

1) **Welcome.**

CE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) **Attendees.**

Claire Erskine (CE); Mhairi McKenna (MMcK); Sharon Adams (SA); Debbie Cassels (DC);
Laura Cunningham (LC); Kim Mawer (KM); Cllr Alan Lamont (AL); Eileen McCutcheon (EM)

3) **Apologies.**

Colin McNally, Calum Macdonald, Andrew Macdonald, Martin McCourt, Ryan Ward, Ruby
Cunningham, Georgette Birch, Sean McIlwraith

4) **Previous Minutes Approval.**

Minutes from 29th October approved, proposed by KM, seconded by DC.

5) **Matters arising and updates.**

KM has tried to speak to the local Villager in person about the high number of cars in Vennel car
park, as yet she has been unsuccessful.

AC to chase up the cutting of the vegetation on the south side of the bridge, works completed

CE to send out an email regarding the next meeting for BESS, completed.

AM to contact Galloway National Park representatives, Andrew Macdonald and Mhairi McKenna
attended meeting on behalf of BCC.

CE to email AM the details of the Galloway National Park representatives, completed

LC to write a clause for SA regarding the grant given to Jill Dennerline for Pilates equipment,
completed.

RW to try to progress the issue with the Youth Club Hall fees, in progress

MM to requested SAC to jet wash affected areas of slippery playpark surface, completed.

6) **Stinchar Valley transport**

Eileen McCutcheon gave a report on how the bus service is going so far during the pilot period.
The service had been well received and used so far by residents from all the villages served by
the service. All households on the electoral register, within the service area have received 2
membership cards for the bus service, however the service is not limited to residents with
membership cards.

Following a request sent out via Facebook, for resident feedback, the following amendments
have been made to the bus timetable:

Friday evening bus was leaving Girvan at 8:30pm; now leaving at 8:45pm to link in with football practice in Girvan.

Saturday evening bus was leaving at 7:30pm; now 8:15pm to tie in with the finishing time of Z1 club on the Saturday evening.

Sunday afternoon bus was leaving 3:30pm; this has been amended to leave at 4:30 to allow for more time in Girvan.

Other requests have been received to link in with the train service in Girvan for the 8:00am service. Currently this would be unsustainable due to cost constraints. Further funding would be required for this additional service to run on a regular basis. Funding is being sought for this and other services, but this will take time to establish. Additional funding is being sourced to link with specific events, i.e. the lantern parade and potentially for the Christmas street market on 7th December. Going forward there are plans to try to link in with village events and other clubs in Girvan again to serve all villages.

First year funding has been received from Carrick Futures, the group have requested further funding from Carrick Futures to keep the scheme going for a further year, a decision is awaited on this. There is a workshop planned with the external agency "Accelerate", in December to try to bring together suggestions from all relevant community council and interested service users.

Up to date information on timetables and services can be found at the website:

<https://www.sacommunitytransport.org/stinchar-valley-ct/>

7) **Reports.**

a. Police Scotland.

No report received.

b. Youth Club.

Numbers are remaining consistent at 8 or 9 each session, with 1 new enrolment.

During the last month the sessions have involved Pumpkin carving, marshmallow towers and team building, pizza making and bushtucker trials.

All members of Ballantrae youth club have been invited to the annual Z1 Christmas dinner on Monday 16th December, at Girvan Youth Trust in Girvan. The youth trust minibus will collect the young people at Ballantrae hall and drop them back at the hall after the dinner.

c. Ballantrae Trust.

Festival of Ballantrae – Planning for next year's event is ongoing

Planning ongoing for upgrade to bedrooms in Kings Arms. There was a joint meeting of the Board of the Ballantrae Trust and The Ballantrae Community Pub Ltd to discuss the way forward. It was agreed we would approach DTAS and Plunkett Foundation for advice

Scotmid re the carpark and EV Charger, planning permission required, ongoing.
Playpark upgrades ongoing.

Funding from Scotmid of £380.00 has been received for Cosy Spaces and other projects.

We currently have an application in to the Ballantrae Community Fund for funding for the cinema and transport for next year.

Planning is underway to revive the Smugglers Festival in 2025.

d. Community Association Report.

The wall at the side of the hall has come down. We had been in contact with the council before and reported the damage and risk, but no action was taken. The wall has fallen, and rubble is in the carpark. The council have now secured the area with fencing. We will be continuing contact with Thomas Tait so hopefully this will be resolved quickly, and the wall can be repaired.

The BCA are looking forward to supporting the upcoming Christmas events in the Hall which are being put on by volunteers and the new events group.

We are very thankful to Robert, Sharon and all at Shellknowe Garage for putting up the outside Ballantrae Christmas lights and tree again, this year.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success and well supported by the community, we want to thank all the people who volunteered their time to help.

Cathy has handed in her notice and will be leaving (unless renegotiated) on 31st December. We have started a collection and if you wish to contribute anything then please contact Georgette.

Most groups will be finishing week commencing 16th December and start back week commencing 6th January 2025. Not forgetting the New Year's Eve party being put on by Leonard with tickets on sale at the garage.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to working with the community to keep the Hall open and welcoming for all into 2025.

e. Traffic/travel/transport.

BCC Traffic & Safety Report 26/11/2024

1. Traffic Lights at Carlock Wall (3000 + days and still an issue)

We will bring this up again at our meeting scheduled with Transport Scotland and Amey on 2nd December.

2. Traffic lights at Stinchar Bridge from 16th September 2024 - Feb 2025:

25/10 BCC has requested:

- lights are fitted with cameras to minimise red light jumping.
- lanes/chicanes be reviewed with regards to larger vehicles getting stuck 31/10

Response received from Amey Engagement Manager

In relation to cars not obeying the traffic signals and other signs related to this scheme. Unfortunately, we do not have any enforcement powers, although we will raise this matter with Police Scotland in our next regular liaison meeting and make them aware of our shared concerns. We are speaking to our sub-contractors about the possibility of 24-hour monitoring of the site, and I will update once we have more information.

The lane widths have been designed to accommodate the majority of HGV traffic. In checking the site this week, our inspectors followed three HGVs through the works, and they did not appear to have any difficulty. We will investigate the possibility of abnormal road vehicles attempting to come through the closure, which could lead to issues. As a matter of course, we notify the Scottish Road Haulage Association of all our works but will contact them again to ensure they are aware of the restrictions that are in force for abnormal load vehicles.

In relation to the broken-down HGV you referred to, this happened between the lights and our reports show the onsite team responded and were able to move the vehicle within approx. 10-15 minutes. While we appreciate how frustrating this can be, breakdowns can occur at any time on the trunk road network and cause disruption. However, to address these concerns we have approached our contractor to find out if a recovery vehicle can be stationed at this location. Again, I will update on this shortly.

We will ask our onsite team to report any issues encountered to date, and we will review how the scheme is being delivered and if any further scope for improvement is possible.

3. Road Closure Proposal:

Re the recent closures of A77 and diversion chaos that ensued:

At the request of BCC, Elena Whitham MSP has arranged a closed, by invitation only, meeting on December 2nd with Transport Scotland, Ayrshire Roads Alliance, Amey and Police Scotland and other community councils impacted by the road closures.

4. Pedestrian Safety Design:

BCC has requested an additional meeting piggy backed onto the Road Closure meeting on 2nd December with Transport Scotland and Amey to minimise traffic speed through the village until the pedestrian safety work is completed in 2025/26.

5. Brake Dust Sampling:

DC has requested Environmental Health test samples of dust from Main Street properties to check for toxic materials and adverse impact on health, especially for those with respiratory complaints.

f. Harbour Committee.

The coastal communities funding body have requested a receipt for the works carried out to the harbour. A receipt for the completed has been forwarded to the coastal communities administrator.

g. Planning.

One application affecting Ballantrae / surrounding area this month:

1/ Prior Notification for alterations to forest road to install underground cable, Bellamore Farm, Pinwherry, KA26 0SP

In the October decisions the following were approved:

1/ Two farm tracks on the Glenapp Estate which are retrospective.

2/ Erection of dwellinghouse and garage

Little Bennane Farm, Ballantrae, KA26 0LE

3/ Erection of agricultural shed

Balig Farm, Ballantrae, KA26 0JY

4/ Erection of agricultural shed

Corseclays House, Ballantrae, KA26 0JX

h. Licensing.

Nothing in period.

i. Ardstinchar Bridge

Vegetation cut back on the bridge is now accessible, works have been completed. KM and AL queried why there is not an accessible access at the south side of the bridge, AL will investigate.

j. BESS

CE received an email from Robert Grant, from L48 Energy, for a follow up meeting, regarding the village position on the BESS. CE reported that BCC would be supporting the overwhelming response from the village residents who are not in favour of the siting of the BESS close to Ballantrae. The planning application for the BESS was due to be submitted in November, however this has been delayed to the end of December. CE to agree with planning department on how the submission of the over 200 objections received from residents and the BCC objection on behalf on of the village will be communicated, either in hard copy or electronically. Next step will be to write to the Glenapp landowners, reporting the local objections and urging them to reconsider the project. This letter is due to be issued in the coming week.

k. Galloway National Park

MM and AM attended a zoom meeting on 14th November, minutes from this meeting are attached.

8) Treasurer Report

Account balances to date

Special Interest-bearing account

	Opening balance	£8,269.39
30/10/24	Interest	+£3.90
	Closing balance	£3,279.90

CBF account

	Opening balance	£12,049.81
16/10/24	Chq 213- Indoor bowls club	-£500.00
31/10/24	Chq 216 – Jill pilates	-£251.20
01/11/24	Chq 215 – Ballantrae Primary	-£420.00
	Closing balance	£10,878.61

Harbour Account

	Opening balance	£945.00
No statement	Closing balance	£945.00

Admin Account

	Opening balance	£552.00
29/08/24	Chq 15 – min sec	£120.00
26/09/24	Chq 16 – min sec	£60.00
31/10/24	Chq 17- min sec	£60.00
	Closing balance	£312.00

Foundation Scotland requested completion of a fund monitoring report. This was completed and a remittance received for £5,000.00 to be distributed in £500 sums. When queried with Suzy Mercer, with regards to the recent communication regarding the increase to £1,000.00, she confirmed that these funds were for the previous financial year and were therefore still under the old guidance of a maximum of £500.00 per grant.

As agreed previously Kilgallioch funds of £2,000.00 will be used towards Christmas events in the village. A cheque for £1,588.00 has been issued to M&M productions to pay for a village pantomime.

£1,125.00 received from Destination South Ayrshire £1,069.48 has been spent on small displays for either end of the village, a new light for the front of the hall and new lights for the Christmas tree which will be placed at the hall, donated by Eldrick, delivered and installed by Shellknowe Garage.

Following the previous meeting Laura supplied a Micro Grant Acceptance form which I have attached below for your reference.

Small Grants

Ballantrae History Group have recently taken over a room within The Kings Arms Pub and Hub to be used for archives. They have applied for £500.00 to fit out the room to suit the needs of the History Group, picture rail, pin boards, cabinets, wooden edging and glue – Approved.

Georgette Birch – on behalf of Invergarven School. During a recent outing Georgette noticed that the children had nothing to distinguish themselves as part of Invergarven School, she is applying for £342.00 for 48 high viz jackets with an Invergarven School Logo, if successful the cheque to be made direct to the supplier - Approved

9) Funding Reports

Ballantrae Community Fund

No meeting in period

Our contact from Foundation Scotland, Linda West, is off work on long term sick leave. There will be a decision meeting on the 16th December with Suzy Mercer and Christie McAlpine our temporary cover from Foundation Scotland.

Next meeting: 10th March 2025

Carrick Futures

Report on 25th November 2024

No meeting in period

Next funding meeting: 22nd January 2025

Next application deadlines: 25th February 2025 for late May 2025 decision.

Carrick Futures fund strategy review meeting to be held early December in readiness for fund relaunch in the new year.

Kilgallioch Community Fund

No meeting in period

Next funding meeting: 9th December 2024.

Next application deadline: 10th February for 4th April 2025 decision.

10) **Councillor report from SAC**

Vegetation has been cut back to Ardstinchar bridge. Repairs carried out to hall kitchen roof. A tender for the refurbishment works to tennis court has been issued to relevant contractors, a potential start date for works yet unconfirmed. KM requested AL chase up the resurfacing works to the Vennel car park. DC requested would it be possible to provide a dog waste bin at the Bennane, at the north end of the beach, AL to action. KM passed on a request from a local resident for the access path at the back of the beach from the harbour to Park End to be resurfaced, AL to investigate possibility. This will be AL's last meeting on his rotation.

11) **Thriving Communities report**

No report in period

12) **Correspondence**

CE reported that there will be spot dog fouling checks in the village in the coming months. The team will be issuing fines whilst on site. A film crew are currently shadowing the team, and they will accompany them to the village.

Email received from a focus group called Youth Link, with a request for representation from any groups working with youth groups in South Ayrshire. SA to attend the meeting on behalf of BCC and report back.

Balig beach access, CE has had a conversation with Mr McBurney, he has agreed that the access to the beach will be reinstated. Signage will be erected to state that access is at persons own risk and that dogs must be kept on a lead.

BCC will be introducing an outstanding persons award, to recognise individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the village. The inaugural award will be given out at the Christmas light switch on 30th November.

13) **A.O.C.B**

SA reported that there is no dropped kerb at the top of the Vennel, AL to query

LC along with Brendan Macintyre from Ballantrae Trust attended a meeting to discuss community benefit funding for the Kilgallioch Windfarm Extension & Arecleoch Windfarm Extension. LC gave a brief account of the meeting, and a discussion was held. Scottish Power Renewables are to issue a short briefing document outlining the actions required for the

communities involved. There are joint actions for BCC and the Ballantrae Trust as a result of this meeting, with decisions to be returned to the next wind farm extension meeting in March 2025. A decision was taken for a joint meeting is to be held in the new year between BCC and the Ballantrae Trust. Once information received from Scottish Power Renewables CE to arrange joint meeting, LC to chair meeting as she is independent of both organisations.

CE, on behalf of all BCC thanked Alan Lamont for all his help and support during his tenure on attachment to Ballantrae Community council and wished his well in his next rotation. AL confirmed he is still happy to receive emails from BCC.

Date of next meeting will be 28th January 2025 at 19:00

Items	Actions	Who	By when
5	MM to speak a second local villager in person about the high number of cars in Vennel car park.	Martin outstanding	ASAP
7i	AL to investigate why there is not an accessible access at the south side of the bridge	Alan	ASAP
7j	CE to issue letter to Glenapp Estate landowners outlining the village views and position on the proposed BESS.	Claire	ASAP
10	AL to request a dog waste bin for the Bennane, at the north end of the beach.	Alan	ASAP
10	AL to investigate possibility for the access path at the back of the beach from the harbour to Park End to be resurfaced.	Alan	ASAP
12	SA to attend the Youth Link meeting on behalf of BCC and report back.	Sharon	ASAP
13	AL to investigate lack of drop kerb at top of Vennel adjacent to church.	Alan	ASAP
13	LC to forward notes from Kilgallioch and Arecleoch wind farm extension meeting to Claire.	Laura	ASAP