit to any children who do not have access to this equipment, or they will be offered to groups in the village.

8 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND – MMcK

No report at present.

9 CARRICK FUTURES AND KILGALLIOCH

Carrick Futures – meeting tomorrow. No applications from Ballantrae; application deadline is 14.2.22.
Kilgallioch – next application deadline early February 2022.

10 BALLANTRAE TRUST – MMcK

Bencom is now running the Kings Arms. There is a new board.
It is hoped films and theatre events at the hall will be reinstated.

11 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION- meeting next week.

12 HARBOUR – SMcI

PH said there is a coastal fund which pays out funds to coastal communities 4 times per year. Applications are open until 6.2.22. The amount paid out is increasing as some seabed areas have been sold for windfarm development. LC will fill in the application and send it to MMcK.

13 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – no report

14 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – PH

Local government elections will be held in May. No political decisions will be made after 14.3.22. The results of a Dept of Transport report on strategic tasks has been published. There is very limited mention of South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway. It will all be open for consultation. People are encouraged to participate in input.

Maybole bypass will hopefully open very shortly; it has been held up due to a shortage in supplies.

News about the levelling up event is awaited.

There is also a proposal to reinstate the rail link for ferries, and it has been proposed that the railway station be moved from Stranraer to Cairnryan.

£6.5m is being cut from the budget.

Robert Burns Humanitarian Award process is ongoing.

Investment planning is ongoing for Prestwick including a lot of investment in youth training. There will also be a large knock on effect with an increase in jobs for the supply chains.

A considerable amount of road improvement work has been done.

There is a staffing struggle in health and social care, which is causing bed blocking in hospitals.

15 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MMcK reported on a document received regarding vehicles speeding through the village. The police have said it is not valid because it does not show the speed between 2 points. This will be looked at. The police will train up to 12 villagers to use speed cameras. More information will be obtained regarding the speeding statistics and the issue will then be discussed again. PH said the evidence from similar schemes show that the scheme does work. MMcK asked why traffic lights, speed bumps, etc, cannot be installed. PH said there are restrictions regarding these on main roads and the traffic lights in Springholm have been shown to be dangerous. MMcK asked about a pedestrian crossing in the village; it is thought there might not be enough footfall. PH suggested emailing the local MP and MSP.

JH asked about extending the speed limited area to beyond the double junction for Glenapp Castle and Laggan. PH suggested contacting Amey.

JH also reported that the 30mph sign is down at the south side of the village; PH suggested also reporting this to Amey.

Work on the Ballantrae website is continuing.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 February 2022