

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLMONELL AND LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 IN COLMONELL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**1 WELCOME** – Paul Brooks, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2 SEDERUNT**

Paul Brooks (Chair) (PB); Mark Hirst (MH); Andrea Porter (AP); Rosie McTaggart (RMcT); Ruth Bisset (RB); Janet Falls (JF); Judith Dunlop (JD); Judith Brzezinka (JB); Cllr Allan Lamont (AL); Howard Wilkinson (HW); Harriet Ellis; Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

**3 APOLOGIES** – Mike Prime; Chelsea Glass

**4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Agreed as correct record; proposed by JF and seconded by RMcT.

### **5 MATTERS ARISING**

SAC Report had been received but had not been seen by the Chair. A copy of the traffic data will be put onto the CLCC Facebook page.

### **6 REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer – JB**

Balance in bank is £30033.08, £1311.25 of which is allocated to administration. This leaves a balance of £28721.83 available for grants. £5000 has been received from Foundation Scotland and £4575 from Tralorg.

**Police** – No report – AL will follow this up.

**Souper Mondays** - VASA funding is being granted, £3072 for this year and next year. This will be used to cover costs of soup and to buy equipment. Donations will be requested but it will be left open so that people can donate if they wish to.

#### **South Ayrshire Council – AL**

**Traffic data** - the speed survey was carried out 30.10.25 – 5.11.25. The 7-day average speed was 26.1mph at the north end of the village, which is within a 20mph limit zone. As this is classed as speeding it will be taken forward. The sign is still not fixed; AL will follow this up.

**Village Orchard** - AL reported that he has asked for an update . There had been a delay due to a number of large projects being undertaken. There have also been a number of staff off. AL remarked that this delay is unacceptable. PB said it is now nearly a year, and suggested that it might be easier to go through the CCA for a community transfer. AL said that he thinks the application will be looked at favourably. MH remarked that a by-product of the waste ground is that rabbits are becoming a problem for the bowling green.

**Roads** – AL has submitted a report on the state of the roads. Harriet Ellis said she has submitted a complaint about the state of the B734 between Poundland and Colmonell. Discussion ensued about the general state of the roads around the village and also on the A77. AL will follow this up. It will also be featured in the next village newsletter.

#### **Colmonell Community Association – HW**

A number of grants have been awarded including one to Stinchar Connections, which is now a legal charity. Carrick Futures have given funding for the bus for one year. The development officer post has been funded for the next 2 years. A number of other grants will benefit young people throughout the Stinchar Valley.

A community development plan was drawn up in 2020 and will now be revisited and reviewed.

JB remarked that a Help in Pregnancy grant is available from Carrick Futures. Women can apply within the last 3 months of pregnancy.

## **7 CORRESPONDENCE**

PB has received correspondence from SEPA regarding flooding planning. The only local feature highlighted is the burn running behind Craigneil Road. RMcT reported that some of the drains on Main Street are blocked; AL will follow this up.

## **8 A&K WINDFARM FUNDING**

PB has arranged a meeting between Lendalfoot Community Association, Stinchar Connections and CLCC. The CC is happy for the funding to go into Carrick Futures. RMcT said that some areas in England have used the funding to erect a wind turbine in each village and then give every household a discount on their electricity. This could possibly be considered. JB asked how the funding would be allocated; PB said this will be discussed with the other groups involved. There are various issues which will have to be considered. The meeting is still to be arranged. MH stressed that the meeting is around administration of the funding.

## **9 GRANTS FOR EDUCATION ETC**

PB reported that it would probably be Tralorg that would be the source of the funding for this. MH reported from research he had done on schemes in other villages. It had been suggested £500 could be granted. Other villages have considerably larger grants of up to £3000. It was suggested that the grants could be given to a university student or used for driving lessons. JB suggested asking Foundation Scotland for some guidance. MH suggested it could also include vocational courses eg a health and safety course. PB suggested deciding on criteria for awarding the grants, and the application could then be administered by the CC, possibly by a sub committee. Discussion ensued about how this would be approached. JB will speak to Carrick Futures about the way forward. She will ask someone from CF to contact MH. The sub group can then be set up with a minimum quorate of 5. This was proposed by JD and seconded by RB, agreed unanimously.

## **10 COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

Already discussed. HW said that the Biosphere would perhaps offer a grant; this will be looked into.

## **11 COMMUNITY HALL**

Accessible toilets – at present there are none, although there is no legal requirement as it is not a new building; however there are guidelines. Dawn the hallkeeper has reported that Tommy Tait has visited the hall. Half of the hallkeeper's office could be made into an accessible toilet. AL will follow this up and report back.

PB asked about markings on the road; there used to be a line on the road outside the hall. The markings have now disappeared. RMcT asked about accessible spaces outside the hall. MH said there may be issues around the proximity to a junction and also the bus stop.. AL will follow this up.

There has been no further progress on taking over the administration of the hall. HW reported that the CCA now has access at weekends etc as they have a key.

## **12 PUBLIC FORUM**

HW asked if it would be appropriate to award a payment to people for enhanced walking sticks etc. There have been a number of falls recently and there are increasing numbers of elderly people in the village. This could be applied for on an individual basis. HW will provide information regarding available products and costs. It may be in the region of £17-25 for an individual. AL said that health and social partnerships provide "fall MOTs" to assess likelihood of falls. MH said it may be against health care professionals' advice to give out walking sticks.

## **13 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

MH reported that the newsletter will be distributed on 1.3.26. Please submit anything to into the next newsletter as soon as possible.

PB requested that nomination forms be submitted please.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 25.3.26.

## **IN CAMERA – FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

### **Colmonell Primary School Parent Council**

Application for £640 to hire a ceilidh band for a ceilidh in the village hall on 21.2.26. JB asked what would happen if the event is cancelled; this is not known. Discussion ensued. RMcT suggested that it might be better to donate a set amount for the year to cover events, rather than grant an amount for a event which may be cancelled. JB suggested discussing this with the Parent Council; agreed unanimously.

### **Lendalfoot Community Association**

Application for £1000 for repairs on the house above the hall, which is letting in water and needs urgent repairs. They will return any excess if appropriate. They currently have £1321 in the bank. They have to cover insurance etc and are in dire straits financially. It was suggested that they be given £1000 and should keep any excess to help with other expenses. Agreed unanimously.