

1) **Welcome.**

CE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) **Attendees.**

Claire Erskine (CE); Mhairi McKenna (MMcK); Sharon Adams (SA); Debbie Cassels (DC); Ruby Cunningham (RC); Laura Cunningham (LC); Martin McCourt (MM); Kim Mawer (KM); Andrew Macdonald (AMac); SAC Link officer Ryan Ward (RW); Cllr Alec Clark (AC); Sean McIlwraith (SM); Chris Wilkinson (CW); Georgette Birch (GB)

3) **Apologies.**

Colin McNally, Calum Macdonald, Alan Lamont.

4) **Previous Minutes Approval.**

Minutes from 24th September approved, proposed by MM, seconded by KM.

5) **Matters arising and updates.**

MM confirmed Stacey Stewart has been in contact with CE & SA regarding Christmas events.

MM has emailed Andy McAlpine and any other interested parties about the Christmas committee.

KM has telephoned Morag Douglas directly to add MM to licensing requests distribution list.  
MM confirmed he has now been added to the distribution list.

AL has arranged for vegetation to south side of bridge to be cut back to allow access for pedestrians.

KM has tried to contact a local resident regarding cars in the Vennel car park but has as yet been unsuccessful, however the cars appear to have moved to the Kings.

MM to speak to a second local resident about the high number of cars in Vennel car park.

SA has forwarded the slides from the Foundation Scotland small grants training to LC, MM and DC.

6) **Reports.**

a. **Police Scotland.**

17 Calls made to Police.

Road Traffic Matters: 5

Sudden deaths: 1

Abandoned 999: 4

Animals: 1

Alarms: 1

Assaults: 1

Police Info: 1

Disturbances: 2

Fires: 1

From these calls there were 9 crime reports created from these incidents which were all detected.

#### **b. Youth Club.**

Youth club did not meet this week due to hall closure.

Issue with non-affiliation of the Youth Club is still on going. CE reported that she has been in contact with the SAC Link Officer, Jodie McFarlane and she is going to investigate on behalf of BCC and attempt to progress the situation.

#### **c. Ballantrae Trust.**

The Festive of Ballantrae - Planning for next year's event is ongoing.

King's Arms - Planning ongoing for upgrade to bedrooms funding application submitted to SAC for quantity surveyor to prepare plans and costings was successful and the quantity surveyor has been instructed. Scotmid re the carpark and EV Charger, planning permission required, ongoing.

Playpark upgrades ongoing.

Funding application for Winter Support for Over 65's in the BCC area was declined by Carrick Futures. The explanation was the following:

*"The scheme appears not to be a good fit with established charitable purposes as the evidence of need provided was based purely on age and the application did not provide any evidence either of the financial need of potential beneficiaries or whether homes in Ballantrae are more impacted by fuel poverty. The Board also felt the Trust had not*

*evidenced that the approach of providing universal scheme for over 65s is an appropriately targeted response to the need in the community, across all demographics.”*

We will review the response and consider how we approach future applications.

RW suggested contacting Melissa McCulloch SAC external funding officer.

#### **d. Community Association Report.**

A fireworks event has been planned for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the harbour, fireworks are scheduled to be set off between 18:30 – 19:00. The Humble Haggis food van will be present to serve hot drinks and food.

SM asked if there was anyway of holding a bonfire in the village, a discussion was held however the conclusion was reached that due to safety issues and lack of being able to provide adequate insurance it is not possible for the BCC or other community group to build a bonfire.

CE updated RW and AC with regards the hall booking fees and affiliation dispute with the Youth Club.

#### **e. Traffic/travel/transport.**

##### **1. Traffic Lights at Carlock Wall (3000 + days and still an issue)**

We received notification that this work would be completed, and traffic lights removed after 5 nights of overnight closure on the 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – 25<sup>th</sup>. This was then cancelled at short notice without any future date planned. No explanation has been given for the cancellation or the short notice given. Amey's stock answer:

*18/10 Amey “There are currently no works programmed on the A77 at Carlock Hill with geo-technical investigations ongoing.”*

##### **2. Traffic lights at **Stinchar Bridge** from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - Feb 2025:**

25/10 BCC has requested:

1. lights are fitted with cameras to minimise red light jumping.
2. the lanes/chicanes be reviewed with regards to larger vehicles getting stuck

##### **3. Road Closure Proposal:**

**Re the recent closures of A77 and diversion chaos that ensued:**

At the request of BCC, Elena Whitham MSP is

1. convening a roundtable meeting with Transport Scotland, Ayrshire Roads Alliance, Amey and Police Scotland in attendance and ensuring Ballantrae Community Council reps are in attendance, along with representatives from other impacted communities.
2. Under discussion will be communication, diversion route suitability and any safety measures that can be put in place to alleviate some of the concerns that communities feel when there is a need to close the A77.

Meanwhile we have requested (as a key stakeholder) to be included in all Amey 'push' notifications of planned works including any cancellations and changes to ensure we can provide the community with the most up to date information.

#### **4. Pedestrian Safety Design:**

BCC has requested an additional meeting piggy backed onto the Road Closure meeting tbc.

If anyone has personal experiences of the impact of road closures, diversions and encounters with vehicles for which the roads were not designed, please get in touch, and we will ensure your views are represented.

6 road closures due to RTC's since last meeting.

#### **f. Harbour Committee.**

SM reported the receipt of an email from a local scuba diving company, Wreckspeditions with a request to utilise the harbour for potential diving excursions in and around Ballantrae. SM confirmed that there would be no charge for use of the area and the parking could be found on the Foreland. SM suggested that a donation to the harbour committee would be greatly appreciated.

#### **g. Planning.**

In the September decisions the application to extend an existing dwelling house at 2 Smyrton Hill has been approved.

#### **h. Licensing.**

Nothing in period.

#### **i. Ardstinchar Bridge**

AL confirmed that the vegetation will be cut back but still hasn't, AC to chase up. LC suggested that BCC use funds to hire someone and do it as opposed to doing it through the council.

**j. BESS**

CE reported that there had been a further public consultation event with L48 Energy and the landowner. BCC had held an open day to assist those who wished to object to the BESS to submit letters to SAC planning. There were over 200 residents attended and submitted letters. CE has arranged for these letters to be forwarded to SAC planning department once the planning application goes live.

CE to send an email arranging the next meeting for BESS sub-committee.

**k. Galloway National Park**

AM to contact Galloway National Park representatives.

CE to email AM their details.

**7) Treasurer Report**

All balances as of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Special interest-bearing account (Ballantrae Community fund)

	Opening balance	£8269.39
30/09/24	Interest	+£6.61
12/09/24	Transfer to harbour account	-£5000.00
	Closing balance	£3276.00

Community Benefit fund account

	Opening balance	£21,297.79
10/09/24	Chq 209 – KA	-£230.00
16/09/24	Chq 204 – BCA	-£417.60
27/09/24	Chq 210 – Stand pipe hire for harbour works	-£267.12
27/09/24	Interest	+£58.04
01/10/24	Chq 211- GYT	-£8391.30
	Closing balance	£12,049.81

Harbour account balance

	Opening balance	£8305.00
28/08/24	Chq 68 – Creeside contracts	-£7360.00
12/09/24	Transfer from spec int	+£5000.00
16/09/24	Chq 69 – Creeside contracts	-£5000.00
	Closing balance	£945.00

#### Administration account balance

	Opening balance	£552.00
No statement	Closing balance	£552.00

SA has been invited to a meeting, along with a representative from the Ballantrae Trust, for the Kilgallioch and Arecloech extension. SA unable to attend, LC to represent BCC, at meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 18:30, at Barrhill hall. The extension may bring additional funding to the village, decision to be made as to who will be responsible for distributing these funds.

The application to Destination South Ayrshire was partially successful, £1,125.00, awarded. Monies to be spent this year on Christmas lights, funds not yet received but due to timescales it is likely that these will need to spent before next meeting.

As agreed £2,000.00 Kilgallioch funding will be used for Christmas events in the village. A pantomime with snacks etc has been planned by the events group.

Last year the BCC provided sweets for every child within the village, CE would like this to continue again this year and is happy to arrange the sweets and delivery, with the agreement of the committee CE will go ahead and arrange this. Last year there was £500 with an additional £200 from the trust. This year will be from £500 from Carrick futures and £500 from Ballantrae community fund.

#### Small grant applications:

1. The Ballantrae Trust has applied for £500.00 towards selection boxes, prizes and party food for a Christmas party to be held on the 6th of Dec - Accepted
2. Ballantrae Primary school and early years have applied for £420.00 to be able to purchase gifts for families in need, £35.00 would be spent on 12 children (8 families), the families are identified through qualification of school clothing grant/school meals - Accepted

3. Jill Dennerline has applied for £251.20 for pilates equipment in aid of the local pilates group  
– Accepted, to be given with a clause

LC to write a clause and forward to SA

A discussion was held about the increase in how much money can be taken out of the small grants pot due to Carrick Futures increasing their small grants to £1000.00

## 8) **Funding Reports**

### Ballantrae Community Fund

No meeting in period

### Carrick Futures

Report on 27th October 2024

Funding meeting held on 23rd October, 1 application from Ballantrae Trust – Outcome to be confirmed.

Next funding meeting: 22nd January 2025

Next application deadlines: 5th November for late January 2025 decision, 25th February 2025 for late May 2025 decision.

Carrick Futures are currently undergoing a fund strategy review. The purpose of the review is to set out the Fund's priorities and the processes by which funding will be made available. Once the fund review is complete, the main fund will be relaunched in the new year.

### Kilgallioch Community Fund

A board meeting took place on 21/10/24 and no application were made to for the large grants from Ballantrae.

The Community Council Small Grants Scheme did not have many Community Councils and therefore has been cancelled so the funds have been incorporated into the general funds.

The deadline for application for funds was 14 October with the decision-making being 9th and 10th of December. The next deadline is 10th February with decisions being made on 4th April 2025.

## 9) **Councillor report from SAC**

AC stated that it is important for members of the community to attend the Scottish Government travelling cabinet meeting to represent the community views on the BESS. These local views are best represented and expressed by members of the community to the Government. It is important for members of the public in the local community to make their own points.

AC reported that there will be investment in the tennis courts in Ballantrae. This work is due to start in December.

Social housing "shipping document" is being reviewed to address social housing issues within SAC. Historically these new builds have been further North in the authority, due to higher population density, however there is also need for increased social housing stock in the less densely populated rural south of the county.

#### 10) **Thriving Communities report**

RW is glad to hear support has been received from the local Thriving Communities dog fouling team and have hooked up with the primary school. RW will also try to progress the issue with the Youth Club Hall fees.

#### 11) **Correspondence**

CE attended Community Action Plan meeting which was very positive. There are lots of ideas for increasing inclusion for the younger residents within the village.

CE was contacted by Scottish Water about oil tank leaks and has been asked to publish the details on social media which has been shared via Facebook.

CE reported that SAC send out a funding newsletter and Facebook page, Melissa can also provide help with searching for funding in the wider area.

CE reported that the surface of the play park is becoming dangerous due to it overly slippery. This has caused a teacher from Ballantrae Primary to fall over because of the unsafe surface under foot. MM to requested SAC, who hold the maintenance contract on behalf of the Ballantrae Trust, to jet wash affected slippery areas.

CE received an email from David Girvan from Girvan CC, to request that Girvan CC are included in the meeting with Elaena Whittam for the A77 meeting.

#### 12) **A.O.C.B**



MMcK reported the Stinchar Valley Transport Group queries have been raised with adjustments to the timetable, to enable people to attend specific events in Girvan over the weekend. MMcK requested that any specific request be sent to her via email so that she is able to easily share with the Transport Group. MMcK will report back any timetable changes as and when received.

Date of next meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 19:00

Items	Actions	Who	By when
5	KM to speak to local Villager in person about the high number of cars in Vennel car park.	Kim	ASAP
5	MM to speak a second local villager in person about the high number of cars in Vennel car park.	Martin	ASAP
6i	AC to chase up the cutting of the vegetation on the south side of the bridge	Alec	ASAP
6j	CE to send out an email regarding the next meeting for BESS	Claire	ASAP
6k	AM to contact Galloway National Park representatives.	Andrew	ASAP
6k	CE to email AM the details of the Galloway National Park representatives.	Claire	ASAP
7	LC to write a clause for SA regarding the grant given to Jill Dennerline for Pilates equipment.	Laura	ASAP
10	RW to try to progress the issue with the Youth Club Hall fees.	Ryan	ASAP
11	MM to requested SAC to jet wash affected areas of slippery playpark surface.	Martin	ASAP