

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28.8.18 IN BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SEDERUNT: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Thomas Davidson (TD); Janette Sloan (JS); Laura Cunningham (LC); Linden Hunt (LH); Cllr Ian Fitzsimmons (IF); Gwen Campbell (GC); Lynn Neild (LN); Andy McAlpine (AMcA); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary);

2 APOLOGIES: Colin McNally; John McIlwraith; Frank Maguire

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING(the June meeting): Agreed as an accurate record, proposed by LH and seconded by TD, with the following amendment: the Ballantrae Trust is completely separate from the Ballantrae Community Fund Panel (BCFP). The Ballantrae Trust applies to BCFP for funding of projects such as the Ballantrae Food and Drink Festival and the MUGA. .

4 MATTERS ARISING

IF reported that SAC are willing to hand the tennis courts over to the community. The hut is separate, and the Scouts are applying for funding to repair the hut roof. A risk assessment would have to be done, liability considered and current ownership confirmed before any action was taken regarding the tennis courts.

Putting green fence – no further work is to be done on the fence despite requests for further safety barriers to prevent children from running onto the road.

It was planned that a red ensign would be erected for 3.9.18; this has not been arranged.

Vehicles are still obstructing the pavement outside 4a Main Street. They were moved when the police came but then reappeared shortly afterwards.

It is thought that the playhouse in the park has been repaired.

5 POLICE REPORT – No report as police not present

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – MMcK

General account: Balance £261.38; two cheques were paid out last month (BRICC £30 and Ballantrae in Bloom £30). The application form for grant is still awaited.

Community benefit fund: Balance £4655.41. An application has been received from Stranraer Rotary Coastal Path Group for work on the area March Burn – Glen Kirk. This will include excavation work and erecting new way markers; total cost £482.40. LC said the group had applied for a large grant from Carrick Futures which was declined; she added that the area is barely within the parish. There was various discussion around this, and it was agreed by a majority vote that this should go to Foundation Scotland.

Harbour account: Balance £2052.70.

7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – no applications

8 CARRICK FUTURES/BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND – LC & MMcK

The next meeting of the Ballantrae Community Fund Panel will be held in October.

Carrick Futures held a meeting on 8.8.18. 10 applications in total were considered, 3 of which were from Ballantrae. Ballantrae in Bloom received £1440, and a letter of thanks has been received from Lynn Neild. Two applications were received from the Ballantrae Trust which were successful. The next meeting is in September.

9 BALLANTRAE TRUST – AMcA

Membership has increased to 108. The first newsletter for members was issued in early August. Over 30 activities were offered during the summer holidays as part of the Ballantrae Year of Young People Project. Children filled over 280 places and adults filled over 180 places. LH expressed appreciation to AMcA for all his hard work in orchestrating these activities.

A lower key Smugglers' Festival was held earlier in August in place of the Farmer's Market, and with two very professional Ayrshire Rural Touring Network productions and a smugglers' supper being very successful. 5 family teams took place in the Contraband Challenge in bad weather on the Sunday. The primary school children produced a video about Ballantrae Smugglers, which can be viewed on the Ballantrae Smugglers Facebook page.

The next ARTN performance is a musical one, on 31.8.18, from Kilda, followed by Celtic Strings on 8.12.18. Both performances are being held in the church.

Cinema is coming back to Ballantrae in October, in the church initially, but one will be an outside production. A meeting has taken place with AMcA, MMcK and the development officers regarding a biosphere project. The project is about working with communities in the Stinchar Valley, identifying what goes well and also areas where improvements could be made. The focus is PLACE (People, Lane, Art, Culture, Environment). A public consultation will be held in BCC on 10.9.18 7-9pm, to engage with the villagers, Trust board members, and community councillors. BCC agreed unanimously to support the event.

10 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – LC

The gala was a great success, although there was a tragedy at the end of the day. Just over £1000 was raised. The band refused to take money when the dance was cancelled. The attractions which were funded with the £300 grant from BCC were a great success; 75 wrist bands were sold at a cost of £5 each.

Finances seem to be relatively healthy; final figures are not yet known.

The Early Years Centre is now back in the buffet room. Limited access to the kitchen for other groups will be possible from 3pm onwards.

LC will be requesting an update from SAC re progress on the school renovation/rebuild. The roof trusses have started going on to the damaged building today. **ACTION LC**

The new windows in the hall are a vast improvement. Funding will be accessed for replacement blinds in due course.

All the upgrades in the hall and grounds for the school using have now been done, including a fence outside and wifi points.

The new table hire system is working well.

Contact has been made by South Ayrshire Table Tennis Club; would we be willing to host a table tennis club for senior citizens? They would supply the equipment including a table tennis table, and ownership would be passed to BCA, so the equipment could be used by the Youth Club, Scouts, etc. The table can be folded away and there is sufficient storage space. This was agreed.

LH said that the fencing around the hall means there is no access to weeds growing under it. It was recognised that the fence has to be there; it will be removed when the school move back to their own premises.

IF will enquire about the possibility of a gardener coming to prune the roses and weed. LN asked if one of the BCA members could be trained in the use of weedkiller and carry out the work. **ACTION IF**

11 HARBOUR COMMITTEE

JMcl is in contact with Scottish Water regarding the installation of a tap at the harbour.

12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE

The bridge is still locked. Funding is being looked into to allow work to be done on the bridge.

13 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – IF

Invergarven School in Girvan is now open.

Work is starting on various pavements around the village. LH asked IF to look at Shore Road where work is needed. **ACTION IF**

Bill Grant has been asked about removing the grass area at the end of Downan Avenue to allow more car parking to be made available. IF will conduct a survey among the residents. **ACTION IF**

GC asked about traffic calming in the village. IF will take this up again with Transerv. Traffic continues to speed through the village. The Transport Minister is coming to the area on 1.10.18 and this could be discussed. **ACTION IF**

Scotrail have not confirmed the closure of Ayr Railway Station. A revised timetable will be available from Monday 3.9.18.

14 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There is an area outside 33 Downan Avenue which has not been looked after. IF will look into this. **ACTION IF**

JS reported that branches on Main Street going south are blocking the view of traffic. This is on council ground. IF will look into this. **ACTION IF**

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 25 September 2018, BRICC house