

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26.2.19 IN BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SEDERUNT: Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); John McIlwraith (JMcl); Thomas Davidson (TD); Laura Cunningham (LC); Linden Hunt (LH); Cllr Alex Clark (AF); Gwen Campbell (GC); Andy McAlpine (AMcA); Frank Maguire (FM); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary); PC Mackintosh

2 APOLOGIES: Colin McNally; Janette Sloan

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

LC reported that Ballantrae P. School has received the £310 grant.

CMcN and MMcK are meeting with Lizzie Linton regarding the war memorial; AC had followed this up.

AC raised the issue of dog fouling with Morton Houston in Environmental Health; he is going to send a team member down to assess the situation.

Rural Forum is being held in Crosshill on 11.3.19. It is hoped a couple of people from each village would attend. A number of issues will be dealt with.

Shore Road – the pavements had to be redone after parts were not laid initially. Holes have been left in the car park at Onslow Place. AC will follow this up. **ACTION AC**

MMcK is in the process of sorting out Christmas lights for next year.

5 POLICE REPORT – PC Mackintosh

No crimes were reported.

3 calls were recorded; one to assist a member of the public; a van was on fire; missing person, found safe and well.

LH asked about speeding traffic through the village which is still ongoing. Police do not seem to focus on the village and are frequently in other areas. PC Mackintosh said that 2 officers on each shift carry out work in hot spot traffic offence areas. LH said there are safety issues around the shop, school, community centre and health centre. The possibility of double yellow lines was discussed. PC Mackintosh will feed this back to Police Scotland.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – JMcl

General Account: Balance £351.40. JMcl asked that expenses be submitted before the AGM.

Community Benefit Fund: Balance £3322.70.

Harbour Account: Balance unchanged at £2052.70.

7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – Applications

3 applications have been received:

Ballantrae Trust have applied for £500 for various publicity materials for use by the village; **Approved.**

Ballantrae Trust have applied for £136 for domain name protocol and registration fees for the Ballantrae website; **Approved.**

Ballantrae SWI have applied for £500 for transport and travelling expenses for demonstrators, and to assist with membership fees; **Approved.**

This would leave a balance of £2136.70. £500 is still being held for the red squirrel group. It was suggested that grant money awarded be held for one calendar year from the award; this was agreed.

A list of grants awarded over the year will be submitted and the new grant of £5000 will be paid. It is thought that £5000 will be paid even if the full amount has not been spent.

8 CARRICK FUTURES/BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND

Ballantrae Community Fund – No meeting

Carrick Futures – AGM has been held but no report. £3000 has been awarded for a trampoline for the village, and £2000 for equipment for the Ballantrae Trust office.

Kilgallioch – 2 meetings have been held recently.

9 BALLANTRAE TRUST – AMcA

AMcA reported that Anna Butler has been appointed by the Trust as their Trainee Development Officer; she will work alongside the experienced Development Officer until November 2019 when she will take over. Anna and her family live locally and she has experience of running her own business and working in the voluntary sector. Funding for the post was provided by the Ballantrae Community Fund and is the first job created by the Trust, hopefully the first of many.

A members' evening was held on 11.2.19 which gave Board members the opportunity to meet members over a glass of wine and to discuss the work the Trust has done and is planning to do.

The installation of the MUGA in the park begins on 22.4.19. Chris Hanna, DO, was successful in getting SAC to reduce the insurance costs for 10 years from £10k to £5k. The Trust will pay for 5 years and SAC will pay the other 5. Village representatives were successful in securing £2400 at a recent participatory budgeting session in Girvan; this will buy sensory panels to enhance the seating area in the play park.

Good progress is being made on the new village website, and with the help of a professional web designer from Whithorn it will hopefully be up and running by April.

The next Ayrshire Rural Touring Network performance is on 1.3.19, with award winning magician Billy Reid.

Girvan Folk Festival will also be performing in the village on 27.4.19. Work continues on finalising more music, theatre and cinema dates for 2019 (roughly one a month).

The February edition of Ballantrae News was issued at the beginning of the month. The spring edition of Stinchar Valley Magazine will be issued w/c 4.3.19.

The Trust Board has become increasingly concerned that the Kings Arms in Ballantrae is still up for sale.

Following discussion with the existing owners the Trust Board is now actively pursuing the feasibility of purchasing the Kings Arms. They have applied for grant funding to conduct a number of surveys and expect to hear whether they have been successful in April. If the results of the surveys are favourable the Trust will consult villagers on whether there would be support for a community buy-out.

MMcK reported that the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink sub group is continuing the detailed planning for this year's festival which will take place on Saturday/Sunday 8/9 June. There will be stalls and demonstrations on both days. The Saturday is World Gin Day, and the Festival will mark it with the launch of Ballantrae Gin and cocktails. The sub group has secured £500 sponsorship from McBurneys haulage contractors.

10 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – LC

A meeting was held on 11.2.19.

A revised document has been compiled and issued to everyone.

A smoking area will be made outside the hall.

The school will move out of the hall on 29.3.19 and move into the new school on 17.4.19.

BCA will apply for funding for a 24-hour accessible defibrillator. British Heart Foundation are giving funding; we have to pay £600, and also pay for a cabinet and fitting. Total cost £1360.

Funding for blackout blinds has also been applied for, at a cost of £1600. AMcA said that BT have also applied for cinema equipment funding, to go in along with the blackout blinds. This equipment will be available to the school, businesses and village groups.

11 HARBOUR COMMITTEE – No report

12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – Funding is being sought.

13 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – AC

A Participatory Budget Event is being held in Girvan Academy on 2.3.19.

The budget for next year will be announced on 28.2.19. There has been a decrease each year since AC was elected in 2012. The cut from the Scottish Government is greater than that from Westminster. Some of the funding is ring fenced for specific areas, eg early years, police, etc.

14 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

Sharon Connolly will be invited to next meeting in her role as Community Engagement Officer.

An email has been received from Shirley McIlwraith asking for approval of a memorial for her brother, who was drowned at the harbour. This was approved unanimously.

There are reports of an unstable bridge at Red Burn. JMcl said that the bridge is on private land; it is thought the piece of land may be owned by Corseclays. MMcK will follow this up. **ACTION MMcK**

Jim Miller had asked about clearing up the front of the garage, which he has leased out. It was agreed that this is between the owner and tenant.

Flooding at school – JMcl suggested this be raised with Ayrshire Roads Alliance as a matter of urgency. AC will follow up. There is also an area of flooding outside the shop which AC reported after the last meeting; this would be the responsibility of Transerv because it is on the trunk road.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Alec White, 68 Main Street, Ballantrae, raised the issue of the extension at this property, which he owns. He reported that the extension is to remain, with some amendments. The summer house is being amended and does not need planning permission. Mr White said that it had been suggested at the community council that he was "persona non grata" in the village, and he was seeking clarification that this was not the case. It was agreed unanimously that this had never been stated or minuted at any community council meeting. Mr White said that the house at 68 Main Street is to be used by Hope for Glasgow, who will house recovering drug addicts and alcoholics. AC remarked that this type of hostel is usually opened in partnership with health and social services. LH said that consideration should be given to any impact on the village.

Mr White also raised the issue of bins sitting on the conservation area in Main Street, and asked if a lane adjacent to the old cemetery could be used for the bins? AC asked if people had complained about the bins. It appears that the bins blow around the street and lose their contents. AC will follow this up. He suggested that BCC write to Kenny Dalrymple, CC Tommy Howieson. **ACTION AC/?MMck**

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 26 March 2019. AGM 30.4.19.

Linda Hunt
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26/3/19.