

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2021

1 SEDERUNT: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Alan Bell (AB); Laura Cunningham (LC); Cllr Peter Henderson (PH); John Hailey (JH); Sean McIlwraith (SMcI); Dave Langton (DL); Helen Bagliss (HB); R Yuill (RY); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

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

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

MMcK has had a further conversation with Robert Dalrymple regarding signage about overnight parking, 3 signs in total: one at the harbour, one at the bottom of Shore Road and one by the lagoon. PH reported that Barrhill CC have recently erected signage around their village. MMcK will contact the Chair of Barrhill CC to obtain information about quotations for signage.

PH reported there will be a further roll-out of the campervan overnight parking scheme which was trialled in Girvan over the summer of 2021. Currently the proposals are for it to be extended to Prestwick and Ballantrae and for it to continue at the QuayZone in Girvan. The new proposals will allow for more than one night and charges will be reviewed.

JH asked about vehicles driving on the SSSI area; they should not be on the area. PH said it is not the responsibility of SAC but that of Nature Scotland.

The Arran Avenue Neighbours Group had obtained Christmas lights and are being reimbursed.

5 POLICE REPORT

27 incidents in period 27.9.21 – 29.11.21, with 6 crime reports being raised (5 detected).

Road traffic matters 8; RTA 2; assist member of the public 2; domestic incident 2; communications 1; lost property 1; silent 999 call 2; animals 1; alarm 2; police information 1; hate 1; missing person 1; neighbour dispute 1; external agency request 1; sudden death 1.

AB raised a concern about the hate crime; PH said it was related to religion. MMcK will follow this up.

Speedwatch – MMcK asked if a meeting about this would be of benefit. Andy McAlpine had attended an earlier meeting about it.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – MMcK

Savings account - £1662

BCC account - £5817.88

Harbour account – as last month

There will be £73.50 going to the Arran Avenue Neighbours Group, and £256.20 to the youth club for equipment.

Accounts will be amalgamated once the Trust accounts have been reviewed.

7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - MMcK

As discussed.

8 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND – MMcK

No report at present

9 CARRICK FUTURES AND KILGALLIOCH

Carrick Futures - LC reported that the AGM was held on 3.11.21. Stuart Green and LC reappointed as directors from Ballantrae.

Kilgallioch – applications will be discussed on 13.12.21 and 14.12.21. MMcK will be away, but may join the meeting via Zoom.

10 BALLANTRAE TRUST – MMcK

The Trust has now moved the running of the pub to a separate group. All the funding issues have been sorted accordingly. The pub itself should now run as a separate unit; this is required under the lease. So far all of the money spent on the pub has equalised. None of the share money has been spent.

Karen Stewart has taken over as temporary Chair. A formal election will be held at the AGM. Sue McDougall is going to take over as Treasurer.

The fire escape is being fixed as there is sufficient funding to pay for this. There is still some money available for further improvements. Some work on the roof is also required. The next phase will be improvements on the bedrooms. Bar and food sales are going well.

Director training will be run by DTAS for members of the Trust and Bencom.

Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink – hopefully a hybrid event will be held next summer, depending on the covid situation. Some bookings have been made. Next year will be Theme of the Story, so it is hoped local stories could be used. The event will be held on 11-12 June 2021. At the last BFFD Biosphere organised a Zoom presentation. Next year Biosphere is 10 years old so it is hoped they will link up with Biosphere on the Isle of Man, and also celebrate their 10th anniversary.

The Gaiety are putting on a performance of the Lost Elves at the school.

Ballantrae News – the electronic version has gone out. There will also be a hard copy in the shop.

11 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Last meeting was cancelled.

12 HARBOUR – SMcI

SMcI reported that Gordon Hyslop has given a quote for putting bigger rocks in place to protect the harbour. He will need to hire a bigger digger for the large stones. This would cost about £14500 including VAT. Luce Bay had quoted a total of £15000 including VAT. Topping Construction had quoted £14212 plus VAT. Gordon Hyslop had given the best quote. The job will probably need to be done on the spring tide. PH suggested contacting Crown Estates as there will be funding available for coastal community grants. This is administered through Claire Monaghan at SAC. LC has had a conversation with Foundation Scotland and there is apparently too much ambiguity regarding ownership, insurance, etc. PH suggested also asking the local MSP about funding available.

13 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – no report

14 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – PH

CC elections will run 10.1.22 – 31.3.22. The new book and new regulations are being issued.

Kincaidston explosion – investigations are continuing into the cause of the explosion. There is a special fund for such exceptional circumstances.

Work continues on the budget, which is challenging. Budget will be announced on 9.12.21. SAC is above target for house building, but this has been difficult due to covid and also the shortage of supplies.

15 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rabbits on putting green – it is not known if they have been dealt with.

Maybole bypass will hopefully be open before Christmas. Work will continue on the development of the new swimming pool.

It has been requested that BCC minutes be put on the Ballantrae website. This can be done after they have been approved. AB suggested they could also be put up in the pub. LC will access the website if possible, and will find out who is responsible for the website and follow this up.

JH reported that the footpath beside the hall is in a very poor state and this will only get worse in the winter weather. A number of elderly people use the footpath. PH said that in other villages salt is supplied and some local people apply it to the footpaths. Ownership of the path will have to be established.

LC asked what is happening about the Christmas lights. They are under the stage in the hall. They will have to be located and examined. PH suggested applying early to SAC for Christmas lights for next year, to Jamie Tait in Thriving Communities.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 25 January 2022