**COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND**

**2026-2027**

The closing date for applications is 29th October 2026.
Please note late applications will not be accepted.

Please refer to the associated guidance when completing this application form.

All projects must be completed by 30th June 2027.

This is an application form for the Coastal Communities Fund managed by South Ayrshire Council. Please complete all parts of the form. If you require any clarification or additional information, then please contact grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

**Amount of grant requested**

| TYPE OF GRANT | AMOUNT | PURPOSE | SELECT ONE |
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| *Development grant | Up to £15,000 | The Development Grant will assist groups to plan & develop small scale projects that will link into one of the priorities of the Coastal Communities Grant Fund. Projects will essentially make communities a more attractive place to live & work. | ☒ |

**Section 1: Organisation Details**

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| Organisation Name | **Ballantrae Trust** |
| Organisation Address | **40 Main Street , Ballantrae, KA26 0NB** |
| Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector) | **Charity** |
| If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number | **SC048339** |

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| Does your group/organisation have a bank account? | Yes ☒ No ☐ In progress ☐ |

**Section 2: Contact details**

| Contacts | Lead Contact |
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| Name | Sharon Adams |
| Position in Organisation | Director/Volunteer |
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**Section 3: Project Details**

**a. Project Title**

Kings Arms Winter Sustainability

**b. About your project, what are you seeking funding for?**

**What risks have you considered, and what steps will you take to keep the project sustainable over the long term?**

Ballantrae Trust owns and operates the Kings Arms Community Pub and Hub, a vital community asset in the village. Following the recent departure of our tenants, the building has been returned to the Trust's control, leaving us responsible for all ongoing running and maintenance costs. Despite this challenge, the facility continues to provide an important base for community activities, including our Cosy Spaces programme, lunch club, social gatherings and other planned events that help reduce isolation and improve wellbeing for local residents.

We are seeking funding to help cover the essential running costs of the building throughout the winter period, enabling us to keep the facility warm, safe, accessible and operational for the community. This support will allow us to continue providing a welcoming environment for residents, particularly older people, those living alone, and individuals and families experiencing financial hardship during the colder months.

The need for this support is particularly urgent as we have recently been informed that our application to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) was unsuccessful. While the assessment panel recognised the project's strong community-led approach, clear local need and potential contribution to

community wealth building and rural regeneration, they concluded that the project requires further development in key areas including refinement of the overall project costs, VAT treatment, funding package and business plan. The panel encouraged us to continue developing the project in partnership with the local authority and welcomed a future application once these elements have been strengthened. We are committed to addressing these recommendations and will be working over the coming months to further develop our plans and submit a stronger application to future funding rounds.

A key risk we have identified is the potential deterioration of the building if adequate heating cannot be maintained during the winter months. Without sufficient funding, the property could suffer from dampness, condensation and accelerated deterioration, resulting in higher repair costs and potentially affecting the long-term viability of this important community asset. There is also a social risk, as reduced access to the facility would impact some of our most vulnerable residents who rely on the Hub for social contact, support and a warm welcoming space.

To ensure long-term sustainability, the Trust has developed a phased plan to improve and strengthen the facility. Our longer-term vision includes addressing drainage issues, upgrading toilet facilities and renovating the former hotel accommodation to bring it up

to modern standards. These improvements will create opportunities to generate additional income, enhance the building's usability and increase its value as a community resource. Alongside this, we will continue to seek external funding, develop partnerships and explore sustainable income-generating opportunities that will reduce reliance on grant funding over time and secure the future of the Kings Arms Community Pub and Hub for the benefit of Ballantrae residents.

**c. What community will this project be delivered to and what communities will benefit?**

The project will be delivered primarily to the residents of Ballantrae and the surrounding rural communities and villages that rely on the Kings Arms Community Pub and Hub as an important local facility. As a small rural community, access to warm, welcoming and accessible social spaces is limited, making the Hub a vital resource for people of all ages.

The project will particularly benefit older residents, people living alone, individuals experiencing social isolation, and households facing financial hardship. Through initiatives such as our Cosy Spaces programme, lunch club and community events, the Hub provides opportunities for social connection,

reduces loneliness, and offers a safe and welcoming environment during the winter months.

The facility also supports wider community wellbeing by providing a venue where local groups can meet, activities can take place, and residents can access informal support networks. For many people, especially those with limited transport options, the Hub is one of the few places where they can regularly connect with others and participate in community life.

In the last 72 hours the Kings Arms has demonstrated its vital role within the community by providing practical support to residents affected by storm Boleo power outages, working alongside Ballantrae Resilience the Kings Arms opened to provide a warm and welcoming space for those without power. It provided a suitable base, supplying hot water, heat and charging facilities. Carers and volunteers could distribute food and hotwater to our most vulnerable residents who were unable to attend the facility.

By ensuring the building remains heated, operational and accessible throughout the winter, this project will preserve an important community asset and continue to provide practical and emotional support to residents. The longer-term improvement and renovation of the building will further strengthen its role as a sustainable community facility, benefiting current residents and future generations across Ballantrae and the surrounding rural area.

**d. Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

**If yes, please include details of the consultation and a summary of the results.**

Investing in the The Kings Arms was frequently mentioned during the consultation for the Ballantrae Community Action plan.

**e. Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:**

Priority 1 – Spaces & Places ☒

Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn ☐

Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride ☐

**If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please detail which priority it will be achieving. See here for local plans.**

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| Ballantrae Commmunity Action Plan – 2024-2029<br>Theme 2 Priorities Actions<br>Project 1 • To invest in the Kings Arms Community Pub and Hub to support it to become a key sustainable social enterprise and asset.<br>Project 2 • To secure funding for a shop front improvement scheme.<br>Project 3 • To create an information centre in the village.<br>Project 4 • To level and improve pavements including the one from the school to Main Street.<br>Project 5 • To install lighting on the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in the recreation ground and enhance the tennis courts and Scout hut.<br>Project 6 • To protect the community hall as a key asset.<br>Project 7 • To invest in the historic sites including Ardstinchar Castle, Ardstinchar Bridge, Church, Kennedy Mausoleum and the Harbour.<br>Project 8 • To install more litter bins through the village.<br>Project 9 • To consider the feasibility of establishing a local heritage centre. We will prioritise protecting and enhancing local facilities and spaces. Good Local Infrastructure |

**f. Please select the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable):**

- Deliver improvements to public places that will increase the number of visitors ☒
- make coastal communities more attractive places to live and work ☒
- demonstrate a strong link to local strategies and local place plans ☒

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| **Estimated start date:** | **1/12/2026** |
| **Estimated completion date:**<br>**(must be by 30th June 2027)** | **1/4/2026** |

g. **If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land**

own ☒ lease ☐

**If lease, an indication that the owner is supportive or aware that plans will be required. Please detail how you will provide evidence of support, ie long term lease.**

**If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.**

h. **Please tick/populate as appropriate:**
**Is the property a listed building?** Yes ☒ No ☐
**If Yes:**
☐ I acknowledge that works to a listed building may require Listed Building Consent and that it is my responsibility to ensure all necessary permissions are obtained prior to commencing works.

i. **Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project?** Yes ☒ No ☐

**Do you have:**

- Statutory consents for your project in place ☐
- Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents ☐
- Building Warrants ☐
- Evidence of Pre application discussion ☐ Please include your reference number _____
- Not applicable ☒

**Copies of any of the above need to be provided.**

**Section 4: Project Costs**

**How much funding are you requesting from the Coastal Communities Fund?**
£8076.91
**Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?**
Revenue ☒ £8076.91
Capital ☐ £

**Please provide a full break down of costs for your project for your application to be considered.**

**If applying for both revenue and capital, then please detail costs separately.**

| Item/Activity | Cost |
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| **4 months water bills** | **400** |
| **4 months electric (estimated from recent bills)** | **1672.04** |
| **Pellets for biomass boiler** | **5054.87** |
| **Waste removal** | **940** |
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| **Total** | **8076.91** |

**For development grant:**
***3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works/items over £1000, quotes need to be dated within last 6 months – <u>if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.</u>**

**Section 5: Checklist**

**Please confirm you have the following documents:**

Constitution/Memorandum & Articles ☒
Audited or independently verified accounts ☒
Last 3 months bank statements ☒

**Section 6: Declaration & Conditions**

I, on behalf of, (organisation name):

- Certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and accurate and will adhere to the following terms and conditions;
- Understand that making this application does not entitle the organisation to funding as a right;
- Will not commence or commit any expenditure before receiving approval of the funding;
- Confirm that the quotations are bona fide competitive quotes;
- Will provide the External Funding officer with digital colour photos of the work, both before and after the work has been completed. I understand that these images will be kept on record and used for future publicity;
- Understand that this funding award does not cover retrospective work;
- Understand that to make any misleading statement in relation to this application could make the application invalid, or may mean the organisation has to repay the funding;
- Understand that this application is subject to appropriate checks and meets appropriate conditions such as planning, procurement guidelines, and other statutory consents; and
- I have read the associated guidance before completing and submitting this application form.
- Understands that if I do not provide satisfactory evidence of spend then the council may request, I repay the grant

Failure to return or complete and return any evaluations requested then I may not receive any future funding from South Ayrshire Council. I may be asked to repay the funds if I cannot provide evidence that they were used for the purpose intended.

Name of Person Completing Application:  Sharon Adams _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Ballantrae Trust  _____

Date:  _____27/10/26_____

Completed applications only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to

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Supporting documents should be e-mailed to grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

These include:

- Constitution
- Last 3 months bank statements
- Independently verified accounts
- Quotes (where required)