

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLMONELL AND LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 IN LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SEDERUNT: Paul Brooks (PB) (Chair); Stuart Clarke (Vice Chair); Andrea Porter (AP); Judy Brzezinka (JB); Mike Prime (MP); Rosie McTaggart (RMcT); Janet Falls (JF); Howard Wilkinson (HW); Chelsea Glass SAC (CG); Cllr Alan Lamont (AL); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES: Cllr Alex Clark

3 WELCOME: PB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

5 MATTERS ARISING

HW reported that the skip vehicle has broken down, so the schedule is running slightly behind. There are also significant staffing issues.

Neighbourhood Watch – PB reported he had replied to the resident wishing a Neighbourhood Watch set up; it is unlikely that this will progress any further.

6 REPORTS

South Ayrshire Council – AL

Ayrshire Roads Alliance will be starting a speed survey at the Pinwherry end of the village. This is in conjunction with the police. Registration numbers of offenders can be recorded by residents. The police have been asked to incorporate Colmonell into their patrols.

The pavement at 59 Main Street has been assessed and will be repaired.

Funding for the new noticeboard in Lendalfoot is under review; AL will follow this up.

Police – MP

For the period 28.8.24 – 24.9.24 there were 3 calls to the police; one road traffic, one assist a member of the public and one missing person. One crime was detected, a road traffic offence.

MP has asked the police to look at traffic through the village when there are diversions as a lot of the traffic does not follow the official diversion. PB has also spoken to Amey about his; 50% of the time the police involved are not based locally and are not familiar with the area.

Cosy Kitchen – RMcT

Cosy Kitchen will start again on 7.10.24; it is now called Souper Mondays. There is over £400 in the fund, and the event is still running on donations at the door. A Christmas event may be planned.

Treasurer – JB

There is £19983.16 in the bank. South Ayrshire Council paid back the various funds; there is still over £700 awaited from Kilgallioch. There may be more funds available from Kilgallioch depending on how much has been spent.

Community Association - HW

Community Transport - The new bus service has commenced. So far the buses are being used. The service will be reviewed monthly initially and then quarterly. The Labour MP for the area wants to meet some local representatives in Girvan to discuss the service. It was noted that dogs are allowed on the buses.

There will be a Budget Participatory Group on Thursday 26.9.24.

Usage of the hall is being looked at. HW said that the Souper Mondays would help to increase the footfall, which is being audited. There have been various new activities in the hall.

Stinchar Valley Group is evolving. Gillian Clark who runs Gillian's Walks is collating a digital list of walks in the Stinchar Valley.

A lottery grant for flooring in the public toilets has been granted.

The legal process for combining the congregations of Colmonell and Ballantrae Kirks has commenced.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

An email has been received regarding changes in the licencing for sexual entertainment; no action is required regarding this.

The energy storage plan for Auchencrosh is ongoing. Ballantrae Community Council are against it for various reasons, e.g. transport issues, fire risks etc. There is another consultation on 7.10.24 in Ballantrae 2.30-6.30pm. PB will attend. At the next meeting a discussion will be held and views submitted.

Galloway National Park – consultations will be held. This will be discussed formally at the next meeting. JB suggested seeking views via social media etc. It is unclear what the advantages of creating a national park would be.

8 GSA BIOSPHERE AND AYRSHIRE SMALL SCALE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME

MP reported that funding of £1000 will be available for tree planting. A community orchard was discussed. RMcT suggested using the piece of ground adjacent to the park, which belongs to the village. MP will investigate this. AP will speak to Estates about this also.

9 RIVER WALK

PB and MP had a meeting with the interim factor at Bardrochat. The estate wants to install a gate where the kissing gate is. New fencing will be installed. The river walk area is now dying down as the weather gets colder; the factor said he appreciates how overgrown the area becomes in the summer months. He had asked for someone to investigate the matter. It was agreed that the result of this will be awaited. It is looking increasingly unlikely that any further action will be taken by the estate.

Discussion ensued about access to the river on the Manse side of the road. Discussion also ensued about the impact on disabled access to the river. It was suggested that the piece of land which is of uncertain ownership could be levelled and strimmed to allow disabled access. Once feedback has been received from the estate the matter could perhaps be moved forward by speaking to the McCutcheon family.

10 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS – None

11 PUBLIC FORUM – None

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 27th November 2024, 7pm, Colmonell

INCAMERA GRANT APPLICATIONS

Liz Ottaway has applied for a grant of £150 to reinstate the Colmonell Christmas Concert.

Agreed unanimously

Paid from Kilgallioch.

Colmonell Community Association have applied for a grant of £1000 for Christmas events: £500 for pantomime; £300 for Elvis tribute night; £200 for gifts, decorations, a grotto and light switching.

It was agreed that more detail on the costs of individual events and income likely to be generated

The grant application will then be reconsidered.

It was noted that Carrick Futures have increased the limit for grants to £1000.