

Minutes of the meeting of Ballantrae Community Council held 29th April 2024 at 19:00

Attendees

Claire Erskine (Chair) Kim Mawer (KM) Sharon Adams (SA) Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) Debbie Cassels (DC) Sean McIlwraith (SM) Martain McCourt (MMcC) Calum MacDonald (CM) Andrew McDonald (AM) Cllr Alan Lamont (AL) Ryan Ward (RW) Adam Vandervalk (AV) Chris Wilkinson (CW) Chris Barnes (CB)

Apologies

Colin McNally Kelleigh Mawer

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from 26th March Proposed by SA seconded by KM.

Welcome

Claire welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mhairi for serving as BCC chair for ten years.

Claire Welcome Andrew to BCC.

Matters Arising from minutes.

- Repairs still to be started on the life rings on the Foreland (CE)
- Expected visit from proposed BESS, did not attend.

Youth Club

- Ace days during the Summer Holidays confirmed as the 27th of July and the 7th of August for Canoeing and Paddleboarding.
- Numbers remain encouraging and consistent.
- Pleased to have secured funding to run for the next 3 years.
- Invited to the Ballantrae Bowling Club on the 8th May.

Police report

- No police report was submitted.

Treasurers report

Account Balances

- Special Interest-bearing account at 28/3/24 £81,027.45 +£12.49 int +£75157.28 SPR
- Community Benefit Fund 28/3/24 £6854.65 - £259.55 Pilates - £376.25 BPS + £32.91 int
- Harbour Account at 28/3/24 £1866.95
- Admin account at 28/3/24 £439

Small grant fund applications

- Kings Arms - £200 to pay for the Barstools to perform in The Kings Arms on the 8th of June.
- BCA £417.60 4 x licences for films in the village £104.60 each.
- BCA £500 to purchase and install a 50inch TV and bracket for the buffet room for the use of groups for presentations etc, TV preferred is £349.99 awaiting quotes for installation, if awarded and any funds remain after installation the group is happy to return.
- Ballantrae Youth Group £500 to provide 2 x activity days for the youth group during the summer holidays, 1 x paddleboarding and 1 x canoeing.
- Pilates group £434.55 to purchase exercise balls and tougher resistance bands, as the group has progressed to the next level.

Ballantrae Benefit Fund

- Pleased to say we were successful in our application for continuation of the Youth Group for 3 years.
- The panel met last night five applications were discussed. Three were successful with rolling grants approved. Two applications were denied.
- The decision was also made to allow applications for driving lessons however certain conditions must be met.

Reports from Ballantrae community fund, Carrick Futures, and Kilgallioch

- Carrick futures next meeting to be held on the 1st of May.
- Kilgallioch provided money to the Ballantrae Food Festive.

Report from Ballantrae Trust MMcC

- Planning/Building Control re-painting, Biomass, EV charger is ongoing.
- Work is completed on the Pub Roof.
- Electrical work on the Kings Arms Ground floor is underway.
- Discussions with the Department for Levelling up are ongoing, however, the final deadline is now the end of May because of the election, and we will not be in a position to apply by that date.
- Positive discussions with Architects and Qs and have another workshop planned to prepare detailed project plans and Project Manager costings.
- We are awaiting an update from Scotmid regarding the Carpark and EV Charger, still ongoing.
- The Community Action Plan is to be published shortly.

Ballantrae Community Association

- AV suggested more activities for children during the holidays. KM to speak to Active schools, CE to speak to Lucy at Z1. (KM,CE)
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Harbour committee

- Harbour will be dredged on the 7th of May.

Traffic within the village DC

- Vince Tait at Amey assured that the public meeting will be scheduled as soon as the design milestones have been met and he will keep everyone updated.
- The Vehicle activated signs, Vince has advised that this will operate based on vehicle speed and illuminate for vehicles over the speed limit with a round 30MPH and SLOW DOWN displayed.
- The temporary traffic lights on the A77 at Carlock Hill are in place following a landslip in December. The first phase of work will involve the removal of vegetation. An ecologist is assessing the site to ensure there is no harm to wildlife when this work is undertaken. The existing barrier has reached the end of its operational life and is set to be replaced by a new vehicle restraint system at this location. The area behind the barrier will be partially excavated so the new barrier can be set slightly further back from the edge of the carriageway, providing more road width. The traffic management at this location is there to ensure the safety of road users and will be removed once the new barrier has been installed. This scheme is currently expected to be completed by the end of May.
- Concerning Straid - Kennedy's Pass, a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order has been in force since October 2023. This has recently been extended until 6 April 2025. The order is in place to ensure safety while the barrier works are completed.

Ardstinchar bridge

- Divers were down to do survey this week.

Report from SAC

- Member of the public has requested that the Park End path is restored and cutback, queries about Land ownership and responsibilities AL will check with SAC **(AL)**
- KM stated that Gravel had arrived in the Vennel Carpark, AL suggests this is to be used to repair holes in the carpark.
- Signage in carpark still to be looked at regarding positioning.
- Carlock roadworks to be completed by May.
- Divers for survey were on site this week at Ardstinchar bridge.
- Meeting to find out ownership of hall however spoke to CLLR Clark about using Ward money to paint the Hall.

Correspondence

- Member of the public has asked about Grass cutting boundaries within the Village, This will be checked with SAC **(AL)**
- CB is looking to get an EV charger put into his home. He was informed that it would be at a cost however its possible Zebra crossing / lights could affect where the trunking will be to enter his property. DC will investigate this. **(DC)**
- New community officer Jodie McFarlane.
- After being rejected to receive the kings portrait, another letter approved and will be hung in the buffet room.
- New Bike referral scheme in south Ayrshire poster will be added to Facebook. They are requesting old unused bikes **(KM)**
- **A.O.C.B**
- Friday 3rd of May deadline for Ballantrae news, SA will report. **(SA)**
- Next meeting will be Tuesday the 28th of May.