

# **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLMONELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH 2025 AT COLMONELL HALL**

## **1. SEDERUNT**

Paul Brooks (PB) (Chair) ; Andrea Porter (AP); Judith Brzezinka (JB); Mike Prime (MP); Rosie McTaggart (R,McT); Cllr Alan Lamont (AL); Heather Shuckclough (HS); Eileen McCutcheon (EMcC); Mark Wickens (MW)

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Lynn Young (JY) (minute taker); Janet Falls (JF); Howard Wilkinson (HW)

## **3. WELCOME:**

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **4. MINUTES**

Approved, proposed by MP seconded by AP

## **5. MATTERS ARISING**

Notice board at Lendalfoot Hall still not fixed. AL advised he has already reported this and thought it had been fixed. Billy Andrews is aware of it; AL will chase it up. Road sign (No HGV Vehicles) at the road end of the Pinmore to Lendalfoot road. PB advised he had reported this, he has taken pictures of sign lying on the ground. PB advised he would follow this up. AL asked PB to copy him into the email.

## **6. TREASURER`S REPORT**

JB Bank balance is sitting at £27,210.80. received £5000 from Foundation Scotland, we only qualified for the 1st £5000 due to being over the limit and not spending any money. Foundation Scotland will keep an eye on our spending and may give us more. £97.20 was paid out in March for insurance. JB didn't have exact amount that was in bank for Tralorg but thought it was about £10,000.

## **7. POLICE REPORT – MP**

MP informed there have been 5 calls to Police from Colmonell. 1 drug, 3 assisting members of the public calls and 1 road traffic. South Ayrshire Council is now involved in the anti-social incident. MP informed that last night Jacqueline Pringle had damage to her gate which leads to the field that houses her horses. The padlock was cut off and horses let out. Police have been informed.

## **8. REPORTS**

Colmonell Community Association - EMcC EMcC advised that CCA held their AGM and Lorraine Clark remains Chair, Alison Babenko remains Vice Chair, Eileen McCutchen remains Secretary and Lynn Hyslop remains Treasurer. Update on progress of CCA taking over the Hall (Licence to occupy)– SAC have still not resolved queries regarding the lease of the hall which is only until 2025. Jodie McFarlane (Link worker) for SAC and CCA have relayed these issues to her. A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 2nd April at 10am. PB, MP and JB all expressed an interest in attending the meeting. AL said he would attend the meeting and would ask Cllr Martin Calbride to come along. JB suggested to EMcC to ask Carrick Futures for a grant to appoint a Development Officer for Hall, which she took on board. MP advised that he has experience with leases and would gladly look over the lease for the hall if it would be a help to them. PB informed that previously Colmonell Community Council have not got involved with the hall, however if CCA were happy for them to be involved then they would gladly support them.

EMcC advised there were a couple of events coming up:

Race night 16th May

Fun week and Fun Day on Saturday 14th June, with entertainment at night, with Boarshead doing the bar.

**Transport** – Interviews are in progress to appoint a Development Officer for a 1 year post. They are looking at using the buses to connect people with events. CCA are in discussions with Stinchar Valley group to see if anything they are doing is overlapping. Long term goal is to have a minibus in Colmonell and have a bank of drivers.

**Xmas lights** – funding has come to an end which amounted to £2600 per year which includes the company storing lights all year and putting them up at Christmas time. CCC agreed they would be happy to fund the Christmas lights . CCA are looking at extending the lights further up the main street and are trying to get some round at Kirkhill – was suggested speaking to Fire station to see if their electricity supply could be used.

## **SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – AL**

AL will investigate the notice board at Lendalfoot Hall as he thought it had already been fixed.

AL had met with Tom Burns regarding the Orchard Project; Tom thought it was a great idea. Unfortunately, we have missed the deadline for funding from the biosphere for this year so will need to wait until next year to apply.

AL advised that himself and Alec Clark has secured funding from Ward Capital funding for the ramp at the bridge to access the river walk. Cllrs are in talks with the estate through Rachel Shipley.

### **Lendalfoot ladies – PB**

PB advised that the house attached to the hall which generates income with renting it out has hit a set back. The last tenant has moved out and left the house in a mess. CCC didn't think this would be something we could help fund, however JB suggested that Foundation Scotland may be able to help. PB advised he would attend their next meeting.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Stuart Clark has resigned as Vice Chair and as a Councillor, however PB advised that at last AGM as he did not attend, he was not appointed as Vice Chair. It was decided to carry on as we are without a VC and at the AGM in May we will decide if one will be appointed. PB will notify Chelsea Glass (Link worker) of SAC resignation.

CCC have applied for a grant for some ICT equipment, we have not heard back yet if we have been awarded it yet.

Was agreed that foundation Scotland would come as and when they were required to talk about grant applications.

## **10. PROJECTS**

**Blooming Colmonell** – MP has asked Ballantrae Garden Centre for a quote for hanging baskets, was also suggested that Colmonell Craft Club could run sessions for people wanting to make their own hanging baskets.

**Beach Clean** – CCC are going to run this at Lendalfoot on 26th May and will ask for use of Lendalfoot Hall to serve teas/coffees for volunteers.

**Newsletter** – MP gave an update, and will this week email members the final draft to look over prior to printing.

**Well being Month** – Session is arranged on 8th April 11am – 2pm where people can get a health check. At this session CCC will have a stall offering people free sessions to activities within the village – Qigong, Circuit training, etc.

**Defib training** – Session has been arranged in Colmonell Hall on Monday 7th April 11:30 – 2pm

**Dog Poo bags and holders** – CCC will purchase 4 holders and bags and they will be situated around the village – 1 at each end of the village, 1 at top of Craigneil Road and 1 at the bridge. HS advised that anything put on Colmonell FB page promoting anything she will share to Lendalfoot FB page.

## **11. PUBLIC FORUM**

HS & MW brought concerns about the harvesting of Knockbain Plantation. Concerns were the number of lorries and frequency of lorries on the road. It was agreed that there would be 6 movements per day with 1 hour gap between movements, this was to allow the road to settle. PB has tried without any success to obtain a Transport Management Plan from ARIA and also Tillhill. MW produced a Transport Management Plan from 2018 which was the last plan agreed. From observations and records HS and HW have kept it is clear that they are not adhering to the Transport Management Plan. AL and PB will pursue this and report back.

HS wanted to thank AL personally for the work he did with the anchor chain fencing at the memorial and the new benching.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

EMcC asked if CCC would be doing anything about nature connections workshop. MP is aware and awaiting further correspondence.

HW asked through email for the following to be read out at the meeting

- Colmonell Church will host a joint congregation with light refreshments in the Kirk Hall on Thursday 10th April 2025 at 7pm
- HW would like to inform everyone that he has been appointed a Director of Carrick Futures and he looks forward to taking up this position.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 28th May 2025 which will be held in Colmonell Hall. AGM will be at 7pm followed by meeting at 7:30pm