

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26.3.19 IN BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**1 SEDERUNT:** Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Thomas Davidson (TD); Laura Cunningham (LC)); Linden Hunt (LH); Cllr Alex Clark (AF); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary); Lynn Neild (LN); Stacey Stewart; John Hailey; K Dalrymple (SAC); T Howieson (SAC)

**2 APOLOGIES:** Colin McNally; Janette Sloan; John McIlwraith; Gwen Campbell; Police representatives

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

### **4 MATTERS ARISING**

AC has reported the work needing done in the car park at Onslow Place.

MMcK has been unable to deal with the matter regarding the Christmas lights, but will do so. LH has not received an application form; AC will follow this up. **ACTION AC**

Planning permission 68 Main Street – AC had spoken to Austin Cook and John Hamilton, Senior Planning Officers. A planning officer will visit and ensure the amendments have been made within the time scale specified. The house would be able to be lived in by up to 5 people.

A photograph has been received of the plaque erected at the harbour by Shirley McIlwraith in memory of her brother.

### **5 POLICE REPORT – circulated**

### **6 TREASURER'S REPORT – MMcK on behalf of JMcl**

General Account: Balance £391.72. £86 still to be paid to Zurich.

Community Benefit Fund: Balance £1236.70

Harbour Account: Balance £1928.60.

### **7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

One new application for £500 from the Stinchar Valley Camera Group for a long ridge mount cutting system. Approved unanimously.

£500 is still being held for the Red Squirrel Group.

### **8 CARRICK FUTURES/BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY FUND**

Community Fund – no report. Next meeting 29.4.19.

Carrick Futures – next meeting 17.4.19.

Kilgallioch – people who applied for large amounts of money have been asked to reapply and a special meeting will be held. There is still a large amount of money available.

### **9 BALLANTRAE TRUST – MMcK**

Work is starting on the MUGA in the park this month.

The Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink is going ahead. Stalls have been offered to people in the village who want to sell food or food related items. One stall has been taken for one day.

Ballantrae Gin has gone into production.

Some locals have shown interest in an oil buying scheme; information is being gathered for the website.

Girvan Folk Festival are holding an outreach concert in the community centre on 27.4.19.

The Trust will be informed in April/May if they have received funding from Carrick Futures for surveys on the Kings Arms, and also for a trampoline for the playpark, Ballantrae News and cinema equipment.

Five tourist routes are being developed, "the Coig", taking in parts of Bute, Arran, and Ayrshire. One of the routes, "the Shire" has Ballantrae at the southernmost point.

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

AGM was held on 25.3.19. All existing office bearers stood down and the following were elected:

Chair – Laura Cunningham; Secretary – John Thorburn; Treasurer – Stacey Stewart; Bookings Secretary – Lynn Neild.

BCA will set up an "Ecobricks" collection point in the hall, and in conjunction with the school and the Trust we will look into a project to use the ecobricks.

This year's gala party were also selected as follows:



Queen – Kelsey Edwards; King – William Whittington; Attendants – Lily Kosak and Kaci Thomson; Pageboys – Archie Stewart and Conor Cowieson.

A separate Gala planning meeting was held after the AGM. The current format for Gala is unsustainable as there are not enough willing volunteers to help organise and run the day. Despite an appeal for additional help via the village Facebook page no additional volunteers have come forward. The current events team have decided to run this year's gala with the focus being around the crowning ceremony and fundraising for local groups. All the events on Gala Day will take place in and around the hall and will finish with a Gala dance in the evening.

#### 11 HARBOUR COMMITTEE – No report

#### 12 ARDSTINCHAR BRIDGE – no further developments.

#### 13 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – AC

Ballantrae Primary School will be back in their new school after the Easter holidays.

LH and AMcA had attended the Rural Forum in Crosshill. The forum will look at different issues each time they meet. The meetings will be held in various villages, hopefully including Ballantrae. The forum is useful for help and support in issues affecting rural communities, eg poor internet, and is a strong rural voice.

A new SAC integral internet system is being put into the school, library and hopefully the community centre.

This will ensure that rural schools have equal internet facilities to the schools in Ayr, Troon, etc.

South Ayrshire Council Live is a very good online magazine on SAC website.

LH reported that tremendous improvements have been made to the public toilets.

A flower planter in the car park has been smashed; AC will follow this up. ACTION AC

LN said that SAC have provided new planters at the north end of the village; it looks as though no holes have been drilled in the bottom of the planters and they fill up with water. AC will follow this up. ACTION AC

LH said there is a broken manhole cover in Assel Place which is now in 4 pieces. This is unsafe, especially for children. It was reported 10 days ago and nothing has been done. AC will follow this up. ACTION AC

#### 14 CORRESPONDENCE – As circulated

A letter has been received from SPT regarding a bus stop which used to be at the top of Shore Road. MMcK had requested that this be reinstated, and had also requested that a bus stop be made outside BRICC for passengers going north.

South Ayrshire Earth Hour is being held 30.3.19 at 8.30 pm.

The annual beach clean is on 30.3.19.

#### 15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

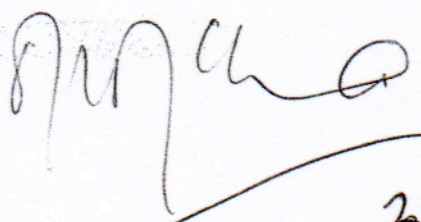
H asked about the path along to Parkend which is becoming treacherous as it is so slippery. TD said that the Water Board used to maintain it, but over the years it has fallen into disrepair. It is trimmed each year by Danny McCulloch, but the actual path has become unsafe. It is thought that Robert Dalrymple owns the path. Permission would have to be granted by the owner for BCC to carry out any work. MMcK will contact him.

ACTION MMcK

AC is still trying to investigate the electricity meter at the tennis courts. It is thought that SAC probably own the tennis courts; they presently carry out maintenance.

#### 16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGM: 30.4.19

Linda Hort  
Gwen Campbell



30/4/19.