

## **BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BCA)**

### **Note of a meeting held on Monday 22 January 2018 in the Community Hall**

#### **Present:**

Laura Cunningham (BCA Chair and Community Council (CC)); Andy McAlpine (BCA Secretary & Vice Chair, Ballantrae Development Group (BDG) & Scouts); Linden Hunt (BCA Treasurer, CC and Horticultural Society); Mhairi McKenna (CC and BDG); Pat Allsop (RVS); Alan Bell (Indoor Bowlers); Jessie Brown (Church Guild & WRI); Agnes Hamilton (WRI); Cathy Lopez (Youth Club); Colin McNally.

**Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Gemma Laverty (Play Park Development Group & Fireworks) Lynn Nield (BCA bookings secretary), and Claire Mills (BDG and Play Park Development Group)

**Note of the meeting held on 18 September 2017** originally issued 26 September. **It was agreed** this was a true record of the discussions. Proposed by Cathy and seconded by Linden.

#### **Matters arising:**

**The missing lease:** Andy reported that a search of the Sasines in Edinburgh for the period 1975-1979 had not produced anything. Linden and Colin suggested this timescale was too late (it may have been 1973) and that an approach should be made to McKinstry the lawyers in Girvan who took over from Murray and Tait. It was suggested Peter Sharp of M&T may have dealt with it.

**Storage under the stage:** The area is much tidier. Thanks to everyone involved. Still to investigate some lighting for the darker areas

**Action:** Andy and Linden to discuss options for lighting

**Managing the sound and lighting systems:** Alan Bell and Bob Nield are now familiar with the sound and lighting system.

**Action:** Any group wanting to use the sound or lighting systems should contact Alan

**Changing the name of the Gala Week page:** Done. Now called "Ballantrae Gala and Events". This will be used for "behind the scenes work" (such as recruiting volunteers) as well as advertising events which should also be advertised on "Information Ballantrae".

#### **Hall issues (Laura)**

**Sole use of the hall August to December:** The planners are due to come back to Ballantrae for a follow-up discussion once the main contractor has been appointed (soon). A proposal has gone forward to the Community Council (CC) suggesting that a small group, with representatives of all interested parties, should meet the school upgrade planners rather than have lots of separate meetings. All of the issues raised at the CC, the BCA and elsewhere should be raised at that meeting.

**Bookings issues:** Lynn is on holiday at the moment.

**Action:** Anyone wanting to make a booking speak to Roy first regarding availability, complete the form and pass it to Linden

**Car Parking in front of the Community Hall:** Linden explained that someone using the Library had complained they had to reverse out onto the main road because they couldn't get past cars parked in front of the hall. In discussion the following points were raised: reversing onto a main road is an offence; perhaps the gate should be shut; access will be refused anyway when the school starts using the hall in August.

**Action:** Andy and Laura to discuss with Roy how to stop cars from parking in front of the hall

**Diary of Village Events:** A comprehensive list of events had been circulated prior to the meeting. Groups are encouraged to update the list as soon as they fix dates. Andy uses the list for Balantrae News and the website.

**Action:** all groups to provide Andy with event dates as soon as they are fixed

**Financial and Insurance issues:** Linden explained that the financial year ends 31 January. Funds stand at around £2400. Some of that will be needed for lighting under the stage. Only £300 of the £500 grant for the children's Christmas party from the CC / Carrick Futures small grants scheme was used. It was agreed to return the balance to the CC [however it was suggested at the BCA Events meeting following this meeting that Laura should ask the CC at the 30 January meeting to allow the BCA to retain the money provided we properly account for it]

Our insurance company has changed and the new company have agreed to continue to provide the same cover for the same premium until November (£452) but thereafter it may go up.

**Date and Time of the next meeting: It was agreed** this should be the AGM on Monday 26 March.

**Action:** Andy to inform SAC