

Minutes of meeting of Ballantrae Community Council held on the 28th of
May 2024 at 19:00

1. Welcome

CE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Sederunt

Claire Erskine (CE) Kim Mawer (KM) Mhairi McKenna (MMcK) Sharon Adams (SA) Martin McCourt (MMcC) Calum MacDonald (CM)

Members of Public

Robert Grant, Blair Main, Chris Barnes, Shirley McIlwraith, Peter Newland, Berni Le Qulenenec, Chris Wilkinson, Laura Cunningham, Marc Ritchie, Georgette Birch.

3. Apologies

Sean McIlwraith, Debbie Cassels, Colin McNally, Ryan McIlwraith, Councillor Alan Lamont, SAC Ryan Ward.

4. Auchencrosh development representative

Please see attached for information.

5. Minutes of last meeting 30th April

Minutes from 30th April approved, proposed by KM seconded by MMcC

6. Matters Arising & Updates

CE - repairs to life ring on Foreland completed on 16th May.

KM and CE- Active Schools will be introducing summer activities programme with dates to be confirmed.

Two ACE days confirmed for Ballantrae Youth Club.

KM and CE- Discussion took place with Lucy at Z1 about resurrecting Fun on The Foreland, date still to be confirmed.

KM- Bike referral scheme information posted on Facebook.

SA- Report for Ballantrae News submitted.

7. Reports

a. Police report

There were 9 incidents raised within the period 01/05/24 to 28/05/24, with 2 crime reports being created from these incidents which have not been detected to date.

Incident Breakdown December

Road Traffic Matters: 5

Child Protection: 1

Assist Members of Public: 1

Fraud: 1

Insecure Premises: 1

b. Youth Club Numbers remain consistent.

Positive feedback from the children. Varied activities on offer each week. Two water sports days planned for the summer holidays.

c. Report from Ballantrae Trust MMcC

BFFD takes place 8/9th June.

Planning Application submitted to SAC for external painting and flue for biomass boiler.

Electrical work on the Kings Arms Ground floor is ongoing.

Order placed for building works for Biomass Boiler commencing in a couple of weeks. Contract due to be signed and deposit paid for Boiler installation end of this week

Workshop planned with Architects and Qs to prepare detailed project plans and Project Manager costings.

We are awaiting an update from Scotmid regarding the carpark and EV Charger still

Two vacancies on the Ballantrae Trust for BCC directors

d. Ballantrae Community Association

It was with great sadness Adam has resigned as our Chair.

We had a meeting on the 22nd where everything was handed over and roles of responsibility assigned.

We are moving forward with the fireworks, and we hope to secure a grant for the next three years from foundation Scotland.

The Gala is set for the 29th with a Rod Stewart tribute on the Sunday evening.

Insurances and risk assessment are in place. Awaiting on the occasional license.

We hope for better weather than last year and hope the village will support us.

Most clubs come to an end at the end of June with a few private bookings over the summer.

The BCA will be advertising for a new chairperson over the summer and our next full meeting will be September 4th.

e. Traffic within the village DC

No update as the design phase due to take place in May and June

f. Harbour committee

Life ring has been replaced.

g. Planning

CMC is BCC's new planning contact

h. Licensing

MMcC has been named as licensing contact with SAC however nothing received as yet.

i. Ardstinchar Bridge

No update

8. Treasurers report

Account Balances -

Special Interest-bearing account at 01/05/24

£81133.67

+£106.22int

Community Benefit Fund 01/05/24

£4971.36

-£2003.29 cheques cleared

+£120 from admin account

Harbour Account 01/05/24

£1866.95

Admin Account 01/05/24

£319.00

-£120 to treasurer account

SA proposed transferring £67,000 to Foundation Scotland, taking into account the small grants awarded last year, this should leave funds available when the BCC require them for small grants. This was discussed and an amount of £65000 was agreed by all in attendance.

9. Small grant fund applications

1. Ballantrae in Bloom £500 soil, compost, plants and fertiliser for the new pots that have started to be placed around the village. – agreed
2. Girvan Academy £500 to provide essentials for children within the academy. -agreed
3. Girvan Academy Parent Council £500 towards bus hire for events and activities – agreed
4. BCA- Gala £459 to purchase a marquee for the Gala – agreed
5. Ballantrae Trust £252 to purchase Oxygen website builder and update the Ballantrae.org website – agreed
6. £126.80 paid to James King following completion of previously agreed works to repair the life rings due to storm damage.

BCC agreed to donate 4 head torches to the Ballantrae Coastguard (SA)

Reports from Ballantrae community fund, Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch

- Next Ballantrae Benefit Fund meeting to take place on 5th June.
- Next Carrick Futures meeting to take place on 3rd July.

10. Report from SAC AL

- Supporting letter submitted regarding Coastal Application Funding.
- Amey/Transport Scotland have stated that the A77 junction to Colmonell is not scheduled to have any lighting put in place but they will add my safety concerns to their agenda which will be discussed at their next meeting and revert to me in due course.
- Vennel car park repaired and signs now have safety bollards in place.
- Email to SAC officers requesting Parkend path be cut back to allow better access for all users. SAC state they don't have ownership of the path so it's out with their remit. Follow up email to ARA and SAC Service lead of neighbourhood services (often work in conjunction with ARA) informing them that the path may be owned either wholly or part by Robert Dalrymple so I am now awaiting their response.
- Cllr Clark contacted ARA who have agreed to cut the grass verges on both sides of the village completely from now on.
- Spoke with Tracey Whiteford and Tom Burns regarding ownership of the village hall. This may be worthy of a separate discussion due to the complexity of it but to sum up meantime (and I will admit I may still not be in receipt of all up to date information)

SAC have no intentions of withdrawing their support for the hall whatsoever at this moment in time. Obviously, they have retained the right to review that if financial situations dramatically change but as it stands just now, they are in for the long hall. I asked if consideration be given to a longer lease i.e. 5 years instead of the current 2 years that is in place which would give BCC some confidence going forward. Tracey is looking into a longer lease and will revert in due course. Meantime SAC confirm any damage or repairs required inside because of external weatherproof failing outside will be covered by their insurance. I think if my memory serves me right, SAC carried out the repairs to the plaster inside recently.

11. Thriving Communities report

No report received RW on Annual leave.

12. Correspondence

- Andy McAlpine and Colin McNally have kindly offered to collate some information and some photos of Snib Scott to be erected in the hall after KM queried where the previous one had gone.

13. A.O.C.B

- Next meeting is Tuesday 25th of June 2024.