

1) **Welcome.**

CE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) **Attendees.**

Claire Erskine (CE); Kim Mawer (KM); Mhairi McKenna (MMcK); Sharon Adams (SA); Calum MacDonald (CM); Debbie Cassels (DC); Cllr Alan Lamont (AL); SAC Link officer Ryan Ward (RW); Andrew MacDonald (AM); Ruby Cunningham (RC); Laura Cunningham (LC); Martin McCourt (MM) arrived 19:20.

3) **Apologies.**

Sean McIlwraith, Colin McNally, Georgette Birch

4) **Previous Minutes Approval.**

Minutes from 28th May approved, proposed by MM, seconded by KM

5) **Matters arising and updates.**

SA – Head torches have been issued to Ballantrae coastguard, who thanked the BCC for providing them. The coastguard team shared how the upgraded headtorches will make a difference to their performance sharing the significant increased coverage.

KM – Snib Scott picture has now been hung in the buffet room in the community hall.

6) **Reports.**

a. **Police Scotland.**

No report issued

b. **Youth Club.**

Numbers remain consistent, there have been a variety of events during the month including, team building, beat the youth worker, Euro's quiz and a talent show. There are 2 ACE days planned during the summer holidays.

c. **Ballantrae Trust.**

- i. BFFD took place 8/9th June, a very successful and enjoyable weekend. Thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work
- ii. Planning application to SAC for external painting and flue for biomass boiler ongoing

- iii. Electrical work on the Kings Arms ground floor is ongoing
- iv. Order placed for building works for biomass boiler commencing in a couple of weeks. Contract signed and deposit paid for boiler, installation w/c 22nd July
- v. Workshop carried out with architects and quantity surveyor to prepare detailed project plans and project manager costings. Funding submission shortly for project manager
- vi. Scotmid regarding the carpark and EV charger, planning permission required
- vii. Application submitted to SAC for UK Government Community Empowerment Fund to provide external gym equipment to the playpark
- viii. 2 vacancies on the Ballantrae Trust for representatives from BCC.

A discussion was held as to representation of BCC on the Ballantrae Trust. It was concluded that as MM is a director of the trust and SA will become a director at the trust AGM, they will be the BCC representatives.

d. Community Association Report.

- i. The hall is seeing the end of many groups this week for the summer holidays, we expect them to all restart end of August beginning of September. The hall however will continue to have events going on including the cinema club and history group over the summer.
- ix. The BCA committee have no meetings now till September when we return, we will be starting to collect the affiliation fees, looking at the fireworks night, towards Christmas and hopefully the development of a group for the village Christmas decorations/lights. We will also be looking for a new chairperson to run the BCA if anyone is interested in this role please get in touch.
- x. The Gala is this Saturday 29th June, if anyone can volunteer their time we would be very grateful especially setting up on Saturday morning at 9am. If you could help spread the word Gala 1-4pm, dog show - BYOD (bring your own dog !) 2pm and tug of war 3pm.
- xi. The Rod Stewart night on the Sunday 30 June, 19:30 till late BYOB, £10 per adult £5 for children. Also, good music in the interval and at the end of the concert to dance away too. Tickets on sale in the garage, at the gala or from any gala committee members. Mark's Hungry Haggis food van will be outside on the night for sustenance.

e. Traffic/travel/transport.

Ballantrae Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Update 23/06/2024:

- i. Pedestrian Safety:

There has been no update from Amey with respect to the design phase for the village which was due to be finished end of June.

xii. Current Amey A77 works:

The temporary traffic lights on the A77 at Carlock Hill are in place following the minor land slip in December 2023. The first phase of work involving the removal of vegetation seems to have been completed, however the replacement vehicle restraint system at this location is still to be done. This was due to be finished at the end of May.

xiii. Proposed Amey A77 works:

BCC is now represented at the preliminary discussions of any works between Girvan and Stranraer along with Councillors Lamont and Clark. We have consistently requested that full road closures are minimised especially in high season and at weekends to support local businesses, along with appropriate and timely signage. The Ballantrae What's On Calendar has been provided to ensure no clashes with planned village events.

1. Essential resurfacing on the A77 south of Ballantrae.

Overnight closures and day time traffic lights are expected between 24th June and 4th July south of Laggan turn off to south of 'water tanks' turnoff in order to do work on the road edge, where an HGV came off the road recently. We managed to negotiate a complete stand down for the full weekend of the village gala. Therefore, there will be no works on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June.

2. Refurbishment work to Ballantrae bridge (under discussion)

The scope of the works includes the following:

- Re-waterproofing of bridge including all associated works (concrete repair, surfacing, lining, studs, kerbs and the like)
- Parapet upgrades including strengthening of the supporting structures.
- Bridge expansion joint replacement

The works are currently scheduled to commence on the 5th August 2024 for approximately 12-14 weeks and will be carried out under 24/7 lane closures of the A77 with three way temporary traffic lights (TTLs) in place. Full closures of the A77 will be required to install, maintain and remove the traffic management with exact dates of these closures to be confirmed. Amey has carried out a traffic impact assessment for the proposed TTL arrangement and the delays

encountered are seen to be negligible with maximum delays of 1 minute envisaged. (BCC have questioned the three-way TTLs, full closures, and 1-minute delays?!)

3. The proposed works at A77 Ardwell cannot be done without a full weekend closure, as Amey are looking to reprogram this scheme to later in the year, I believe September was highlighted in the meeting as a reasonable time to do this. A discussion was held as to how future road closures and other road issues should be highlighted to the community. There is an imbalance of reporting of potential closures and a misunderstanding of how these issues impact the village. DC to investigate the possibility of using social media to collate information from community members.

f. Harbour Committee.

Coastal communities have awarded £18,810.50 for remedial works to be carried out to the harbour structure. Monies to be spent by 30 November 2024, additional funding will be required and deadlines will be very tight for completing works and sourcing additional funding in time before the November deadline. CE will contact Jaimie Tate SAC to explore the possibility of extending the deadline. Due to no meeting in August

g. Planning.

Details received for a dwelling extension to property adjacent to Glenapp estate office at Smyrton, no other applications in period.

h. Licensing.

MM still not receiving licensing updates from SAC. MM to contact Morag Douglas head of licensing at SAC, to ensure receipt of reports by BCC with SAC.

i. Ardstinchar Bridge

Latest stage of works have now been completed, the access gate has been reopened to allow for access across the bridge for both pedestrians and cyclists.

7) Treasurer Report

The addition of Claire and Kim as signatories is still in progress, when this is complete, internet banking access will be added to the accounts.

Administration account balance 30th May 2024:

Opening balance: £319.00

Closing balance: £26.80

Change in month outgoing: Insurance £97.20, minutes secretary £60.00, hall affiliation £75.00, minutes secretary £60.00.

Change in month incoming: No movement

Harbour account balance 30th May 2024:

Opening balance: £1,866.95

Closing balance: £1,862.50

Change in month outgoing: Rates £4.45

Change in month incoming: No movement

Special interest bearing account (Ballantrae Community fund) balance 30th May 2024:

Opening balance: £81,133.67

Closing balance: £16,133.67

Change in month outgoing: Transfer to Foundation Scotland for Ballantrae Community benefit fund £65,000.00

Change in month incoming: Interest accrued £97.33

Community Benefit fund account balance 30th May 2024:

Opening balance: £4,971.36

Closing balance: £1,992.41

Change in month outgoing: Small grants awards drawn down in period, Ballantrae Community Association £500.00, Ballantrae Community Association £417.60, Ballantrae Community Association £500.00, Pilates group £434.55, Ballantrae Primary Parent Council £500.00, Ballantrae Youth Group £500.00, Jimmy King harbour repairs £126.80.

Change in month incoming: No movement

Small grant applications:

Debbie Cassels art group - £493.45 materials for the art group – approved

Ballantrae Primary parent council - £500.00 provide daily snacks – approved

Ballantrae Bowling Club - £500.00 continued upkeep of the green – approved

Ballantrae Community Association - £259.00 purchase a portable PA system – deferred

Ballantrae website and film group (BCA) – £417.60 licences to show films – approved

Jillian Dennerline Pilates group - £75 hall affiliation fees – approved

8) **Funding Report**

- Ballantrae Community Fund

Meeting was on 5th June and the topics were Ballantrae priorities and Community Action Plan. As yet minutes not received, next meeting 16th September.

- Carrick Futures

No meetings held within period, next funding meeting 10th July 2024. Next application deadlines: 6th August for late October 2024 decision and 5th November for late January 2025 decision.

- Kilgallioch

Funds received by Ballantrae Trust to contribute to the costs of the 2024 Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink. Trust applied for £11,328.00 and was granted £7,620.00. The meeting on 17th June was cancelled and further meetings have not been scheduled.

9) **Councillor report from SAC**

AL has forwarded details of a procurement link for local businesses to be added to SAC approved contractors list, BCC can share these details with local businesses to gain approval onto the list. KM to add these details to the BCC Facebook page to share. AL is in discussion with Andy McAlpine to create an enhanced display for the Christmas season.

10) **Thriving Communities report**

RW updated on his specific role within the Thriving Communities at SAC.

Popup sports events to be held on Mondays during the summer break, 17:30 - 18:30 running weekly from 1st July to 5th August

Child health and wellbeing sessions to be held 22nd – 26th July at Girvan Primary school.

A discussion was held as to how to move forward with SAC being involved with the provision of youth club and the inclusion of the local communities of Colmonell, Pinmore, Pinwherry and Lendalfoot.

Youth work festival Friday 16th August, access for S1 to S6, RW to supply details

11) **Correspondence.**

KM recorded a thank you to Andy McAlpine from the BCC, for his invaluable assistance on the collation of the photos and information for the production of the Snib Scott commemoration display now hung in the Ballantrae community hall.

12) **A.O.C.B**

CE proposed co-opting LC onto BCC as a specialist co-optee in an advisory capacity. A vote was held and this was agreed.

KM received a request from SAC for BCC office bearers to attend a request for assistance from SAC to be part of a vote of no confidence against another community council within SAC. A discussion was held, it was agreed that no office bearers from BCC would attend.

CE reported an email from Andy McAlpine on behalf of the Ballantrae planning group, with a request for a representative from BCC to join the planning group. A discussion was held as to who the best person would be. It was decided that CE would be the best person to represent the BCC.

CE reported that the access gate at Balig Burn from the A77 on to the beach has been removed, with no access onto the beach. AM will investigate and report back to BCC.

CE proposed BCC set up a sum-committee to coordinate the community response to the proposed BESS at Auchencrosh. A discussion was held as to the validity of this proposal. CE summarised the discussion and a decision was made to hold a special meeting to discuss further 16th July 2024, in Kings Arms.

SA brought forward a proposal that 'Margaret' the boat could be removed and a permanent memorial installed to replace. It was decided that this should not be pursued.

MM requested grass around tennis courts is not being maintained, AL to chase up with SAC.

MMcK reported an email request from Stinchar Valley Community Transport group request for drivers. MMcK will forward email to KM for wider distribution.

Date of next meeting will be 27 August 2024 at 19:00

Items	Actions	Who	By when
6f	Claire to contact Jaimie Tate SAC to explore the possibility of extending the deadline for coastal communities grant	Claire	ASAP
6h	Martin to contact Morag Douglas for receipt of licensing reports	Martin	ASAP
9	Kim to share details of SAC approved contractors procurement link for local businesses to BCC Facebook page to	Kim	ASAP
12	Kim to reply to SAC declining request for office bearers to assist with vote of no confidence	Kim	ASAP
12	Claire to accept Ballantrae planning group invitation to join group as BCC representative	Claire	ASAP
12	Andrew to investigate removal of pedestrian access gate on to beach from A77 at Balig burn	Andrew	ASAP
12	Claire to organise special meeting to discuss BESS	Claire	16 th July
12	Alan to chase up cutting of grass surrounding tennis courts	Alan	ASAP
12	Mhairi to forward Stinchar Valley Community Transport email to Kim wider distribution	Mhairi	ASAP