

**Minutes of meeting of Ballantrae Community Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April  
2023 at 19:00**

**Sederunt:** Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) (Chair); Deborah Cassels (DC); Sharon Adams (SA); Kim Mawer (KM); Claire Erskine (CE); Calum Macdonald (CM); Cllr Peter Henderson (PH); John Hainey (JH); Martin McCourt (MMcC); Calum McDonald (CMcD); Tracy Whiteford SAC (Senior Communities Officer); (TW); Ryan Ward (SAC Link Officer) (RW); PC Andrew Thorn (AT)

**Apologies:** Colin McNally, Sean McIlwraith

**Minutes of meeting:** 28 March 2023 approved, proposed DC, seconded SA.

**Welcome**

MMcK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MMcK handed over to TW to introduce RW as the new link officer for BCC.

**Matters arising**

PH thanked all for letter of support for Merchant Navy War memorial and advised that he has around £2000 left to raise to reach the fundraising target for project.

It was agreed that the matter of the village shop paint colour was closed in last meeting.

Minutes are available on Ballantrae and South Ayrshire Council websites.

( [www.ballantrae.org.uk](http://www.ballantrae.org.uk) and [www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk) )

Going forward a paper copy will also be available to read in Shellknowe Garage.

**Police Report AT**

AT advised that there has been a change of sergeant for the area. Sergeant Andrew Kelly has taken over and will be based out of Maybole but will also cover Girvan and South Carrick.

There were 7 incidents raised within the period 28/03/23 to 25/04/23, with 1 crime report being created from these incidents. The crime report raised within this period remains under investigation.

Incident breakdown:

Concern for person: 1

Assist Member of the Public: 1

Road Traffic Matters: 3

Communications: 2

AT advised of issues of fly tipping in the Glenapp area and advised of increased joint police patrols with SAC waste management team.

CE advised of low level anti-social behaviour from youths around the harbour area.

### **Treasurer's report - SA**

**General account balance** £84.00 no change in the period.

**Harbour account balance** £1,887.40 no change in the period.

### **Community Benefit fund account:**

Opening balance: £4894.20

Closing balance: £3937.17

Change – Both recent grants have now been drawn down.

### **Ballantrae Community fund account:**

Opening balance: £2911.20

Closing balance: £75,311.07

Change in the month: Deposit from Scottish Power and interest accrued.

### **Community Benefit Fund (Carrick Futures) - SA**

3 New Applications

Ballantrae Community Pub - £500 temp banners and entertainment on opening weekend

Ballantrae History Group - £500 membership fees, website etc

Ballantrae In Bloom – £500 Soil, compost, insurance for planters

### **Ballantrae Community Fund - MMcK**

Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

Applications from scouts £7600 for purpose built scout hut - approved

Ballantrae Trust £24000 for salary - deferred more info requested

Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink £15000 for marquee

### **Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch**

Carrick Futures - Meeting took place on April 18<sup>th</sup> and there were no applications.

The next meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Application deadline for next round of funding closes on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Put on FB.

Kilgallioch – AGM 7<sup>th</sup> June Funding 19<sup>th</sup> June

### **Report from Ballantrae Trust - MMcC**

#### **KA/Bencom**

Applications are being discussed with Foundation Scotland for the Ballantrae Panel (Guttering, Draining, Rendering and Insulation). 'Suez' for painting the building and re-doing the car park. Carrick Futures for the roofing and Kilgallioch for rewiring. Volunteers having been assisting over the last 2 weeks with tidying up the garden, redecorating inside and assisting with re doing the path to the rear door. Currently in the process of interviewing for staff. Looking to open in mid-May but this is dependent on staffing.

### **Ballantrae Trust**

Cost of living grant £5000 to be distributed to individuals within Ballantrae CC area. The only requirement will be to advise what the money is needed for. It will not be means tested and for reasons of confidentiality will be over seen by one person. Advertisement of this will be distributed in the next few days. CE suggested MMcC approach both Girvan Academy and Ballantrae Primary to assist with advertising. This was agreed.

Cosy Space is considering re-opening in the Autumn.

### **Community Association MMcK**

AGM is to being held 3 May at 7pm. MMcK to confirm with BCA if they are the group for gala which is being arranged for 1st July 2023.

### **Harbour Committee – SM**

To be dredged middle of May. CE advised SM is still waiting on 3<sup>rd</sup> quote re pointing.

### **Traffic within the village - DC**

Next meeting to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 with MSP, Transport Scotland, Police and Amey. Meeting with Ayrshire Roads Alliance will be held at next BCC meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> of May. PH advised that the A77 economic impact assessment has been completed and published and the Scottish Government has designated Cairnryan a key port which will support the campaign of getting the A77 improved. A77 improvement would bring around £6.7 billion in revenue.

### **Ardstinchar Bridge**

No change since last period.

### **South Ayrshire Council – PH**

Girvan Folk Festival taking place on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> April. PH attended Ayr College for the Hydro Scheme, the small drop on the weir is producing enough power for 125 houses and generates all the power for the College. Ayr Ice Rink is facing closure due electric costs.

### **Correspondence**

Planning Permission application for felling on Knockdolian estate due to Infected Larch throughout.

### **Any other business**

Request from John Cowieson for an update from PH on emails sent to MP's regarding closure of Ballantrae Coastguard Station. PH advised emails have been sent but no replies received as yet.

CE advised of household items and waste from beach cleans are being left beside community bins. Bins are being emptied but items are left at the side. PH advised that the reason for this is that the binmen are only allowed to empty the bins and not to take anything out with them.

CE raised concerns about having no youth group for teenagers. RW advised that there has been a recruitment freeze within the council due to budget reduction so youth workers can't be recruited. RW advised that they would fight to keep Ballantrae Youth Group. SA asked if individuals approached BCC for a grant application to start a Youth Group would this be allowed. RW said this would be supported and they would support PVG's etc.

It was unanimously agreed that a thankyou card and gift are to be purchased for Laura Cunningham for her excellent work as BCC secretary. MMcK to arrange this.

**Date of next meeting will be May 30th, 2023 at 19:00**