

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29.1.19 IN BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**1 SEDERUNT:** Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Janette Sloan (JS); Laura Cunningham (LC)); Linden Hunt (LH); Cllr Alex Clark (AC); Gwen Campbell (GC)); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary); PC Briggs

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

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

### 4 MATTERS ARISING

The A77 Action Group are happy to come and talk to BCC regarding a meeting with the police, SAC, MSP's, etc, about the road between Ballantrae and Smyrton. AC said that he had attended a meeting about this; there is an improvement plan being issued. The road needs widened and overtaking areas made safe. MMcK said that community councillors were not invited to that meeting; AC said that the A77 Action Group were invited but did not attend. MMcK will contact Donald McHarrie to ask him to come to the next meeting. **ACTION MMcK** LH said that the 30mph signs at each end of the village are not working. Ian Fitzsimmons had said he would report this, but nothing has been done.

LY said that the speed activated traffic lights in Springholm are not always effective, as the lorries often seem to be driving through the red lights.

MMcK asked if parking on the A77 is a matter for the police or SAC. PC Briggs said the police would look at this if it was causing an obstruction. AC said there is a bill going through the Scottish Government to make parking on pavements illegal.

LH said that over the Christmas period the football buses were speeding through the village continually; it was exacerbated because Rangers and Celtic were both playing at home. AC will raise this with the transport group about monitoring football buses on match days. **ACTION AC**

### 5 POLICE REPORT – PC Briggs

There were 8 incidents over the last 2 months, made up of 5 road traffic matters, one assistance to a resident, one theft and one domestic assault. Four crimes were recorded: one domestic assault; one attempt to pervert the course of justice; one dangerous driving; all detected. One theft of kerosene still has enquiries ongoing.

### 6 TREASURER'S REPORT – MMcK

General account: Balance £391.59.

Community benefit fund: Balance £3661.95. £500 to go to the Red Squirrel Group, so £3161.95 available for grants.

Harbour account: Balance unchanged at £2052.70.

LC said that Ballantrae P. School has not received the grant of £310 awarded in November; she will email JMcl about this. **ACTION LC**

### 7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – Applications

Crafty Bees have applied for £436; this is to purchase 4 sewing machines at a cost of £109 each. This is to enable people who do not own sewing machines to join the group and take part in sewing projects. LH asked what would happen to the sewing machines if the group folded; AC said this would be in the constitution.

**Approved.**

Ballantrae Scouts have applied for £493.25 for kilts, which will be worn by the Scouts at an International Camp in Leicester. The kilts could then be worn for other events. 15 Scouts will be attending the camp.

**Approved.**

### 8 CARRICK FUTURES/BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND

Ballantrae Community Fund – No report

Carrick Futures – No report

Kilgallioch – meeting next month



## **9 BALLANTRAE TRUST – AMcA**

The Christmas Celtic Strings concert in partnership with the Ayrshire Rural Touring Network was held in early December. A showing of "Red Turtle" started the cinema programme for 2019. The programme of theatre, cinema and music for 2019 is currently being finalised.

There is now almost enough funding to build the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). The playpark development sub group is continuing with plans for this and for the rest of the playpark development.

Ballantrae Trust extend thanks to Leonard McKinnon and his colleagues John Cowieson, MMcK and LC for a great Hogmanay Ceilidh; 120 people attended a very successful evening. £250 was raised for the Festival of Food and Drink, and the hall is booked again for next Hogmanay.

Funding has also been secured for a new village website. The development of the website is being looked at, eg tenders from web designers and information from groups and businesses, and the aim is to have it up and running by April.

Interviews for the Trainee Development Officer were postponed in December, but are being held on 4.2.19.

The February edition of Ballantrae News will be issued shortly. The deadline for the spring edition of the Stinchar Valley Magazine was 25.1.19; the magazine will be issued week commencing 4.3.19.

## **10 BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – LC**

The children's Christmas party was held on 15.12.18 and was a success, with Santa attending.

The Christmas tree was damaged by bad weather, but was fixed.

It was discovered there was no affiliation document so a new document has been written.

The next meeting is on 11.2.19.

## **11 HARBOUR COMMITTEE – No report**

## **12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – bridge still locked**

It is to be in the region of £500,000 for work to make the bridge safe. Funding will be sought but this may be difficult.

## **13 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – AC**

A Job Fair will be held in Maybole Town Hall for East and South Ayrshire, on Friday 1.3.19 1-3 pm.

Rural Panel in SAC – this panel existed for a long time and engaged well with communities. The rural panel tended to be run by people who had no connection with rural life. It has now been suggested that a Rural Forum be set up which could become a powerful voice for rural communities. AC is Chair and William Grant from Maybole is Vice Chair. It is hoped this will commence in the next 4 weeks.

Budget: there will be a budget gap again this year. It does look as though they will get more funding, but some of it has been ring-fenced for specific areas. In SAC there will be a gap of about £4m. The budget is due to come out in March 2019. It is inevitable there will be cuts in some services. Work is ongoing on this.

## **14 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated**

A letter has been received from Claire Strain re access to the war memorial. The path is crumbling and there are no distinct steps on the left side. AC will follow this up by finding out who is responsible for the ground and try to get some work done.

Correspondence has also been received from Donald McHarrie from the A77 Action Group. They will be asked to come to the next meeting as previously discussed.

## **15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

LH said there is a huge problem with dog fouling at the harbour. She has reported this to Environmental Health but nothing has been done. AC will follow this up and try to get someone to attend a BCC meeting. **ACTION AC**

LH said she is disgusted with the state of the repairs on Shore Road. The pavement is being fixed but the road has been left in a terrible state following emergency repairs.

JS also mentioned the flooding in front of the shop. AC will follow these issues up. **ACTION AC**

LH said she is very disappointed that no funding was available for the Christmas lights. There is a £60,000 budget every year for Christmas lights. AC will ask for an application form to be sent out. BCC were told the



funds were not available for 2018. AC suggested applying for lights for 2019, saying that an improvement on the previous year's lighting is being sought.

LC asked about gala funding. A private contractor can be used and the cost can be reimbursed by SAC.

The school are moving into their refurbished school on 17.4.19, which is a week earlier than anticipated.

Mark Bradley, First Responders Co-ordinator, attended the meeting at this point. He reported that it is felt that a defibrillator should be available externally 24/7. The cost is £925 plus VAT for the defibrillator, and the case costs £425. LC will do an application to Ballantrae Community Fund. It could be sited at Scotmid or at the community centre. **ACTION LC**

**16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 26 February 2019.