

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLMONELL AND LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN LENDALFOOT ON WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 2024

1 WELCOME – Paul Brooks welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 SEDERUNT: Paul Brooks (Chair) (PB); Stuart Clarke (SC); Andrea Porter (AP); Judy Brzezinke (JB); Mike Prime (MP); Rosie McTaggart (RMcT); Janet Falls (JF); Cllr Alan Lamont (AL); Howard Wilkinson (HW); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary) Chelsea Glass S.A.C

3 APOLOGIES: None

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved, proposed by JB and seconded by MP. The minutes will be made available in Lendalfoot and Colmonell, and also on the Colmonell website.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Work is being done on the first cattle grid on the Garnaburn road. The pavement at 59 Main Street has been reported again to Ayrshire Roads Alliance. PB encouraged people to report issues with the roads to Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

There is still no-one from Lendalfoot wanting to join the CC.

AC has emailed the timetable for skips to AP. There is no chance of any funded additional skips.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT – JB

Bank balance: £10025.80.

JB has reminded Foundation Scotland about the £9.5k from Carrick Futures which should have been returned to the CC. It may have gone into the account but this cannot be confirmed at present.

Forms are being submitted to gain access to online banking.

Expenditure: £257.19 (admin); £2500 (grants – Carrick Futures); £4400 (grants – Tralorg)

7 CORRESPONDENCE

An email has been received from a resident about setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. It was agreed that any member of the public would be welcome to set this up, but the CC would not set it up. PB will forward information about setting it up.

Ballantrae Community Council have asked about a matter concerning a proposed battery energy storage system at Glenapp. A consultation is being set up and C&LCC will participate in this.

8 REPORTS

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – AL

The skip rotation timetable has been circulated.

A meeting was held with Thriving Communities re review of budgets. AL along with Cllr Alec Clark are supporting Colmonell and Lendalfoot. The review is ongoing throughout the South Ayrshire Council area. Lendalfoot appear to be reasonably self-sufficient and does not receive funds from SAC. PB has offered to attend meeting at Lendalfoot to offer support; AL also offered to attend.

POLICE REPORT – No report received

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – PB reported that funding has been approved for the community buses.

STINCHAR VALLEY TOURISM

PB suggested that apart from beautiful scenery Colmonell does not have a great deal to offer tourists on an individual basis. It is felt that tourism would be better served by a combined effort from all the villages in the Stinchar Valley. A Stinchar Valley Group attended by PB and MP is working on tourism. HW reported that work is ongoing and minutes of the SV Group will be issued tomorrow.

COSY SPACES – RMcT

£400 was granted from the CC to allow the scheme to run for a further 10 weeks which has now been completed. £340.13 is left in the funds. The scheme will restart for another 10 weeks in the autumn. JB remarked that some of the volunteers had gained a lot from helping with the scheme, and it was agreed it is an asset to the village. PB suggested extending the time to allow people to stay a bit longer. He suggested and it was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to run the Cosy Spaces – RMcT, JF and JB agreed to take this on. PB thanked everyone for running a very successful project.

COLMONELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – HW

A newsletter has been circulated which has been very well received in the village; this was a joint effort by C&LCC and CCA.

Meetings are being held to discuss the very complex issues around the village halls.

Participatory budget process is ongoing. This time there is online voting for the funding; this will be held in September. People will be asked to vote for their top 5 applicants, which is much simpler. Application is being made to the community lottery for flooring in the toilets.

River walks – 18 people have attended, with a total of 32 attendances. PB has asked for feedback from residents but as yet has had no formal responses. He asked for the views of the community councillors; it was agreed unanimously that the weekly river walks are very important and will be continued with the support of the CC. The CC will write a letter to the Duke of Wellington asking for the river walk to be developed. Before this is done AL will write a letter of support to the CC, also stating that funding may be available for the ramp; letters of support will also be requested from MPs and administrators of the Whithorn Way. AL will walk along the path tomorrow with PB. It was noted a new person will be taking over the role of factor on the estate. PB has spoken to David and Eileen McCutcheon; they are willing to give a letter of support for the ramp to go ahead provided the location can be agreed.

9 PUBLIC FORUM – None

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JF reported she has been asked to discuss speeding through the village. This is particularly prevalent when the main roads are closed, but is also noted at other times. The speed light is not working and has been reported. Speed bumps were discussed. It was noted that this had been discussed in the past and was rejected due to the large number of traffic control items required; AL said there may well be a minimal requirement of traffic control installations. He will investigate this further. It was noted that parking in the main street could be lost to traffic control.

HW reported that signs are going in this week for the designated wild flower area at the end of the village.

HW reported that Colmonell and Ballantrae Churches will be discussed at the presbytery meetings; the two churches may be amalgamated.

JB reported that a group was set up many years ago to improve the playpark. There is still £200 in the bank account. JB will try to contact the other signatories who have moved away, so that the bank account can be closed and the money returned to the CC.

JB asked if the CC could do hanging baskets for next year? Funding would be required and volunteers to water them. RMcT said that money also needs to be spent to fill the large planters. This will be looked into.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 24th September, Lendalfoot Hall, 7pm