

Minutes of meeting of Ballantrae Community Council held on 25 October 2022
19:00pm

Sederunt: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Laura Cunningham (LC); Cllr Alec Clark (AC); Sharon Adams (SA); Deborah Cassels (DC); John Campbell (JC); Sean McIlwraith (SM); John Hainey (JH); Kim Mawer (KM); Claire Erskine (CE); Liz Sullivan (LS); Becky Yuill (BY); Dave Langton.

Apologies: Colin McNally, Shirley McIlwraith, Police representative

Minutes of meeting: 27 September 2022 approved, proposed DC, seconded SM

Welcome

MMcK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Matters arising

AC has had confirmation from Kevin Braidwood that the public road, and therefore the responsibility for repair by SAC, finishes at the junction of the Foreland and Harbour Green. BCC will need to apply for windfarm, Crown Estates or Coastal Communities funding along with the monies for the harbour pointing and repairs. As yet there is no confirmation of the date for Crown Estates or the Coastal Communities Fund opening.

Police Report

Police report issued after the meeting but no representative of the Police present at the meeting.

There were 7 incidents raised within the period 27/09/2022 to 26/10/2022, with 4 crime reports being created from these incidents, 2 of which have been detected.

Incident breakdown:

Road Traffic Matter: 3

Disturbance: 2

Animals: 1

Abandoned 999: 1

Crime Report Analysis:

2 X Road Traffic Offences detected.

Treasurer's report - SA

General account balance £84.00

Harbour account balance £1,887.40

Community Benefit fund account balance £9,817

Ballantrae Community fund account balance £2,903.02

SA reported that the community council has recently brought Christmas lights for the village and will in conjunction with the Community Association, be staging a series of lighting "switch-ons" in and around the hall.

Community Benefit Fund (Carrick Futures) - SA

Scottish Country Dancers grant approved for dancing teacher transport - £317.00

Community Association grant approved for fireworks additional funds - £500.00

Ballantrae Community Fund - MMcK

No meeting in period, next funding meeting is in the middle of November. Next deadline 5 December for a decision Mid-March 2023

Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch

Carrick Futures next application deadline 7 November for a late January 2023 decision. AGM is scheduled to take place on 23 October 2022 on Zoom all members are welcome to attend. Funding meeting was held 5 October 2022, there as one application from Ballantrae Trust which was deferred to the following funding round to allow for further information to be provided.

Kilgallioch latest application deadline was 17 October with a decision due by third week in December 2022. The next application deadline 6 February 2023 for a mid-April 2023 decision. As previously noted, the fund is currently undergoing administrative alterations due to the proposed extension. MMcK to attend a meeting in November regarding the proposed extension..

Report from Ballantrae Trust - MMcK

MMcK read out a statement issued by Garry Thompson on behalf of the Ballantrae Trust:

We have held very successful events during the last few months: 2 summer fun days; stall at Girvan harbour gala; 2 senior citizen lunches; psychic night. Upcoming events: Halloween movie and game afternoon 30 October; theatre productions in conjunction with the Gaiety in Ayr, 17 November Wind in the willows, 3 December A Christmas carol, all these vents will take place in the community hall. The trust express thanks to all their volunteers along with their development officer Fiona Conlan.

MMcK read out a statement issued by Garry Thompson on behalf of Ballantrae Community Pub:

Unfortunately, the Kings Arms is closed until further notice. We are liaising with various agencies to bring an EGM to our shareholders.

Community Association MMcK

MMcK, DC and LC attended an EGM meeting with BCA on 24 October for the discussion of changing the Community Association constitution to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The adoption of SCIO status will enable access to additional external funders and reduction in rates and other associated costs. BCA are seeking further assistance and support from community members to help with the running of the village hall and associated events. The next meeting will be held on 14 December at 6pm.

Harbour Committee – SM

SM and LC to progress grant application for remedial works to harbour and repairs to road at the top of the slipway to enable a speedy turnaround once funding window is open. It is currently proving difficult to obtain quotations for the harbour pointing.

MMcK has not yet received a decision on the garage area at the harbour, Mr Dalrymple is yet to make a decision.

Ardstinchar Bridge

AC confirmed that the repairs to the Ardstinchar Bridge will become part of the capital programme and he will confirm further details in due course.

South Ayrshire Council – AC

Construction of a new leisure centre in Ayr has been postponed due to spiralling cost increases. New budget has still not been set, this is due to reduction in Scottish and Central Government grants.

LC stated that some academy children from Ballantrae are having to stand for a large proportion of their journey to school each morning. LC asked why there is no longer a dedicated bus service provided in the mornings. AC assured all present that he would raise the issue with SAC transport department, as the current situation is not suitable for purpose and will report back during the month and at the November meeting.

MMcK asked on behalf of a member of the community why the commercial bins and toilet waste tank had been removed from the Foreland car park. AC reported that the facilities were removed at the end of the letting season in September. If the campervan scheme becomes permanent, then the commercial bins and the waste tank will be returned.

SA confirmed that the disabled access from the park to the toilets has now been installed and thanked AC for his help on facilitating this.

Correspondence

Ballantrae church reported the following events:

- Saturday 29 October, 2-4pm 250th Anniversary of St Colom church with photographic displays.
- Monday 31 October, 1.45pm guild meeting, Malawi by Liz Ottaway, community hall.
- Friday 11 November, 2pm act of remembrance with Ballantrae primary school, Heronsford war memorial.
- Friday 11 November, 7.30pm line dancing, community hall.
- Sunday 13 November, 11.30am remembrance service in parish church followed by act of remembrance at Ballantrae war memorial.
- Saturday 19 November, 2-4pm Christmas craft fair including home baking and teas, community hall.

Ballantrae Primary School will be holding a bingo night on 10 November at 6:15pm, open to all to raise money for school funds.

Any other business

DC reported that there is still very little progress on the reduction of the speed limit on the A77. Elena Whitham MSP has received a response from Transport Scotland, detail of which are attached below:

Dear Elena Whitham MSP,

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 September providing feedback from Debbie Cassels on behalf of Ballantrae Community Council regarding the extension of 30 mph speed limit, pedestrian survey, variable speed limit signs and annual Safety Camera selection. I am replying as this is an operational matter for Transport Scotland.

On the subject of the extension of the 30 mph speed limit, during the consultation process for the A77 Auchencrosh to Ballantrae 40 mph Speed Limit Order, a total of eight objections to the Order were received. Correspondence was issued to each objector, explaining the reasons for the Order and asking if they would consider withdrawing their objections. None of the objectors confirmed that they wished to withdraw their objections.

A case is now being prepared to consider each of the outstanding objections and to make a decision on whether or not they should be maintained. Reconsideration of objections to an Order is determined by a Senior official in the Scottish Government who is independent of the process of making the Order and who will determine whether or not the Order will be made and come into force. It is hoped that this will be completed early 2023.

On the matter of the pedestrian survey, this is still progressing. The survey and results will be reported within 2022/23 financial year.

With regard to the Variable Speed Limit Signs, Ballantrae has several 30 SLOW down Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VAS) and there is no intention of changing these to another form of VAS which would not be approved in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD). These regulations set out the design

of official traffic signs that can be used on or near roads. The signs which show 'your speed is signs' are not approved in the TSRGD.

In response to the final question raised in your correspondence enquiring about the minimum safety camera site selection requirements. The safety camera site prioritisation criteria sets out the minimum requirements before a camera deployment would be considered. This is contained in the Scottish Safety Camera Programme Handbook which can be viewed at:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/scottish-safety-camera-programme-handbook/www.transport.gov.scot>

Finally, I would like to assure you our Area Manager for the A77 Trunk Road, Mr Neil Lang, will continue to provide updates and any assistance required. Mr Lang can be contacted by e-mail at Neil.Lang@transport.gov.scot or by telephoning 07467 447 275.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

Stewart Leggett

Interim Director of Roads

A discussion was held around this response with the following actions

1. Request for the provision of safe pathway to school requirements to be considered for children crossing the A77 to attend school.
2. Request sight of objects to the 40mph extension.
3. Request for VAS signs to be upgraded to 'your speed signs' as and when these become approved.

DC will write back to Transport Scotland with BCC response.

MMcK, SA, DC, JC and LC attended a 'Planning for Ballantrae' meeting with a variety of village groups. Village representatives now have access to the Ballantrea.org website and are beginning to update details. All groups present were asked to provide regular update reports to the community council. Forms were issued at the meeting to all in attendance for updated contact details and new village diary. Ballantrae news copy deadline for next

issue is 1 November for issue in early December. Next meeting will be held on 8 November at 7pm.

SA reported there is new grant funding available from VASA for providing 'cosy small spaces' from the communities mental health and wellbeing fund. Applications are being accepted for up to £2000 from all voluntary groups. Funding is for delivering new services/activities to provide warm and welcoming spaces within communities and allow them to be open for longer. The fund is open for applications until the middle of November.

BY asked AC for an update on the UK bus meeting. AC reported that UK bus are trying to implement a plan for improving services and are reviewing a model used in the Scottish Borders to increase service frequency and provision.

CE asked why the youth club had been changed from academy children to P5 - P7. LS stated the changes in age have been brought about by ratios of children to adults and in discussion with the new youth workers. LS stated that there can be a review of requirements for older children, and she will look into the possibility of putting additional resources in place in the near future.

Date of next meeting will be November 29, 2022 at 19:00