

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28.5.19 IN BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SEDERUNT: Sharon Robertson (SR) (Chair); Thomas Davidson (TD); Mhairi McKenna (MMcK); Linden Hunt (LH); Gwen Campbell (GC); Carol Bell (CB); Alan Bell (AB); John Hainey (JH); Cllr Alex Clark (AF); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary); Lynn Neild (LN); Andy McAlpine (AMcA); PC Steve Woodley; Sgt Chris Hynds; Sean McIlwraith (SMcI)

2 APOLOGIES: Colin McNally; Laura Cunningham

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed as an accurate record with a few small corrections, proposed by SR and seconded by AB.

4 MATTERS ARISING

McCulloch Rail staff have cut back the overgrown areas. JH said that the telegraph pole has been renewed.

AC reported back about the broken flower planters, and asked if BCC would consider replacement of these with wooden half barrels, as the stone planters are very expensive. LN will discuss this at the BCA meeting next week.

AC said that it may be advantageous to disconnect the electricity supply to the scout hut. There is £242 of credit on the electricity bill. AMcA will speak to the group scout leader. The issue around asset transfer will be considered, along with ownership of the hut, responsibility for upkeep, etc. AMcA will only ask about the electricity being disconnected; the other issues will be left on the back burner at present.

LH has made dog poo bags and has made 4 holders, which have been put up in various sites around the village. Dog fouling seems to have decreased. LH will be reimbursed costs for this.

5 POLICE REPORT – Sgt Chris Hynds

Sgt Hynds introduced himself and PC Steve Woodley from the locality policing team. Sgt Hynds is taking over from Sgt McDowall. A new chief inspector is being appointed.

Police will be attending the forthcoming Food and Drink Festival.

LH said that speeding continues through the village. Sgt Hynds said that the police will be in the village more often, and several issues are being looked in with regard to road safety, eg chicanes, bumps, signage, traffic lights, etc.

There were 7 incidents in the last month, 5 road traffic and 2 miscellaneous.

6 HARBOUR COMMITTEE

SMcI works in and out of the harbour regularly.

He said that a set of ladders, the furthest out set, are starting to come loose at the bottom and will need brackets replaced. He said he knows someone who could give a quote for the work, and has sent pictures. It will probably require welding and some cement work. JH suggested using specialist treated equipment for sea water. It was agreed that the other ladders should also be looked at.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT – AB

It has taken 4 visits to the bank in Ayr, along with numerous phone calls, to sort out the bank accounts. Paper forms have now been filled in after the online system failed. AB and MMcK are signatories. Electronic banking is now working. SR pointed out that as Chair she should also be a signatory. AB will follow this up. **ACTION AB**

8 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - SR

Ballantrae Youth Club have applied for £500 for art and sports equipment so that the club can offer a wide range of activities. Approved.

Ballantrae in Bloom have also applied for £500. A grant was received from Carrick Futures to replace the information boards on the Foreland. John Greenhill had said it would be difficult to change the original graphics to the new boards. The company who did the original graphics have quoted £576 for new graphics. Ballantrae in Bloom would pay the extra £76. Approved.

There is currently £430 in the fund, with £500 on hold for the red squirrel group. It was agreed that £500 be paid to Ballantrae in Bloom just now, and the youth club be paid when the top-up comes.

9 CARRICK FUTURES/BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND – no report

10 BALLANTRAE TRUST – AMcA

AGM was scheduled for 16.5.19 but has been postponed to allow completion of paperwork required by Companies House/OSCR. AGM rescheduled for 20.6.19.

Stinchar Valley Magazine summer edition will be issued w/c 3.6.19; this is also the deadline for the July edition of Ballantrae News, which will issue before the end of June.

The MUGA should be completed in the park by mid June. Fiona Stevenson and Cheryl Agnew organised a sponsored walk on 19.5.19 for playpark development funds; total amount raised not finalised yet.

Festival of Food and Drink will be held 8/9 June. Admission is £4 per day or £6 for a weekend ticket; Ballantrae residents can buy a weekend ticket for £4. Ballantrae Gin is being launched on the Saturday; presales are very good and a second batch is being produced. There will be 5 demonstrations each day, a make your own kite and fly it event, foraging sessions, and 45 stalls. A ceilidh is being held on Saturday evening in the hall. Free buses are being put on during the day from Girvan, Stranraer, and down through the Stinchar Valley. Tickets for the ceilidh are going on sale soon, probably at a cost of £5. There is a bar and a band. Music will be ongoing throughout both days in the marquee.

Ayrshire Rural Touring Network are putting on a play “549 Scots of the Spanish Civil War” on 18.6.19. The Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra are playing in Ballantrae on 18.8.19.

A SAC AMBITION Workshop entitled “Facebook for Business” is being held in the village on 21.6.19.

The new village website is receiving positive feedback from locals and visitors. It will shortly be handed over by the web designer for the Trust to update and maintain the content.

The Trust board had a visit earlier this month from a representative of “the pub is the hub” to share experiences and look around the Kings Arms. This organisation helps communities take over pubs and shops. There is now funding available for various surveys; if the results are positive a community consultation will be held to confirm whether there is support to pursue purchase.

11 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – LH

No BCA meeting has been held.

It is hoped that the blinds will be fitted before the Spanish civil war production.

LH said that the school had fenced off an area outside the hall which has now been removed. Weeding has not been done and the roses have not been pruned. AC will follow this up. **ACTION AC**

12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – ongoing.

13 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – AC

A very successful Rural Forum was held in Annbank Primary School. The next meeting will be held in Ballantrae; date to be confirmed. Points can be raised through an agenda or on an open forum.

AMcA said that LH has an article in the next edition of Stinchar Valley Magazine saying what a good event it was; LH and AMcA both attended. Hopefully this will encourage communities to attend events and engage about issues affecting them.

14 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

A relaxed golf event is being held for people with reduced mobility on 13.6.19 at Girvan Golf Club.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SR said she has received several complaints about piles of wood on the Foreland. Wood is now being brought to the area by tractor and there are now 3 piles of wood. The putting green has never been properly fenced off. AC will follow this up. **ACTION AC**

JH asked about a fencing issue for residents who have been told that SAC do not carry out work on fences any more. AC said this is not the case, and the residents should contact him about the issue and he will deal with it.

Footpath at Onslow Place – work has been done.

Road sweeper – there were issues around this as one road sweeper had broken down and several staff were off sick. It seems the sweeper came but did not clear the whole village. AC will follow this up again.

AB asked when the electric car point is going live? AC will follow this up. It is in the car park on the front.

SR proposed LH as Vice Chair; this was seconded by AB.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 25.6.19