

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 30.10.18 IN BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SEDERUNT: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Janette Sloan (JS); Laura Cunningham (LC)); Linden Hunt (LH); Cllr Ian Fitzsimmons (IF); Andy McAlpine (AMcA); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary); Sgt Alan McDowall

2 APOLOGIES: Colin McNally; John McIlwraith; Frank Maguire; Gwen Campbell; Thomas Davidson

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed as an accurate record, proposed by LH and seconded by JS.

4 MATTERS ARISING

The Remembrance Day Parade licence has been applied for, and is pending.

68 Main Street – the owner is appealing to a judicial review.

Arcleoch Windfarm – application is going to appeal.

It is not known if disabled people can access the library at present.

Speeding through the village has been discussed with the road safety team. Sgt McDowall is not aware of any developments, as the local police do not get involved.

5 POLICE REPORT – Sgt Alan McDowall

There were 18 calls in the last month, 10 of which required police attendance. There was one crime report of a theft at the primary school. There have been a few thefts in adjacent areas where QTS have been working.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – MMcK

General account: Balance £391.40. A £200 grant has been received from SAC.

Community benefit fund: Balance £5240.40. Putting green takings £326.24; paid in to account. Half of this will go to Billy Galloway who has been looking after the green. He will also be given a gift in appreciation.

Harbour account: Balance £2052.70; unchanged.

7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – Applications

Ballantrae Primary School Parent Council have applied for £235 for buses for both the nursery and the school children to be transported to the pantomime in Ayr – **Approved.**

Ballantrae Community Association have applied for £400 for the children's Christmas party. The cost includes £150 for entertainer, £150 food and drink, £100 Santa's gifts - **Approved.**

Ballantrae Trust have applied for £500 towards production of Ballantrae News; 4 editions cost about £900 in total – **Approved.**

Ballantrae Community Council have applied for £500 for "Xmas" lights to be put up around the village. It is thought battery lights would be the best option. **Approved.**

It was agreed that any financial help from SAC towards Christmas lights would be much appreciated. IF said it had been suggested that each village get £2000, but this has not been agreed. More information will be forthcoming. It is probably going to be in the form of help to put lights up and take them down. IF will look into this and let MMcK know. There was discussion about where the lights will be put; this will be considered further. **ACTION IF**

8 CARRICK FUTURES/BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND

The Ballantrae Community Fund Panel met in October and awards were made to the Bowling Club, the Scouts, the Food and Drink Festival, and Ballantrae Trust for a Development Officer.

Carrick Futures – no meeting.

Kilgallioch – 50% of applicants for large grants got the go ahead to apply. Large grants are £50,000 - £100,000. Three meetings will be held, as there are about 200 applications.

9 BALLANTRAE TRUST – AMcA

Ballantrae News was issued this week. The deadline for the Stinchar Valley magazine was last week.

Ballantrae will feature strongly in the publication.

Our Development Officer Chris Hanna has secured planning permission and continues to attract grant funding for the MUGA, and to support our Playpark Development Group. A graph in the next edition of SVM will show how much fundraising has been done.

Our Development Officer now has an office in the hall, and will be here one day a week.

The Food and Drink Festival has received funding from the Ballantrae Community Fund.

We have also received funding from the Ballantrae Community Fund for a part-time trainee Development Officer, who will take over from Chris Hanna in November 2019.

Cinema was brought back to Ballantrae in October 2018, and 15 people attended. The next session is on 16.11.18, when both a children's and adult's film will be shown.

The ARTN will put on a performance in the church on 8.12.18 – "Celtic Strings". Tickets are available from Craigiemains Garden Centre.

Talks are ongoing about two further theatrical performances in the first half of 2019. Discussions are also ongoing about a concert associated with the Girvan Traditional Folk Festival.

Eight board members visited two very different neighbouring trusts, Creetown and Kirkcudbright. Very inspiring projects were discussed, along with the challenges faced.

Membership of the Ballantrae Trust is now 108.

10 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – LC

Roy the hallkeeper has a new office, which he is kindly sharing with Chris Hanna.

11 HARBOUR COMMITTEE

Water connection at the harbour – JMCI has been doing some research. It seems we need to supply the hardware etc, work £2000, installation work £4000-5000, Scottish Water for connection £1000. It was agreed this should progress as it would be an asset to the harbour area.

12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – bridge still locked

13 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – IF

Leadership panel met today; there was discussion re the use of wind turbines, solar power etc. It had been put forward that South Ayrshire is saturated with them. If permission is refused by SAC an appeal is put in to Edinburgh, and they are often then approved.

Girvan Station has been painted and work is being done on the lines. It is hoped the station will reopen in 2 weeks. Work is also being done on the walls and roof of the hotel to allow the trains to run through the station in Ayr.

14 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LH asked IF about the laybys not having bins; this had been asked about last month. There is an increasing amount of rubbish being dumped in the laybys. IF will look into this. **ACTION IF**

Pavements – IF has asked SAC to look at the work needing done. The pavements also need to be cleared of grit. IF will look into this. **ACTION IF**

LC asked about a contact regarding the school taxis. Some of the taxi drivers are parking on the pavements and causing an obstruction. IF will follow this up with the Education Dept. **ACTION IF** JS had asked about traffic lines outside the school and was told by SAC that as the school was going to stay in Girvan no lines would be required.

There are broken branches on the trees outside No 77 and work is needing done. IF will follow this up. **ACTION IF**

AMcA – Democracy Matters. Community Councils and Trusts are being encouraged to take part in this consultation. This is an opportunity for communities to get involved. All of the outcomes from the community consultations will go straight back to the Scottish Government. The first hour of the next BCC meeting will be devoted to this. The consolidation period runs until the end of November 2018. AMcA asked that people should be encouraged to attend this consolidation meeting.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 27 November 2018.