

May

- 12 Ballantrae Market
- 16 Ballantrae Trust AGM
- 28 Community Council Meeting

June

- 1 Malawi Cream Teas
- 8/9 Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink
- 18 "549 Scots of the Spanish Civil War"

July

- 6 Gala Day and Dance

August

- 17 Flower Show
- 18 Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra in Ballantrae

Contact

If you have an activity or event you would like publicised on the Ballantrae website, on the Community Centre noticeboard, in this newsletter, or in the Stinchar Valley Magazine, please email andy.mcalpine@btinternet.com or drop the information in to 42 Foreland, Ballantrae.

Next Deadlines

Stinchar Valley Magazine (Autumn)

26 July for distribution w/c 2 September

Ballantrae News

3 June for distribution at the end of June

Ballantrae NEWS

Play Park Upgrade

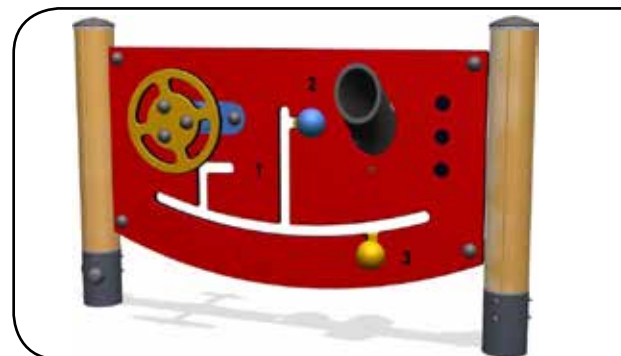
Cheryl and I met with the Ballantrae Trust Board in March to discuss the various phases of the project, how it originated, and some of the challenges we have faced along the way. The phases include replacing the goalposts, the installation of the MUGA, renovating the seating area with sensory panels and the installation of a trampoline. Future phases will include replacing more of the play park equipment (some not fit for purpose), introducing some new equipment and a "Circuit" around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground (Ballantrae Primary were keen for this phase). Exercise equipment was requested and discussed for adults, with the possibility of placing these strategically around the circuit.

Our priority for the next few months is to ensure that the MUGA, seating area and trampoline elements of the project are progressed and for these to be in place for use by the community this year, 2019.

Funding is now in place for the MUGA and by the time you read this, construction work is expected to have started towards the end of April. Several grant applications have been submitted for the remaining funds required to purchase the ground trampoline which the sub group hopes to have installed immediately after the MUGA installation has been completed. A funding application has been submitted to Ayrshire Leader towards the redevelopment of the seating area to make it accessible to all ages and abilities. Chris advised a decision is expected towards the end of April.

Ballantrae Trust Board have now agreed to devote additional support to our group. Claire Mills, Aylie McIlwraith (Board members), Anna Butler & Chris Hanna

(Development Officers) will now join Cheryl, Kenny & myself to move this project forward. If you would like to help us move the various stages of the project forward please contact myself, Cheryl, Kenny, Chris or Anna. Many hands make light work! Thank you for your continued support.



Fiona Stevenson

New Website

Over the last 2 months, working with Peninsula Design based in Wigtown, we have been building a new all-encompassing village website www.ballantrae.org.uk. We are grateful to everyone who has provided information for inclusion and to Digital Boost Scotland and the students from Glasgow Caledonian University for their advice and feedback on how Ballantrae is viewed by the outside world on the web and on social media. Their feedback informed our efforts. Please have a look at the new website, particularly if you run a local business or are involved in one of Ballantrae's many groups. If you have information you would like to see added, or amendments made, please get in touch. Contact details can be found in the various sections of the website. *Dan Cunningham*

