

**Colmonell Community Association**  
**General meeting Monday 27th March 2023 @ 7.30pm**

**Present:** Eileen McCutcheon (Chair), Howard Wilkinson, Lynne Hyslop, Alison Babenko, Michelle Mitchell (minutes), Lorraine Clark, Heather O'Hare, Amy Clark, Harriet Ellis, Michelle Underwood, Andrew Underwood.

**Apologies:** Peter Henderson

**Matters arising from previous minutes**

No amendments **Proposed:** Howard **Seconded:** Lorraine

Biosphere - 3 dates (15th, 20<sup>th</sup> young people involved/Youth Group and 27<sup>th</sup> April) agreed and posters to be given to promote across the valley.

Stuart still to box pipes in toilets – just leave it as is now.

No response yet from Thriving Communities Active opportunities in the village for Adults. Not Caitlin but she passed it on to her boss to re-direct to person who deals with this.

Bus cuts meeting. Eileen emailed various people/organisations – awaiting a response

Solar Panel quotes – **Eileen** still to do. Andy mentioned a Ballantrae firm who may be able to assist.

CA1 submitted and CA2 to be done after AGM

Remaining lights/boxes to come down asap – this Wednesday from 1pm

Renewal electric for toilets

Key for Hall and electricity box from Mark – **Michelle M** to arrange

Ross to do the raised beds and Howard has submitted council grant for this work

Printer/ink – **Lynne** to look in to better options for printing

**4. Treasures report**

See previous AGM notes attached

**5. Correspondence**

Church - Appeal was rejected by Presbytery. A Company has been formed and has registered an interest to purchase church and to fundraise and create a business plan.

**6. Fabrication**

Front door lock – been replaced. Key holders to be issued with new keys. **Lynne** to contact Kirsty to arrange.

Broadband provider – Alison Wales to find out what Council pay for and see if we can pay for upgrade

**7. 2023 Events/planning**

Coronation – Funding received for caterer, kids entertainment and memorabilia gifts. School would like to be involved.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Not possible to stream live crowning  
1-3pm people could watch beforehand then come to teas  
Bookable event – 80 people initially including kids **Michelle M** to be booking contact  
Decorate hall – Lorraine to source decorations and has the memorabilia  
Drawing competition for the kids to draw a king any king

## 8. Fun Week

Wizard school confirmed for Thursday night  
Amy McNair happy to bring animals, needs some hot water bottles incase cooler or bring car into field  
**Lynne** to double check insurance still covers this.  
Inflatables – Ballantrae and West Coast booked for variety of inflatables  
Mascots working out pricey. Could we purchase or hire? **Michelle U** to enquire  
Mags doing facepainting  
**Michelle M** to issue gala party letters  
**Alison** to advertise stalls usual £10  
Council Stalls booked by Eileen  
Teas – Newton Tootlers (Evelyn) to be asked  
Ice cream stall get someone to run – Harriet to do (pick a charity)  
Quiz confirmed – Heather  
Friday night – Shanbee kids entertainer  
Football arranged  
Burgers stall – **Lorraine**  
After school kids football tournament (Tuesday)– Keiran Balfour – **Amy to ask**  
**Alison** to do gala party gifts  
**Michelle M** to contact school re poster competition  
Michelle U and Andy to judge

## 9. Farmers Market (Fundraiser for Xmas lights)

21<sup>st</sup> May Emly and Giles organising with our assistance to set-up etc  
Borrow our marque  
£30 per stall  
£2 per adult entry-dogs allowed on lead

## 10. VASA

2 days to go on Crafts project, VASA pleased with our achievements. Maire Oliver coming to Wednesday Cozy Hub to see mermaid and be gifted a tulip wood bowl donated by Stuart Clarke  
Pottery boards – both to go to fairy garden  
Mermaid – Whithorn Way support the interpretation boards in front of mermaid  
Cosy hubs - 2 more sessions to go – amazing attendance for these.  
3 succesfull film events  
Phase 2 allows Michelle's time plus additional hours working on the 4 mini festivals  
SCOTO – blog written about the village by Paul McKelvie going on their website in next month.  
Review community plan a day spent with Carol Tobin Chief Exec of SCOTO will come to us. Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May afternoon

## 11. AOCB

Dog bins raised to Heather to bring up at Council meeting  
Ballantrae History Club – photos etc on a usb stick for Colmonell. Copy for the library  
New Windfarm – still awaiting further info on getting group formed etc  
Fitness equipment – Emly and Giles expressed interest

Riverwalk – people walking in fields an issue. Outdoor access officer – suggested a ramp. Arrange a technical person to come down do a plan and put it to the duke who owns the land existing steps on. CCA would support this.

Community Wealth Building NHS and council putting money back in to Communities. We can register a want or a need which can be accessed by these and can then be supported. Register on the website.

Land behind the hall – look in to community right to buy option if land becomes available again

12. Meeting ended 9.25pm.

**Next meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May @ 7pm**