

1) **Welcome.**

CE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) **Attendees.**

Claire Erskine (CE); Mhairi McKenna (MMcK); Sharon Adams (SA); 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); Sean McIlwraith (SM); Scottish Power Renewables, Siobhan Jarvie (SJ); Chris Wilkinson;

Apologies.

Colin McNally, Kim Mawer, Georgette Birch, Calum McDonald.

3) **Previous Minutes Approval.**

Minutes from 25th June approved, proposed by DC, seconded by SA.

4) **Matters arising and updates.**

KM - to share details of SAC approved contractors procurement link for local businesses to BCC Facebook page to

AM – Investigation continuing into removal of pedestrian access gate on to beach from A77 at Balig burn.

AL – Reported tennis courts are due to be refurbished. The matter of the grass around the courts is ongoing.

5) **Scottish Power Renewables, Siobhan Jarvie**

SJ explained the need for an update of the agreement between the community council and SPR for the Ballantrae community benefit fund generated from the Glenapp Windfarm. She highlighted some key points which will allow the new agreement to be more durable and reducing the need for further amendments in the future. CE requested that all CCs review document and send comments where necessary back to her via email as soon as possible.

6) **Reports.**

a. Police Scotland.

12 Calls made to Police.

Road Traffic Matters – 8

Alarm Calls – 1

Thefts – 1

Abandoned Vehicles – 1

Frauds – 1

From these calls there were 5 crime reports created of which 2 have been detected to date (Both Road Traffic Offences).

b. Youth Club.

Numbers remain consistent, there have been a variety of events during the summer holidays including, canoeing, paddleboarding and a family picnic.

c. Ballantrae Trust.

- i. BFFD – Planning for next year's event as started.
- ii. Planning application to SAC for external painting and flue for biomass boiler approved.
- iii. Electrical work on the Kings Arms ground floor is ongoing, should finish in next two weeks.
- iv. Biomass boiler delivered and installation complete, minor works to central heating to be carried out prior to turning it on.
- v. Planning ongoing for upgrade to bedrooms in Kings Arms. Visit planned to Kenmuir Arms to discuss how they operate as a community pub with a tenant.
- vi. Scotmid, the carpark and EV charger, planning permission required and ongoing.
- vii. Application submitted to SAC for UK Government Community Empowerment Fund to provide external gym equipment to the playpark, application successful.
- viii. ARIA application for solar panels for Kings Arms not submitted as SAC planning changed their minds and now required planning approval. Planning application being prepared for various works to the pub.

d. Community Association Report.

No report issued.

e. Traffic/travel/transport.

DC reported despite many attempts to communicate with Amey there is no change from last month.

f. Harbour Committee.

Pointing works to harbour completed above high-water mark, remainder of works to be completed during spring 2025 at the next suitable spring low tide.

g. Planning.

Applications in period for Ballantrae area: proposal for dwelling house and garage at Little Bennane farm and BESS application have both been submitted.

h. Licensing.

Nothing in period.

i. Ardstinchar Bridge

Gates on bridge to be retained. Request made to AL for vegetation to south side of bridge to be cut back to allow access for pedestrians.

j. Battery Energy Storage Station (BESS)

CE reported meeting held in July to decide on BCC response to propose installation of BESS. During this meeting a short online survey was compiled to be posted on Facebook to gather community responses. Results of survey were generally not in support of BESS. CE proposed setting up a subcommittee of CCs and interested members of public to progress a community response to the proposed installation. CE requested that any CCs interested in the subcommittee to email CE.

7) Treasurer Report

Claire, Kim and Sharon now have online banking access to all bank accounts except the harbour account, SA to retry this by the next meeting.

Cheque to be sent to Girvan Youth Trust for £8,391.30 from FS deposit to cover the Youth Group Costs for the coming year.

List created of small grants awarded to date to allow tracking of awards for what at a glance.

New format for treasurer's report presented at meeting. In future this report will be emailed to CCs prior to each meeting.

All balances as of 27th August 2024

Special interest-bearing account (Ballantrae Community fund)

	Opening balance	£16,231.00
27.06.24	Transfer to CBF account	-£8,000.00
28.06.24	Interest	+£17.74
31.07.24	Interest	+£10.81
	Closing balance	£8,259.55

Community Benefit fund account

	Opening balance	£1,992.41
03.06.24	Chq 190 Girvan Academy	-£500.00
03.06.24	Chq 191 Girvan academy parent council	-£500.00
04.06.24	Chq 193 BT	-£252.00
05.06.24	Chq 189 Ball in bloom	-£500.00
11.06.24	F/S youth group award	+£8391.30
11.06.24	Chq 196 Scouts	-£500.00
14.06.24	Chq 198 KA	-£200.00
18.06.24	Chq 192 BCA	-£45.00
26.06.24	Chq 199 min sec	-£120.00
27.06.24	Interest	+£19.03
27.06.24	Transfer from Spec int	+£8,000.00
27.06.24	Chq 206 SA	-£490.00
28.06.24	Chq 202 BPC	-£500.00
28.06.24	Chq 203 bowling club	-£500.00
05.07.24	FS Killgallioch	+£2,000.00
	Closing balance	£15,881.74

Harbour account balance

	Opening balance	£1,862.50
07.06.24	DD rates	-£4.00
10.07.24	DD rates	-£4.00
15.07.24	SAC CC	+£18,810.50
	Closing balance	£20,665.00

Administration account balance

	Opening balance	£26.80
21.06.24	Unpaid item charge	-£12.00
22.07.24	Unpaid item charge	-£36.00
31.07.24	SAC	+£476.00
31.07.24	SAC	+£97.20
	Closing balance	£552.00

Small grant applications:

Kings Arms Pub and Hub - £200.00 Christmas eve entertainment – approved at £230.00 for full amount of event cost.

SA suggested that there should be a closing date for small grants applications. It was agreed that the deadline will be 20th of the month to allow for SA to compile all applications and forward to CCs prior to meeting to speed up the application process in the monthly meeting.

8) **Funding Report**

- Ballantrae Community Fund

The award for the harbour wall was approved. The next funding meeting is on 16th September.

- Carrick Futures

Report at 25th August 2024

Funding meeting held 7th July; this meeting was postponed from 3rd July. There were no funding requests from Ballantrae at this meeting.

Next funding meeting: 16th October 2024

Next application deadlines: 5th November for late January 2025 decision, 25th February 2025 for late May 2025 decision.

- Kilgallioch

AGM was held on the 26th of August, no applications from the Ballantrae area.

9) **Councillor report from SAC**

AL reported on a meeting held to discuss projects within the Ballantrae area. Has been in touch with Amey with regards to erecting “Ballantrae open for business” signage during road closures to the south side of the village. To prevent all traffic being diverted from Girvan around Ballantrae, to Newton Stewart. Contact made with Ballantrae Community Association via Andy McAlpine to create an enhanced display for the Christmas season. A joint application to be submitted with Ayrshire Roads Alliance to Amey for festive lights display.

10) **Thriving Communities report**

RW reported that there is going to be an Active Schools after school activities starting on the 25th of September for 4 weeks. The activity will be football based and aimed at primary 2-7. RW to supply details for further distribution via CC Facebook page.

Sports hub multi sports activities to be held in the village, primary 1-3 from 3pm to 4pm and primary 4-7 from 4pm to 5pm. RW to supply dates.

11) **Correspondence.**

CE and SA attending a microgrants training session 29th August 7pm via Zoom. Anyone wanting to attend let CE know so they can be added to attendee list.

CE reported damage to walls on small roads unsuitable for HGVs. AL to request signage to be erected at end of all unsuitable roads.

CE has received correspondence regarding dog fouling in the wildflower areas in the park. RW to request dog fouling team to visit the village and address issue. CE to post on Facebook to remind residents about pick up after dogs. SA to speak to the local scout group about making dog poo bag dispensers for around the village.

Community Councillors met with Elaine Stewart local MP to discuss local issues including the history group, the community hall, road traffic and pavements, BESS installation. She is willing to assist/support the community with these issues.

CE requested a new contact for SAC support officer to replace Tracey Whitford new contact will be Jodie McFarlane.

CE has received details of proposed new Galloway national park consultation. AM gave a brief explanation of the process and will be the BCC contact for the consultation.

CE reports that Andy McAlpine is looking into refurbishment of the Kennedy mausoleum.

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

AM reported he attended a meeting with the Ballantrae Trust regarding community transport to try to provide a sustainable joined up approach. LC confirmed that Carrick Futures have tried over a number of years to develop a strategy however the costs have been prohibitive. For any meaningful progress to be made public funding would need to be committed.

Date of next meeting will be 24th September 2024 at 19:00

Items	Actions	Who	By when
4	Kim to share details of SAC approved contractors procurement link for local businesses to BCC Facebook page to	Kim	ASAP
4	Andrew to investigate removal of pedestrian access gate on to beach from A77 at Balig burn	Andrew	ASAP
5	All Community Councillors to review updated SPR Glenapp windfarm funding document and send comments to Claire via email.	All CCs	ASAP
6i	Alan to arrange for vegetation to south side of bridge to be cut back to allow access for pedestrians.	Alan	ASAP
6j	Any CCs interested in joining BESS subcommittee to email CE.	Interested CCs	ASAP
10	Ryan to forward details of Active Schools after school club.	Ryan	ASAP
11	Any interested CCs wanting to attend microgrants training session let CE know so they can be added to attendee list.	Interested CCs	ASAP
11	Claire to post on Facebook to remind residents about pick up after dogs	Claire	ASAP
11	Sharon to speak to the local scout group about making dog poo bag dispensers for around the village	Sharon	ASAP