

1) **Welcome.**

CE welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new members Adam and Shirley

2) **Attendees.**

Claire Erskine (CE); Kim Mawer (KM); Mhairi McKenna (MMK); Sharon Adams (SA); Laura Cunningham (LC); Martin McCourt (MM); Cllr Alan Lamont (AL); Adam Van Der Valk (AV); Chris Wilkinson (CW)

3) **Apologies.**

Sean McIlwraith, Ruby Cunningham

4) **Previous Minutes Approval.**

Approval of the March minutes, proposed SA and seconded by MMcC.

5) **Matters arising and updates.**

SA to contact SAC to confirm SM as harbour master and to arrange for all future correspondence to be sent to him. - Completed

SA contact suitable contractor to assess the life buoy at the Barr and explore possible re-siting and associated groundwork solutions. – Ongoing, waiting for contractor to confirm works to be carried out

The windsock at the harbour is damaged. – AL to contact relevant department to arrange repair.

No biosphere sign at the southern entrance to the village. AC to raise this with Ayrshire Roads Alliance /Amey Transport Scotland. - Ongoing

MMK to forward email from SEPA regarding ongoing public consultation on flood protection to KM. - Complete

KM to post details of SEPA ongoing public consultation on flood protection on the BCC Facebook page. - Complete

CE to resend letters of objection to all relevant companies. - Ongoing

SM to investigate further options for the dredging of the harbour and report back. – Complete for the season

CE to forward photographs of large potholes on the Foreland. to AL. AL to follow up with ARA. - Complete

MK to email the log in details for Scottish Power Renewables community benefit portal to CE, KM and SA. – Outstanding, SA/CE to follow up with SPR

KM to contact Environmental Health to ask for assistance with the rabbit issue on the Foreland.

– KM has spoken to SAC EH, in progress, landowner to be contacted.

KM/CE to arrange meeting with Scotmid management to discuss their concerns, as well as wider village concerns regarding the ongoing intermittent closure of the shop and Post Office.

AL to contact Trae Bakes regarding concerns over business rates. – Complete, AC has spoken to Trae Bakes.

SA will forward email chain from SAC approved contractor to AL for him to follow up. – AL to liaise with Alec Clark, ongoing.

SA to update micro grants application form and distribute via Facebook and to all community groups. - Complete

## 6) **Reports.**

### **a. Police Scotland.**

Ballantrae - 01/04/26 – 28/04/26

There were 12 incidents raised for this period. There was 1 crime report created which was detected.

Incident breakdown:

Alarms: 2

Domestic Incidents: 1

Road Traffic Matters: 8

Concern for persons: 1

Road Traffic matters: There were 2 collisions. The remaining calls related to debris on road / breakdowns / animals on road etc.

Crime Report Detection Analysis:

Road Traffic Offences: 1 (speeding)

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

Monthly Update – March & April 2026

Location: Ballantrae Hall

Lead Youth Worker: Kerry Erskine

Organisation: Ballantrae Youth Club & Girvan Youth Trust

Attendance and Activities:

- 18 March – 4 young people attended – Making brownies
- 25 March – 3 young people attended – Making Mini Egg cookies

- 1 April – 7 young people attended – Easter activities
- 8–15 April – No sessions (Easter holidays)
- 22 April – 4 young people attended – Beach walk and stone painting

General Update:

Young people have been actively involved in discussions about their summer trip and voted on their preferred destination. The chosen location is Blackpool Pleasure Beach, with a provisional date set for 2 July 2026.

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

Festival of Ballantrae – Planning for 2026 ongoing

Planning for upgrade to Kings Arms.

- Applications in to BCF, CF & Kilgallioch wind farms, £25k awarded by Ballantrae Community Fund subject to match funding, £100k rejected by Carrick Futures owing to the risk of not getting other funds, this will put the £25k from BCF in jeopardy
- Crowdfunding planning proceeding, we have received funding for a PR consultancy, a video producer and a specific Crowdfunding Website,
- EOI being submitted to National Lottery Heritage Enterprise Fund 08/05/2026.
- CARES funding for Solar panels not proceeding as we will not have Planning Permissions & Building Warrants in place in time due to lack of funding

Cinema & Community Transport – Nothing to report

Coastal rowing – nothing to report

Cosy Spaces – nothing to report

Ballantrae Lunch Club – nothing to report

Corra Hardship Fund – now closed, £15k distributed to residents of BCC

Resilience – nothing to report

Thriving Communities – ongoing

Website - ongoing

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

No report in period

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

No report in period

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

SM continues to investigate a longer-term solution to the ongoing annual dredging in and around the harbour to provide a more sustainable programme for future years.

### **g. Planning.**

Planning application has been submitted for the new BRICC care facility. MMcC had been approached by 2 local resident who have raised concerns. AL advised that concerns regarding any elements of the proposed works should be communicated via the online planning portal. All concerns raised via the portal will then be recorded for due consideration by the planning committee.

### **h. Licensing.**

No report in period

### **i. Environmental**

No report in period

### **j. BESS**

CE reported that no response has been received from any correspondence. AL recommended contacting SAC Planning.

### **k. Fun on the Foreland**

Planned for Friday 7th August, inflatables have been costed at approximately £1,000. An application has been submitted to the Micro Grants Fund for £1,000. Funding support was discussed and agreed unanimously by the committee.

## **7) Treasurer Report**

Account Balances to Date

Special Interest-Bearing Account

	Opening balance	£41,332.50
24/03/26	SPR	+£80,407.83
	Closing balance	£121,815.51

CBF Account

	Opening balance	£3,318.50
05/03/26	Cheque 402 – Pilates (S Green)	-£143.52
13/03/26	Cheque 401 - KA	-£1,000.00
30/03/26	Int	+£7.49
	Closing balance	£888.04

## Harbour Account

	No Statement	£1,932.55
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## Admin Account

	Opening balance	£451
	No Statement	
	Closing balance	£451

A decision is required to transfer funds to Foundation Scotland for distribution of funds through Ballantrae Community Benefit Fund; the current available balance of the fund is £26,274.97. See AGM report for Microgrant spend in 25/26. A discussion was held and it was agreed that £50,000 Would be transferred to Foundation Scotland for the Ballantrae Community Benefit fund.

SA requested all community councillors sign the agreed minutes from March to have BT name removed from BCC bank accounts.

### **Small Grants**

#### Kings Arms Pub and Hub

The Kings Arms Board would like to provide Emergency First Aid at work, training to ensure staff are able to respond confidently in an emergency. The course will also be offered to local volunteers, many of whom support other organisations within Ballantrae, with any remaining spaces made available to the wider community. A First Aid Certificate would benefit participants seeking employment or renewing existing qualifications.

If demand is high, a second course may be arranged at the Kings Arms, subject to further funding support. The cost of the training is £525 for up to 12 participants for a 5–6 hour course.- Approved

#### Harbour Ayrshire – Deferred from last month

Applying for £1,000 for promotional materials, including pens, notepads, stress balls and keyrings, to raise awareness at Fun on the Foreland. Harbour Ayrshire provides a drop-in service in Ballantrae and hopes that distributing materials with contact details will encourage people to access support when ready.

It was clarified on 23/4 that any leftover materials would be used at other South Carrick events, with future applications submitted to other Community Councils if successful.

#### Cost breakdown

Pens 300 - £230, Keyrings 200 - £230, Stress balls 100 - £220, Notebooks 250 - £275 –

Approved at £1,000.

Indoor bowling club

To purchase a new indoor bowling mat, purchase cost £1,200. Application is for £1,000 –  
Approved

Ballantrae in Bloom

Application received to support the ongoing activities of Ballantrae in Bloom. Compost, plants and Fedd £500.00, insurance £250.00, competition expenses £250.00, total £1,000.00. -  
Approved with conditions. In line with funding guidelines, funding for cash prizes cannot be provided. However, an award of £750 is offered towards other project costs.

To support full delivery of the project, the use of Scotmid vouchers is proposed in place of cash prizes. This approach supports a local business while enabling the application to proceed in full, as cash prizes cannot be funded. If this approach is acceptable, the full request of £1,000 can be approved.

## 8) **Funding Reports**

### Ballantrae Community Fund

Meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, recruitment drive is underway to fill the 3 vacant places on the fund panel.

One application received and approved from Ballantrae Trust for £25,000 for the design works associated with the King's Arms upgrade.

Next funding meeting will be on 01/06/26

A question had been posed as to why the Ballantrae panel did not hold an annual AGM to report on the awards given. LC explained that the Panel does not hold an AGM because it is not a constituted body. Neighbouring Funds that hold AGMs operate through formally constituted Boards with their own governance, compliance responsibilities, and legal accountability. In contrast, the Ballantrae Fund operates through a Panel structure that sits under Foundation Scotland governance and is guided by its Terms of Reference and Fund Framework. Panel members do not hold an ongoing formal role outside Panel meetings. The Panel therefore exists only as a collective decision-making body when it is in session. This structure was agreed with the donor at the time the Fund was established.

### Carrick Futures

Report on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

No funding meeting in period.

Business meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February applications of new member for Ballantrae approved, Sue McGougall will be inducted before next funding meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Chair resigned at the end of last funding meeting in January; Laura Cunningham is new acting chair until AGM in

May. AGM scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> April. EGM to be held later in the year to approve updated and modernised company articles of association.

Next funding deadline 25<sup>th</sup> May for late July decision.

CE has applied as a new member from Ballantrae, - approved by all councillors present.

#### Kilgallioch Community Fund

Funding awarded in the period £363,038

Ballantrae Trust large grant application has been approved to stage 2.

Next meeting August 2026 AGM 19<sup>th</sup> August.

#### 9) Councillor report from SAC

AL reported potholes to Foreland have been repaired. KM recorded thanks to AL for assisting in this.

Dog waste bin at the Bennan is with Fiona Ross's team for siting.

Bridge Street resurfacing in Girvan has been delayed and this may impact travel time due to associated road closures.

#### 10) Thriving Communities report

No report on period

#### 11) Correspondence

CE data protection fee DD notification fee is now to be paid by direct debit.

KM a member of the public had asked if there could be dog poo bin at the north side of the Park End path. This area is private land therefore a bin cannot be located here. There is a waste bin adjacent to the Park End path located on the footpath on the A77

KM reported that there is a heart start event planned in hall for 4<sup>th</sup> June

Dog fouling check is to be carried out by Environmental Health to issue fines within the village.

MMcC has received an email from the Ballantrae History group requesting assistance for the preservation of the Bargany Aisle, a historically significant monument in Ballantrae old churchyard. MMcC to forward email to AL/CE for assistance and advise.

MMcC approached by Kings Arms Pub Group as there is an abandoned car in the car park. A discussion was held, unfortunately there is not anything the CC can do assist with this matter as the vehicles are located on private land.

## 12) A.O.C.B

AVV noted that the new tactile paving has already been damaged by HGVs parking on the pavement. He also expressed concerns around the poor pedestrian access being provided during roadworks.

A discussion was held by council members for the re co-option of the specialist community council members. Colin McNally and Laura Cunningham were duly re appointed via co-option to the community council.

Date of next meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 19:00

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