

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLMONELL AND LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN COLMONELL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2025

1 WELCOME: Paul Brooks (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 SEDERUNT: Paul Brooks (PB); Mike Prime (MP); Stuart Clarke (SC); Andrea Porter (AP); Cllr Alan Lamont (AL); Howard Wilkinson (HW); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES: Judy Brzezinka; Rosie McTaggart; Janet Falls; Chelsea Glass (SAC)

4 MATTERS ARISING:

Noticeboard Lendalfoot – progress uncertain; AL will follow this up.

Sign re HGV vehicles on Pinmore-Lendalfoot road – progress uncertain; PB has received an email saying work will be done; AL will follow up.

Foundation Scotland have offered to come and give a talk on grant applications and also give training. This could be done online.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT (PB)

Online banking is still to be set up.

Balance in bank £22308. £4344 has been received from Tralorg. Expenditure £754.60.

6 REPORTS

Police: No report

Stinchar Valley Community Transport: Workshop being held tomorrow, which PB is attending. HW reported there are 16 people scheduled to attend. The scheme is running well.

Tourism: meeting is being held this week on Zoom.

Soup Kitchen: running well.

Colmonell Community Association (HW)

HW thanked everyone who attended events over the Christmas period, which were all well attended.

Discussions are ongoing with SAC regarding licence to operate but progress is slow. AL suggested that a visit is made to the village to assess the progress. PB suggested that the community association ask the CC for help in the matter.

Christmas Lights 2025 – hopefully there will be more mains lighting.

South Ayrshire Council (AL)

AL has spoken to Assets in SAC regarding the orchard. There has been an agreement in principle. A formal agreement will need to be made up. The lease agreement has 4 elements: name of party, duration of lease, cost of rent; what the site will be used for. He has had very positive feedback about the proposal. AL will forward details to PB, AP and MP. MP has looked into grant funding for trees etc. Further discussion on issues such as access etc will be required.

Community litter picking equipment and high visibility jackets have been requested. This will be followed up. A container has been delivered so storage should be available. PB said he would like to include Lendalfoot in the community litter pick.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

PB reported that a thank you email for the food bank donation has been received from Liz Ottaway.

Thriving Communities – a committee will be formed from all the communities to amend and improve the community handbook.

There are 3 vacancies on the CC; these are being publicised. It is hoped someone from Lendalfoot would be interested.

Information on training for awarding grants will be forwarded to everyone.

An email has been received from Fiona Craig, Aging Well. It is proposed that a pilot scheme for health checks will be set up in the communities. PB has replied supporting this.

All other correspondence has been circulated.

8 PROJECTS 2025

PB suggested that training be arranged on how to access and use the defibrillator machine in the village. MP and SC will look into this.

PB suggested that a newsletter be issued to update people on issues such as the proposed orchard. MP offered to edit the newsletter. Other issues to be included would be the proposed defibrillator training and dog fouling. AP suggested that resident should report dog fouling to SAC, and this could be highlighted in the newsletter. CCA could also use the newsletter to publicise their information.

MP would like to do Blooming Colmonell. Hanging baskets could be put up for residents and plants purchased. MP will look into this, and will put an article about it in the newsletter.

PB asked for suggestions for projects, as there is a significant amount of funds in the bank, and some of it will have to be spent in order to qualify for a top up.

JB has suggested that the various fitness events in the village could be funded for 6 months. AP remarked that the circuits class only costs £2 per session. The Qi Chong is apparently £7 per session; it is not known how much the pilates sessions cost. AL suggested having a wellbeing month. PB agreed that this was a good idea, and the CC could fund the activities for one month. Discussion ensued about funding for people who live outside of the CC area; this will be considered further.

River walk – PB reported there is no progress. David McCutcheon has no problem with ramps etc being erected on his land. The estate has said they will not maintain structures, so funding would be required. MP reported that the CC has public liability insurance, and it is likely that the ramp would be covered by this. AP will discuss this with an architect. SC offered to build the ramp. MP reported that the River Trust have treated Japanese knotweed on the riverbank.

9 PUBLIC FORUM

HW stated that the CC are doing a great job with very positive outcomes for various projects in the area.

Church – Commissioners in Edinburgh are meeting on 4.2.25, and it is likely that the church will be put up for sale.

10 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS – None

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 26th March 2025