

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 27 JULY 2021 VIA ZOOM

1 SEDERUNT: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Alan Bell (AB); Carol Bell (CB); Laura Cunningham (LC); Cllr Peter Henderson (PH); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES: Tom Davidson; John Hainey; Gwen Campbell; Colin McNally

3 MINUTES: Approved, proposed by CB and seconded by LC.

4 MATTERS ARISING

A letter was sent to the Foreland resident but she is still unhappy about the number of camper vans. PH said that BCC have done everything correctly and there is nothing SAC can do about it.

Bennane Shore have had the application for more caravans turned down; the other site in Lendalfoot has had permission granted for more caravans.

The rabbit holes have been filled in at the putting green, and the green is now open.

The rabbits have now dug more holes.

5 POLICE REPORT: No report received. PH said he will follow this up, and asked MMcK to email Chief Inspector Brian Anderson. No reports have gone into the junk email box.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – AB

Harbour account balance £18.

Current account balance £6575.75, still about £400 to go out.

Savings account balance £1661.97

New account balance about £220.

AB suggesting putting all the accounts into one account. None of the banks can do business in the branches; everything is done online. MMcK and AB are signatories along with Andy McAlpine and John McIlwraith for some accounts. Unity Bank has been used for the BenComm, seemingly because no other banks were taking new business accounts, and it was suggested that they be used. Everyone at the meeting agreed on this. An email will be sent to the other BCC members to ensure there are no objections. AB will send out the email.

7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - MMcK

There had been some discussion about having a meeting with the North Carrick Community Benefit group regarding the question of administering the funds ourselves. PH said they have linked the villages for various projects. They have also raised £8m for the regeneration of Maybole, which has been a lot of work over a number of years, and they have a lot of expertise. CB has spoken to the group; discussion will ensue about doing some joint work with them. LC said that this group employ a project co-ordinator and the administration fee is very similar to the fee charged by Foundation Scotland.

8 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND – MMcK

No report since the meeting in May. MMcK said she does not want to get involved with administering applications.

9 CARRICK FUTURES AND KILGALLIOCH

Carrick Futures – LC reported that a meeting is being held tonight; no applications from Ballantrae.

Kilgallioch – MMcK said that they are looking for new directors, particularly younger people and females. Two applications have been received which will be shortlisted.

10 BALLANTRAE TRUST – CB

Kings Arms – work is continuing. Mark has been offered a permanent contract; the Scottish Land Fund are happy with this. Alex Wilson will be working in the kitchen. A hospitality student from Ayr College is doing a placement at present.

Biosphere Certificate has been received and road signs will be erected accordingly. PH suggested contacting Ayrshire Roads Alliance and signs will be made; CB said this is being done.

MMcK gave feedback from the virtual Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink; there were 26833 hits on the website. Next year it is hoped the event will be hybrid, with both digital and live elements.

11 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - LC

AGM still be to be arranged. MMcK has looked into a risk assessment being done for the hall to allow meetings. The lady who deals with this at SAC is on annual leave at present. LC has had a meeting with a representative from SAC and 2 other members of BCA. LC also reported that someone from SAC was in the hall today asking questions of the hallkeeper; this is totally inappropriate. PH agreed it was inappropriate and will look into it. John Thorburn has been trying to arrange a meeting with Tracey Whiteford, Community Learning and Development Officer.

12 HARBOUR – no report

13 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE

MMcK has had discussions with Heritage Scotland about the Kennedy Mausoleum, as the windows need replaced. Heritage Scotland are interested in the bridge, the castle and the mausoleum, but no information has been obtained about the need for planning permission. PH had checked with SAC and thought that as it is a private historical building there should not be a problem. The mausoleum is owned by a branch of the Kennedy family in Australia. It is hoped the building can be made watertight.

14 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - PH

Last week private water supplies had run out in the hot weather; over 300 houses in Carrick have private water supply. SAC supplied water to the houses; this is technically the responsibility of the householder as they do not pay water rates, so Scottish Water would charge for it. There was also a concern about animal welfare.

There is a shortage of care workers, hospitality workers and HGV drivers. There are shortages of items such as wood and cement, and there is also a distribution issue with food due to the HGV driver shortage. There is also a worldwide shortage of microchips and this is holding back the development of more electric charging points for cars. The cost of the new campus school in Maybole has increased by £5m.

There is a huge problem with littering. Amey now collect litter from the roads. Progress is being made on A77 improvement projects.

The trial for the camper van overnight sites is going well, and very good feedback has been received.

The Scottish Welfare Fund has been very busy with crisis grants.

The fire at Troon Station was caused by old ticket stubs set alight by sun through a window.

A housing consultation is being done at present; there is less demand for large houses. Hopefully more houses for the village are in the planning stage.

Early Years will be expanded at the end of September. Assistance is needed with childcare for a local family.

The flooding on Shore Road was addressed. Scottish Water will be working on an area near the school.

A memorial garden has been set up in Hamilton Park, Girvan, and a ceremony was held.

AB asked how many caravans can be on the site at Lendalfoot. Planning was passed years ago for 40 caravans. The area is now being extended.

15 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CB said there is an application from the Kings Arms darts team for £500 for equipment; this was agreed unanimously.

CB also shared a card from Lynn and Bob Nield saying thank you for their leaving gift.

Fiona Ross has tulip bulbs and will help to buy wild flower seeds.

CB said someone has been in touch about the rabbits on the putting green, and he will deal with them in September after the mating season.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 31 August 2021 at 7pm