

Minutes of meeting of Ballantrae Community Council held on 31 January 2023 19:00

Sederunt: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Laura Cunningham (LC); Sharon Adams (SA); Deborah Cassels (DC); John Campbell (JC); Kim Mawer (KM); Claire Erskine (CE); Sean McIlwraith (SM); Kevin Braidwood Ayrshire Roads Alliance (KB); Callum Macdonald (CM)

Apologies:, Colin McNally, Police representative, Cllr Peter Henderson, John Hainey.

Minutes of meeting: 29 November 2022 approved, proposed SA, seconded KM

Welcome

MMcK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Matters arising

JC asked that the BCC approach The Ballantrae Trust and Bencom current and former board members, along with all the individuals involved in the acquisition of the King's Arms pub to attend an open public meeting to discuss a way forward for the project. A discussion was held as to a way forward with address JCs concerns. MMcK suggested offering an invitation to the next community council meeting, to The Ballantrae Trust and Bencom.

JC left the meeting at 19:45.

A vote was held on this proposal and the majority of the community council members present did not agree with this proposal.

Police Report

There was no report issued for the current period.

MMcK and SA attended a CC chair meeting with representatives of SAC, other CCs and police representatives. At this meeting representatives of the police reported that they will no longer be issuing police reports to CCs or attending meetings. They will be holding quarterly meetings via zoom, for all CCs.

Treasurer's report - SA

General account balance £84.00 no change in the period.

Harbour account balance £1,887.40 no change in the period.

Community Benefit fund account:

Opening balance: £7,837.21

Closing balance: £5,960.65

Interest accrued £10.74

Grants issued in the month: Horticultural Society £500; BCA £500 fireworks; BCA £500 Christmas family event; Scottish county dancing £317 dancing teacher expenses; Crafty Bees £70 Christmas crafts.

Ballantrae Community fund account.

Opening balance: £2,903.97

Closing balance: £2,907.55

Change in the month: interest accrued.

Community Benefit Fund (Carrick Futures) - SA

Community Association grant approved for repairs to the community notice board - £244.44

Ballantrae Trust approved to help facilitate cinema screenings throughout the year- £450.00

Ballantrae Trust approved for food at the murder mystery event- £116.75

Ballantrae Community Fund - MMcK

No meeting in the period.

Applications to the Ballantrae education fund are now being accepted.

Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch

Carrick Futures meeting took place on 18 January, there was one application from the Ballantrae Trust which was unsuccessful.

Kilgallioch meeting was held in early December, no applications from Ballantrae.

Report from Ballantrae Trust - MMcK

KA/Bencom

The SGM held on 16 January raised some interesting questions and suggestions all of which are being explored. The Management Committee are continuing to work with Community Enterprise to find a solution to the funding issues and make plans to move the business forward.

Ballantrae Trust

A fun packed day to end the BCA Festival of light and The Trust's offering for the villages Christmas party came together in December. A huge thanks to all the helpers that put on a great day for all. Into the new year, we had our first event in the shape of the Gaiety Theatres own take on a murder mystery which was well received by nearly fifty guests who tucked into some Burns fare, while asking questions of the suspects. We have a new subgroup within the Trust who are planning a whole catalogue of events for the year ahead with at least one per month, exciting times ahead. There are other projects in the pipeline and these will be reported on later in the year.

Community Association MMcK

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 February at 7pm.

Harbour Committee – SM

SM has received two quotations for the harbour remedial works one for £30,000 and a further for £5,200. Due to the level of grant funding required it is anticipated that a minimum of three quotations will be required, currently there are no other contractors in the area able to supply additional quotations.

Ardstinchar Bridge

No report in the period.

South Ayrshire Council – PH

No representative present at meeting.

MMcK to contact PH to request an update on the changes to weekend bus services. Some services have been withdrawn without notice.

Correspondence

Notification of A77 a full weekend closure 8 pm 10 February to 6 am 13 February and overnight closures 13 February to 16 February. Access will be via Newton Stewart.

Any other business

Kevin Braidwood from Ayrshire Roads Alliance attended the meeting at the request of Cllr Alec Clark to give some insight into the maintenance of the village roads, excluding trunk roads. MMcK asked for Kevin to explain the current forward planning for the coming year. KB explained that due to the ongoing conflict in the Ukraine there has been a reduction in the availability of macadam for road repairs. There is a forward programme for the next financial year 2023/2024 in the region of £3.5 million pounds for the whole of the regional network including, all of South Ayrshire and East Ayrshire. Therefore, any repairs are likely to be limited due to the extensive demands on this budget. DC requested installation of a 30 mph signage on the road up to Garleffin. KB agreed that new signage will be installed.

DC and MMcK attended a further meeting regarding pedestrian safety on 16 January, with representatives from Transport Scotland, Police Scotland and Elena Whitman MSP. DC reported progress to date, including increased police patrols in the village and progression of the 40 MPH speed limit on the south side of the village. A pedestrian survey is to be carried out before the end of March 2023. Actions from the meeting included:

- Transport Scotland to review the signage at the south approach to the village in terms of the right-hand bend, and to explore signage enhancements for the school crossing.
- Transport Scotland to provide an update on the Pedestrian Survey once reported.
- Police Scotland to perform speed gun demo with meeting members in Ballantrae.
- Elena Whitham MSP to take forward approach to SAC/ARA re their active travel plans for the village.
- Tracy Hamilton to make enquiries about potential funding streams for Community Speed Watch initiative.
- Dr Mhairi McKenna and Debbie Cassels to discuss the Community Speed Watch initiative at the next meeting of the BCC and return with advice if they wish to proceed with a view to follow up support meetings from Police Scotland.
- Transport Scotland to provide an update on the 40mph speed limit proposal once available.
- Transport Scotland to provide an update regarding the Average Speed Camera review once the information is available.
- Transport Scotland to provide an update on the Sprinholm trial where traffic lights change to red when they detect an approaching speeding vehicle.

MMcK reported that the next 'Planning for Ballantrae' will be held on Tuesday 7 February, 19:00 in the hall.

MMcK reported that the BCC have received a warning from SAC regarding the use of the community skip. Prohibited items have been placed in the skip, if this happens again the BCC will be fined. This issue was discussed, a decision was made to publicise this infringement, via the BCC Facebook channel, along with the proposal to remove the provision of the skip altogether if prohibited items are found again.

Date of next meeting will be February 28, 2023 at 19:00