

1) **Welcome**

CE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) **Attendees**

Claire Erskine (CE); Mhairi McKenna (MMcK); Kim Mawer (KM); Sharon Adams (SA); Ruby Cunningham (RC); Cllr Alec Clark (AC); Ryan Ward SAC link officer(RW); Sean McIlwraith(SM); Martin McCourt (MM); Chris Wilkinson(CW); Laura

Cunningham(LC) arrived 19:52.

3) **Apologies**

Colin McNally, Calum MacDonald, Andrew MacDonald Debbie Cassels.

4) **Previous Minutes Approval**

Minutes from 28th January approved, proposed by KM, seconded by SA.

5) **Matters arising and updates**

AC to investigate why there is not an accessible access at the south side of the bridge – outstanding.

AC to request a dog waste bin for the Bennane, at the north end of the beach – outstanding, clarification that it is in fact at the bottom of the Bennane, on the road by the beach.

AC to investigate lack of drop kerb at top of Vennel adjacent to church – completed.

BCC to add report to next issue of the Ballantrae News to publicise the works carried out. AC will contact Sarah Ross from SAC comms department to add details of the bridge history. DC to ask Judie McCourt to add any relevant details on behalf of the Ballantrae History group – outstanding, has been added to this months 6i.

CE to call a further meeting of the BESS subcommittee – outstanding, work has been done in the background and an email has been sent out, but meeting is yet to have been called. Has been added to this month's 6j.

AM to summarise SAC response to proposed new national park and forward to CE for wider distribution – completed, letter to be emailed out.

SA to draft letter and send to SPR confirming increase of small grants awards to £1,000 proposal – completed.

SA to submit funding application for 2025 pantomime – completed.

SM to submit small grant application for £1,000 – completed.

LC to confirm windfarm extension community benefit meeting with Ballantrae Trust - completed

RW to forward details for Annual South Ayrshire Youth award nominations for wider distribution – completed, shared on social media.

CE will contact Chris again due to current increase in dog fouling in the village – completed,
25/02/2025

Community councillors to confirm to CE if you would be willing to join the 'Blue Book' review working party – completed 25/02/2025

CE to email Jamie Tait to ask for alternate evening meeting for 'Blue Book' working party review process – completed.

CE to forward relevant BESS documentation to Fionnadh via email – completed.

Community resilience team / process to be discussed at February meeting – will be completed within this meeting

6) **Reports.**

a. Police Scotland.

None in period.

b. Youth Club.

Numbers were consistent up until 19th of February when numbers dropped dramatically and after some discussions, the root cause was found to be that the children wanted food, a plan has been put into place where food will be brought from Z1, there will be a social eating time and then the children will do the planned activities. Some ideas for possible upcoming activities would be different sports, arts and crafts, cooking and more.

c. Ballantrae Trust.

Festival of Ballantrae – Planning for this year's event is ongoing

Planning ongoing for upgrade to bedrooms in Kings Arms. There is a joint meeting of the Board of the Ballantrae Trust and The Ballantrae Community Pub Ltd to discuss the way forward with the quantity surveyor, a working party has been arranged to take the plans forward

Scotmid re the carpark and EV Charger, planning permission required, no news

Playpark upgrade – no change

Update re: licensing – no contact

d. Community Association Report.

We can congratulate Barry O'Hare who lives in the village for becoming our new caretaker. Barry will continue to share the duties with our temporary caretaker until he completes his notice at Barr and then he will join us full time.

There are plans to promote some more availability for new groups, parties, and meetings as we are keen to maximise the hall to its full potential.

There is currently a whole new fire alarm system being fitted into the hall, upgrading to meet modern standards.

Our AGM is Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm and we welcome anyone who uses the hall to come along.

e. Traffic / travel / transport

None in period

f. Harbour Committee.

An application has been submitted and SM to chase up the work for the spring tides.

g. Planning.

There's one application for the village or surrounding area:

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed alterations to dwellinghouse at
16 Main St.

Decisions from the past couple of months, they are as follows:

November 2024

Formation of an agricultural track (retrospective) by Glenapp Estate - approved

January 2025

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed alterations to dwellinghouse at

16 Main Street - permitted

h. Licensing.

MM – still no contact

i. Ardstinchar Bridge

CE has been in correspondence with Jenna Robertson regarding official press release to post on social media to highlight to the public that the bridge is open. KM to take on organisation of the dates and distribution of posters, leaflets and invites, agreed provisional date to be 21st of April.

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j. BESS

CE reported that she has emailed all interested parties regarding the community response and feelings on the proposed BESS.

Responses have been received with minimal information being sent back.

All the rejection letters have been emailed through, 186 by CE but still with no response.

CE to call a further meeting of the BESS subcommittee, email has been sent out with regards to the further meeting.

k. Galloway National Park

None in period

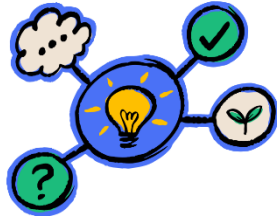
7) Treasurer Report

No reports received

Insurance policies are due on the 1st of April, BCC allow Sharon to pay that out of her account and then issue a cheque back to herself – approved.

Small Grants

Lorraine Clark to be refunded £20.86, for food throughout storm Eyown when power was lost across the village - approved



Does your group have an idea but need funding?
Do you have an opportunity to benefit our
community?

Thanks to Ballantrae Community Benefit Fund
and Carrick Futures ,

Ballantrae Community Council

can provide funding up to £1000.

To apply please contact

Ballantraecommunitycouncil@gmail.com for an
application or further information.



Harbour committee have put in an application for £1000 for the harbour accounts – approved

8) Funding Reports

Ballantrae Community Fund

No meeting in period

Next meeting: 10th March 2025

Carrick Futures

No meeting in period.

Kilgallioch Community Fund

Meeting was held over Zoom on 11th February 2025

The next AGM be held by 26/11/25, there are no accounts available yet. The board is the same and so are all the office bearers.

It was decided that the website was outdated and was going to be updated, are also going to review the other website.

There was suggestion of having an intern and is to be discussed at next meeting.

Next funding meeting is either on the 7th or the 8th of April 2025

9) **Councillor report from SAC**

New library will be open 25th February along with the reopening of the McKechnie Institute with a new revamped exhibition space.

The council budget is due to be set at a reduced level and hard decisions to be made. AC assures that there will be no drastic cuts.

10) **Thriving Communities report**

Exhilarating Easter Sports Camp designed for children attending Primary 1-7! From Monday 14th April to Tuesday 15th April.

Our camp kicks off each morning with a soft drop-off from 9:30 am, ensuring a stress-free start to the day for busy families. Activities kick off at 9:45, where children will have the opportunity to enjoy a range of sports and games in a fun and friendly setting.

Active Minis / Parent and child session - younger children and parents(aged 3-5 and not yet attending school) are welcome to join our popular Active Minis sessions, which run each morning from 10am for 45 minutes. Monday 14th April to Tuesday 15th April

Parents and children (Primary 1 - 4) can join in and get active together at 11am for an hour of sporting fun at Girvan Primary School. Monday 14th April

Pop up sports Ballantrae Wednesday of both weeks 3-4pm

Parents and Children in Primary 1 - 4 can pop in to Girvan Primary where there will be a Family Easter crafts and games session at 10am until 2pm.

11) **Correspondence**

Ballantrae News article and everyone to contribute.

CE has been in communication Jamie with regards to the youth club letting charges.

Intergenerational event being held in Girvan Academy to celebrate spaces in local communities which is taking place in the week commencing the 24th April and would like some representatives BCC members to attend. CE to provide more information closer to the time.

There was a Windfarm extension meeting held on the 11th April between the Ballantrae Trust and the BCC, the meeting took place to determine about the money that the Arecleoch extension will bring in and no specific decision was made but it has been productive and LC to come back with more information about possibilities.

CE had been in contact with someone who was receiving home care and as a result of a disagreement the care pack was pulled by the recipient, there had been a lack of information and CE had been in contact with Helen Brown the senior care manager from SAC who explained what could and couldn't happen and Helen is going to take the problem forward. NO names mentioned due to GDPR.

Thanks to LC for going to the Barr funding meeting, BCC appreciates Laura's support she has been gifted a fuel voucher as a thanks and to reimburse incurred costs.

AC to follow up three prominent Potholes on the Foreland.

Congratulations to Barry O'Hare for being appointed as the new hall caretaker.

A discussion was held with regards to starting a resilience team because it was a great help during the storm and the hall being the base of operations due to the possibility of licensing issues if they used the pub. To look at in further meetings and SA to take on.

Reminder to only send reports to CE and RC to not flood everybody's inboxes, with the exception of the Treasurer's report because of previous agreement.

A.O.C.B

KM received an email from Vivienne McCulloch to advise that our community council received no nominations for the bi-elections undertaken in 2025 so no further action is required, CE to email Chris Wilkinson a form to be co-opted onto the council.

KM had a discussion with the doctors about putting the minutes holder back in the surgery and it will return as of this month once a copy of the minutes has been printed.

A local villager had raised issues with benches in the village, AC to follow up ownership of the benches that are outside the pub and the church.

AC to follow up the loss of the salt bin and fence along due to the storm as they have fallen down the hill on Church Street.

SA reported due to holidays that there is a likelihood of there being no treasurer's report next meeting, they will be discussed at next meeting.

AC reported that Scottish Water has put the Glendrissaig Reservoir up for sale as they no longer require the water from the reservoir.

MM reported that he has been informed that the history group are planning on doing some preservation work on the Kennedy Mausoleum. It was agreed that the BCC will help where they can and if help with grants and funding is needed then we will.

Date of next meeting will be 25th March 2025 at 19:00

Items	Actions	Who	By when
5	AC to investigate why there is not an accessible access at the south side of the bridge.	Alec	ASAP
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5	CE to call a further meeting of the BESS subcommittee	Claire	ASAP
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6i	KM to take on organisation the dates and distribution of posters, leaflets and invites	Kim	ASAP
6j	CE to call a further meeting of the BESS subcommittee	Claire	ASAP

11	CE to provide more information closer to the time about BCC members attending the intergenerational event at Girvan Academy.	Claire	ASAP
11	LC to come back with more information about possibilities for the windfarm meeting.	Laura	ASAP
11	AC to follow up three prominent potholes on the Foreland.	Alec	ASAP
11	SA to research the possibility of a resilience team	Sharon	ASAP
12	CE to email Chris Wilkinson a form to be co-opted onto the council.	Claire	ASAP
12	AC to follow up ownership of the benches that are outside the pub and outside the church.	Alec	ASAP
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