

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLMONELL AND LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 22 MAY 2024 IN LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SEDERUNT: Paul Brooks (PB) (Chair); Andrea Porter (AP); Judy Brzezinka (JB); Mike Prime (MP); Rosie McTaggart (RMcT); Janet Falls (JF); Howard Wilkinson (HW); Cllr Alec Clark (AC); Tracy Whiteford SAC (TW); Chelsea Glass SAC (CG); James Barnett (JBa); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES: Stuart Clarke

3 WELCOME: PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked James Barrett and the police representatives for attending.

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved, proposed by JB and seconded by MP.

5 POLICE REPORT – Paul McKinley and Andrew Thorne (Rural Matters)

For the period 24.4.24 – 22.5.24 there had been 6 calls: 2 road traffic incidents, 3 neighbour disputes and one crime which has been detected (breach of peace, assault and vandalism).

In the previous month there had been 2 road traffic incidents and one concern for a person.

MP referred to vehicles speeding through the village and suggested an occasional police visit may make a difference to this. Mobile police surgeries are being set up; Colmonell will be incorporated in this next month. Speed watch within communities was suggested, but there has been very little uptake in other communities.

AC mentioned Rural Watch Scotland which is working well within communities.

6 JAMES BARNETT, FACTOR, DALREOCH AND BARDROCHAT ESTATES

JBa introduced himself, stating he is keen to work alongside the community.

PB reported sheep being on the road; JBa said the fence is being repaired.

MP asked about access to the river walk. JBa said there is a serious concern regarding safety of the path. It has been suggested that a self-closing pedestrian gate be installed with a fenced off area, with similar at the other side of the bridge; this would be a maintained path. MP said that villagers had previously strimmed the vegetation; JBa thinks this would not be approved. JF asked what the objection would be to strimming being done; JBa said this could cause the spread of Japanese knotweed. JB suggested that the CC employ someone to do strimming on a professional basis; JBa agreed this may be a way forward but he would have to oversee it. PB asked about the ramps; JBa said the estate would be worried about liability. PB said he felt the estate does not want a ramp; JBa said the estate is willing to allow access, but not to accept liability for a structure. PB said the proposed system would not make the area accessible to wheelchairs or pushchairs, after the area has been accessible for many years; if the estate does not allow ramps this would not provide equality. AC stated that there has to be accessibility. JBa said access could be created to provide for a short way to the river, but not along the path. JB suggested that the CC could pay towards the cost of a ramp. It was agreed that funding and liability are the two main issues. PB proposed that the CC would like to have a ramp installed to allow access to the river for everyone; this will be put on the agenda to discuss again at a further meeting.

HW remarked that the new gate on the Clachanton side is very good.

JB asked if a note of shooting dates could be put on the village website; JBa replied that this information would not be put onto a public forum but the shooting dates could be given to the CC.

7 MATTERS ARISING

AP reported that Ayrshire Roads Alliance have been to do some work on the cattle grid on the Garnaburn road. PB encouraged residents to continue reporting issues with roads or pavements; issues can be reported online or by phone.

Transport Group – timetables have been made up for the proposed bus service between Girvan, Barrhill, Colmonell and Ballantrae, and a return journey.

Train service – AC reported that it is hoped trains will be restarted south of Ayr in mid June.

PB said that weekly Sunday walks down the path beside The Yett will be established.

The notice board has been replaced; a new notice board is required in Lendalfoot.

Pavement from 59 Main Street has still not been repaired; a further report will be sent to Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

No-one from Lendalfoot has come forward to join the CC. PB has met with some community members in Lendalfoot. He is also working on setting up a CC Facebook page. It was suggested that when information is circulated to the community about the proposed new bus service, information about the CC could also be circulated to encourage new members.

Community skips – AC will forward information about this to AP.

8 TREASURER'S REPORT – JB

Balance was £17182.99

Grants awarded - £500 CCA; £400 soup café. Admin petty cash £25

Balance is now £16257.99

TW remarked that various expenses previously paid will be reimbursed.

9 REPORTS

CCA (HW) – thanks to the CC for the grant for the community garden; work is ongoing.

Transport Group – Carrick Futures are discussing this at their board meeting and the project will hopefully go ahead.

Biosphere – JB suggested planting wild flowers around the village. The village is to be encouraged to become more pollinator friendly. MP said he is keen to set up a community orchard. A triangle of land near the bowling green belonging to the Duke of Wellington has been identified, and permission will be requested to use this. Community beehives could be set up and the area fenced off. MP will liaise with the CCA regarding this.

Stinchar Valley Tourism – there have been a series of meetings which involved CCAs, Biosphere etc. A report has been compiled and a planning meeting will be held. A Stinchar Stroll has been suggested, and a plan of 100 things to do in the Stinchar Valley. HW and hopefully MP will attend the planning meeting.

Community Lottery – a bid can be made to upgrade the flooring in the public toilets. HW will forward details to PB and it will be discussed at the next meeting. The bid can be put together by the CC and the CCA.

Active Travel wants to come to speak to the CC and CCA. AC said Active Travel has a community engagement group which has been very successful. The aim of this is to develop routes for walking and cycling in the area between Barassie and Ballantrae.

Colmonell Church – no real update. AC said Girvan South Parish Church will be sold, and there will be a Girvan Valley single kirk session, with Dailly and Barr as satellites.

SAC – AC

A rural housing survey will be sent out. AC encouraged residents to engage with this.

There was a recent sudden death in Girvan where the individual had a heart attack and the nearest ambulance was 55 miles away. AC encouraged people to contact their MP etc regarding this; he will circulate details of who to contact.

10 PUBLIC FORUM – None

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MP suggested that Nicky Fury who painted the remembrance bench be paid; PB said she does not want anything for doing this.

TW introduced Chelsea Glass who will be taking over as Link Officer with SAC, and will be attending the CC from now on.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 24th July 2024, 7.30 pm

INCAMERA GRANT APPLICATIONS

PB has requested that constitutions and bank details be submitted along with applications.

Colmonell Primary School Parent Council have applied for a grant for the annual outing, which is to Culzean Castle.

Cost of outing £854; Grant requested £500.

Approved unanimously.

Girvan Academy Parent Council are applying for £500 from all CCs towards school outings. JB will ask Foundation Scotland about this as it was suggested that application should be made to Carrick Futures for one large grant.

Approved in principle.

Girvan and South Carrick First Responder Group (JF declared interest and left the room)

£500 grant requested for replacement laptop and software for secure ambulance service files

Self funded group

Approved unanimously

Colmonell Community Association

£500 grant requested for trial run of community bus at weekends on round trip to Girvan

Approved unanimously

Colmonell Bowling Club (PB declared interest and left the room)

£4000 grant requested from Tralorg for major works on green and repair of main drain

Approved unanimously