

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLMONELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024

1 SEDERUNT: Paul Brooks (PB) (Chair); Andrea Porter (AP); Judith Brzezinka (JB); Mike Prime (MP); Rosie McTaggart (RMcT); Janet Falls (JF); Howard Wilkinson (HW); Tracy Whiteford SAC (TW); Cllr Alec Clark (AC); Cllr Alan Lamont (AL)

2 APOLOGIES: Stuart Clarke

3 WELCOME: PB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4 MINUTES: Approved, proposed by JF and seconded by JB, with one amendment that PB will ask for a bill for the use of Lendalfoot hall from LCA.

5 MATTERS ARISING

HW reported that the transport group had received 121 responses to the survey regarding local transport. A proposal is going to Carrick Futures that on Tuesdays there will be a bus between Girvan, Barrhill, Colmonell and Ballantrae and return. There would also be a service on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Eileen McCutcheon is taking the project forward. Funding is being sought for one year initially. The proposed timetable will be made available. There will be no cost to use the bus, but each CC will issue two cards to everyone in their area. It has been suggested that CC's (Colmonell, Ballantrae, Barrhill and Two Pins) each put £500 in to get the cards printed and do a mail drop. Addresses can be obtained from SAC; TW will send them to AP and PB. AC raised the issue of reduced public bus services, and said that in the future communities may be responsible for village bus services.

He added that trains may be restarted at Ayr in the next few weeks.

PB encouraged people to continue to report the state of the roads to Ayrshire Roads Alliance. AC suggested that Kevin Braidwood could come to a CCC meeting along with a representative from ARA. AP will invite them to a meeting. JB suggested putting a note on the village Facebook page giving details of where to report issues regarding the roads.

AP reported that the first cattle grid on the Garnaburn road is damaged. AC will take this forward. PB reported he had attended a meeting of BCC and discussed the signage on the A77. AC has taken this up with Vince Tait. HW said there is going to be an increase in the budget allocated to signage on the A77. AL has also suggested that lighting at the junction be reviewed.

Electrical charging points – AC said that the charging has been set at a low rate by SAC, but will probably be taken over by a private company eventually. There will be no overnight charging fee but there will be a levy during the day. AC will take this forward.

Ramps for access to the river – this was discussed at the CCA meeting earlier this week. AC said this could be funded from the ward capital. The Factor has been in touch and hopefully the project will progress.

Weekly walks down the path beside The Yett will be established.

PB reported that the notice board has been repaired but there are issues with using it; this will be looked at.

The state of the pavement from 59 Main Street to Hyslop Crescent has been reported.

There is still no-one from Lendalfoot coming forward to join the CC. PB is trying to set up a CC Facebook page. He also suggested that when doing a leaflet drop regarding the proposed bus service, information could also be circulated in Lendalfoot to try to encourage new members to join the CC.

Community skips – AP had asked about the extra skips which had been suggested. A revamp of the waste team is in progress and it is not possible to get more than 3 per year from SAC. It was suggested that the CC look into hiring skips privately. AC will look into this. AP suggested that the skips are in different areas of the village to allow everyone access.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – JB

Total in bank - £17182.99

Payments – two grants of £500 and a payment for the wreath (£42.60) – total £1042.60

AC suggested that the CC write to energy providers and enquire about windfarm community benefit payments. AP will follow this up.

Accounts to be finalised by 31.3.24 and need to be audited.

7 POLICE REPORT

January – one road traffic matter

February – one neighbourhood dispute, one road traffic matter

March – one abandoned 999 call, one road traffic matter

8 COLMONELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION REPORT – HW

The funding application for digital workshops and equipment was successful, with a launch event in conjunction with the youth group. The equipment is being used by the youth group, Scouts and choir, but everyone in the community will be able to use it. Pro sports cameras will also be available. The equipment will be kept in the community centre. The software is free of charge to charities. A larger amount than expected was granted, so the equipment is of a higher spec.

AGM was held on 25.3.24. Lorraine Clark is Chair, Eileen McCutcheon is Secretary, Alison Babenko is Vice Chair, Lynne Hyslop is Treasurer. Any volunteers are welcome.

9 SAC REPORT – AL AND AC

Council budget – no cuts, no change in services and no redundancies. However, revenue budgets are tightening. A charge will be made for the brown bins, £50 per year, but garden waste can be taken to the recycling centre free of charge.

Girvan Library is moving to the customer service centre. This will be used a community hub.

HW mentioned the future of the community centre. PB suggested that this be put on the agenda at another meeting. AC offered support regarding this.

AL reported that the wifi issue in the hall has been resolved.

10 COSY CHAT SOUP CAFE

JB suggested that the scheme continue for another 10 weeks and funding be applied for. HW said that 62 people had attended at various times. MP suggested a donation box be set up; RMcT said that a charge of £2 is made in other villages. There are already enough volunteers to continue the scheme. HW reported that £40 per week would be required to run the scheme, giving a total of £400 for the 10 weeks. The proposal was unanimously approved. This can be granted in case provided the receipts are all kept for auditing purposes.

11 PUBLIC FORUM – No items

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PB said there is a large amount of money in the Tralorg fund. Some villages award grants to young people who are learning to drive. PB will speak to other CCs about their criteria and procedures. He suggested that each person get the same amount of driving lessons.

RMcT spoke about the erection of a bus shelter in Lendalfoot. AC reported that ARA are responsible along with Transport Scotland. He will take this forward.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22nd May 2024, 7pm for AGM, 7.30pm for public meeting

14 IN CAMERA FUNDING APPLICATION

Application from CCA for up to £500 for raised beds for the community garden.
Approved unanimously.

An application has been placed by CCA with Carrick Futures for a storage unit.