

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLMONELL AND LENDALFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25th MARCH 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); Howard Wilkinson (HW); Chelsea Glass (CG); Lynn Young (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES – Mike Prime. PB reported that Mike Prime has decided not to stand for re-election to the Community Council; he expressed his thanks for all work and support he gave whilst a member.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Agreed as correct record; proposed by AP and seconded by MH.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Local roads – CG will find out if the B734 (Pinwherry – Redburn) is scheduled for resurfacing, or any other local roads.

6 REPORTS

Treasurer – JB

Balance in bank is £31117.78. Discussion ensued about the possibility of earning interest on some of the funds. As the rate would be in the region of 0.5%, it is so minimal that it was decided not to pursue this.

Souper Mondays

Souper Mondays have received a grant of £3072. Purchases have been made: new soup pot, hot plate for tea and coffee pots, and other equipment. Souper Monday is still well attended, with new people coming on a weekly basis. Larger posters will be printed for outside the hall.

Colmonell Community Association – HW

The AGM will be held on 29.4.26.

Fun Day will be held on 13.6.26. There will be no football tournament this year.

Biosphere Project – this is being run through the University of Zurich and will involve the Stinchar Valley.

Stinchar Connections

AGM will be held on 31.3.26. Timetables will be revised; there will be increased connectivity between other buses, and also trains from Barrhill and Girvan. PB reported that Stinchar Connections are appointing trustees. HW and Eileen McCutcheon are already trustees. JF volunteered to be a trustee. A full evaluation of the project will be available on 31.3.26. Discussions are being held with Scottish Power regarding potential funding.

Police

7 incidents in the period 1.12.25 – 24.2.26, of which 2 were crimes, one detected. One assault, one police information, one fraud, 2 x abandoned 999, 2 x assist members of the public.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Ayrshire Climate Hub Community Forum will hold a meeting on 15.5.26 if anyone is interested in attending.

Knockodhar Wind Farm proposal – this would be 20 months in the making and would add 176 vehicles to the roads per day. The structures would be 220m high. There have been a large number of objections to the proposal, and it has been rejected by SAC. It has now gone to the Energy Consents Unit. HW remarked that even if it is approved it may not pass the criteria from the government. It was agreed that an objection would be submitted from the Community Council.

8 EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND

CG reported that applications for a grant can be submitted for various reasons: driving lessons, laptops for students etc. One community council awards £1500 to learner drivers; £750 is given initially, and the remainder given after proof is received that it has been spent on driving lessons. In some communities the money is paid direct to the driving instructor. Applications are submitted and looked at every 2 months, and a panel decides who gets the funding. Hadyard Hill Education and Training Fund is administered by Foundation Scotland. Tralorg funds could be earmarked for this in CLCC as was previously suggested. £4575 was received from Tralorg this year. It was agreed unanimously that this would be used for driving lessons, vocational courses, etc. A maximum amount of £500 was suggested. A checklist will be made up. Candidates would have to live in a Colmonell or Lendalfoot postcode. It could be trialled for one year of up to £500 grant – agreed unanimously. Criteria will be looked at further – probably one application per year, if applying every year for 3 years the amount would decrease each year.

A process was agreed on – there will be 3 contacts for applications: JB, RB and JF. Criteria – Colmonell or Lendalfoot postcode, and resident in the area. An advert will be put in the next newsletter, to be distributed in June.

9 COMMUNITY ORCHARD

A licence has now been granted to occupy the area for one year with no rent being payable. Because of the bird nesting season nothing can be done until September. PB suggested involving other people in the community; several people have already offered to help. It may be that paid help will be necessary to clear the ground initially. PB expressed appreciation to Mike Prime and Cllr Allan Lamont for their help with the project.

10 CARRICK FUTURES

PB reported that Carrick Futures has vacancies for members. JB and HW are currently trustees.

11 ARECLEOCH AND KILGALLIOCH WIND FARM FUND

PB had attended a joint meeting with local communities. Pinwherry and Pinmore are planning to administer their own funds, and have offered to take CLCC money at a cost of 10%. This would be overseen by Foundation Scotland and a panel would be set up. Foundation Scotland would charge 12.5% to administer our funds. Carrick Futures could also administer the funds. Discussion ensued about the options. It was suggested that CCA take the money to be used for Colmonell and Lendalfoot, and set up a panel to administer it. The panel would come from the CC and the CA. Funding applications would still need to be looked at by the panel and awarded by them. It was agreed that the most likely way forward is for Carrick Futures to administer the money and ring fence it. More information will be sought from Carrick Futures.

12 PUBLIC FORUM

HW asked if the minutes from the CC and CA could be put onto the Colmonell website. It was agreed this would be a good idea. They are also available on the SAC website.

13 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

JB reported that a large vehicle had hit the bridge on the corner leading up to Craigneil Farm.

PB said that there are a lot of new people in the village and new members are needed for the CC and CA. He suggested having a social event which everyone would be invited to. This would enable new residents to meet people and get involved in village activities. This would be in the form of a barbecue.

Skip will be in the village on 31.3.26.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 27.5.26 – Lendalfoot.

IN CAMERA – FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Colmonell Community Association - £210 for plants and garden equipment – agreed unanimously.

Colmonell Community Association - £1000 for repair work on community toilets – agreed unanimously.

Colmonell Bowling Club - £590 for lawnmower and scarifier – agreed unanimously.