

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24.9.19 IN BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SEDERUNT: Thomas Davidson (TD); Mhairi McKenna (MMcK); Gwen Campbell (GC); Carol Bell (CB); Alan Bell (AB); John Hainey (JH); Cllr Alex Clark (AF); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary); Lynn Neild (LN); PC Steve Woodley; Laura Cunningham (LC)

2 APOLOGIES: Andy McAlpine

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed as an accurate record, with the corrections that craft fair is on 30.11.19, and that Roy Claxton is helping with the table tennis club. Proposed by MMcK and seconded by AB.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Christmas lights – the deadline has been missed for this year, as the quotes came in too late. CB has spoken to ARA, Lights Division. AC will follow this up to see if anything can be done for this year. CB will continue to pursue the insurance quotes.

AC is following up the issue of the bike shed at the school with David Strang. LC said that the school have been informed that the bike shed will be replaced. AC will follow this up again.

AC has also taken up the issue of the flashing speed limit signs not working.

Scout hut – it is thought that the hut was donated to the tennis club by the Onslow family. SAC maintain the courts but do not seem to maintain the hut. It was agreed that the present situation should be allowed to continue. TD wondered if there had been a charity fund related to the hut; AC said he was not aware of any charity funds for Ballantrae in recent years. The Scouts are currently making plans for the hut.

5 SAC REPORT – AC

AC said he had the honour of being at the STAR awards ceremony, where Rosemary Stevenson received an award, and also the main award of the evening; she received a standing ovation which was well deserved. Ballantrae LDP2 goes live tomorrow; a consultation is being held at Girvan Library; it is not known if one will be held in Ballantrae. SAC will put information on the website through SAC Live, on Twitter and on hard copies, so that people can respond.

AC is in ongoing talks about the further development of the playpark.

Jimmy Begg has been doing some work on the Ayrshire Coastal Path, to make the path more accessible along the coast.

6 POLICE REPORT – No report

MMcK thanked the police for coming to the Ballantrae Food and Drink Festival and supporting the trust.

PC Woodley reported that there had been 37 incidents in the period 26.6.19 – 27.8.19, including 28 road traffic incidents (multiple reports of same incident), 3 crime reports, 6 assisting the public, one drugs incident and one vandalism.

The new Chief Inspector is very keen for officers to attend community council meetings and engage with communities.

Speed checks have been carried out in the village; no-one has been caught over the speed limit for enforcement purposes although 6 drivers have been issued with verbal warnings. JH remarked that the speed limit for lorries is 40mph in Scotland, apart from on the A9. PC Woodley agreed that this is the case. LPT officers have also carried out a number of foot patrols in the village. A day of action is planned for this week, targeting speeding along the A77.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT - AB

The Youth Club are applying for £500 funding; paperwork is awaited. LC will speak to Cathy Lopez about this. A bill has still not been received for the work on the harbour.

The general account is about £4000; a £600 administration grant will be applied for from SAC.

No application form has been received from BRICC for funds for their outing.

8 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – as already discussed

9 CARRICK FUTURES/BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND/KILGALLIOCH

Community Fund – next meeting 21.10.19.

Carrick Futures – next meeting 9.10.19; deadline early November.

Kilgallioch – next meeting early October.

10 BALLANTRAE TRUST

Fiona Conlan has been appointed as the new trainee development officer, on a part-time basis. Chris Hanna is leaving but Rebecca Giblin is taking on her role. Funding has been applied for to extend the time associated with Creetown; if this does not come off there are other plans for the association to continue. There is a little event in the hall at 3pm on 26.9.19, when Chris is leaving her post.

Architect reports have been received on the Kings Arms and it is in fairly good condition. The survey reports have picked up only a few routine issues. A full set of plans has been drawn up and community consolidation will be organised shortly. This will be done in conjunction with the church, BCC, BCA and BRICC. Various suggestions are being put forward for how it should go ahead. It is hoped a good cross section of the public will contribute to the public consolidation. GC and LH are both happy to help with this.

Ballantrae Food and Drink Festival will be held on 13/14 June 2020.

11 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – LC

An events meeting will be held on 3.10.19 and a full BCA meeting will be held on 7.11.19. The table tennis club has been running for 4 weeks. People have attended every week; 7 attended last week. It is held on Wednesdays, 1-3pm.

12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – no report.

13 HARBOUR COMMITTEE – no report.

14 CORRESPONDENCE – nothing of note.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Wifi – LC asked about the wifi; it is apparently scheduled for early October. It was originally promised in May. AC said they had run into quite difficult problems; he will follow this up.

Fencing around putting green – LH asked if more posts could be erected around the putting green; AC will follow this up.

Downan Avenue – sign has not been removed – AC will follow this up.
Shore Road needs resurfaced; this would be the responsibility of Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Football coaches from N. Ireland are apparently legally banned from having alcohol on board. Black bin bags full of empty bottles and cans are thrown out before they get to the ferry.

One bin collector driver consistently breaks the speed limit along Shore Road and the Vennel, and other small SAC vehicles do not keep to 20mph. Parking is also an issue at the top of Shore Road as it can be very difficult to manoeuvre the junction.

JH said that the coating on the floor in the main hall is peeling off; AC will follow this up.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 29.10.19