

Colmonell Community Association
General meeting Monday 3rd October 2022 @ 7pm

Present: Mark Bradley, Eileen McCutcheon (Chair), Lynne Hyslop, Howard Wilkinson, Alison Babenko, Michelle Mitchell (minutes), Lorraine Clark, Heather O'Hare and Yvonne Templeton (Zoom), Peter Henderson (Councillor)

Apologies: Harriet Ellis

Matters arising from previous minutes

No amendments **Proposed:** Mark Bradley **Seconded:**

Lynne working on paperwork to be signed to apply for card

Dishwasher working

Stewart still to box in pipes in toilets

No news from Ryan

Fitness equipment – Giles class is now up and running with number increasing each week

Darts funding – Michelle spoke to Stuart who is sending details with what has to be ordered

Hall wifi booster installed – Peter mentioned work on transmitter stations being renewed to improve Rural wifi

This Wednesday container tidy up – weather permitting if not next week

Peter chased up transport cuts, there is a lack of drivers. Peter has contacted Employability and Skills team to work on training new drivers. Bus Users Group can do survey in South Ayrshire via door chapping and public meetings.

Bus services previously got subsidies but this ends on 9th October so where does that leave bus companies in Scotland? SACT losing drivers too, fuel costs also having a knock-on effect. Scottish government – travel

concessions? Need to have a ticket machine to use these. £1000 approx per machine to install. Parliament

discussion with COSLA to hopefully get movement. Peter in various discussions with charities to look at funding

options. Minibus could be an option as you don't need an HGV licence. Peter will email us as soon as survey

available and we can publicise this.

Marquee hire contract - Eileen still to draw this up

Business Energy Scotland – still no response – Eileen to chase up (council advice hub linked up to these good to

advise)

Weeds cleared – Howard and Eileen W done

Toilets winter hours – monitor energy use. Rosie happy to continue shutting around 8/9pm

1. Treasures report

£31,516 in account

Christmas lights money being used

At least £10,000 of money in account is allocated through funding ring fenced for projects.

Forms printed for bank card, signatories done and can post form now.

2. Correspondence

Skip dates for next year 7-9/2/23, 9-11/5/23, 8-10/8/23, 10-13/10/23

St Colmon church – General Assembly have fed back that Ayr Presbytery Draft Mission Plan didn't have enough buildings earmarked for closure and to re-think. This seems more unlikely that St Colmon Church will be kept open. It does give some more time for the community to gather information for a business plan to see whether it will be viable to take the Church into community ownership – Colmonell & Lendalfoot Community Council are gathering this information.

3. Halloween

Children's party on Monday 31st October 4.30-6pm

Yvonne happy to do games and will come up with these (email us week before to allow for prizes to be purchased)

Date to decorate hall Wed 26th - daytime makeup sweetie bags (9am) then decorate hall 7.30pm. Lorraine to get new decs

Food – Evelyn offered to help on night and will purchase cocktail sausages for party. Alison to purchase food. Lynne to look out list from previous parties

Michelle to ask Nan to judge

Eileen to send invite to school after oct hols

Posters for guising to opt in or hand in donation option again same as before

4. ABBA

Tickets printed, 68 allocated so far and sell 80 tickets plus committee as helpers

Joe 90 needs stage up. Need some strong volunteers on the Thurs 24th pm after youth group to help put up Free prize ticket draw for the £100 cash prize (excluding community association members)

Grants – Eileen to contact for donation

Food – loaf of sandwiches each – Michelle (ham) , Eileen (egg), Lynne (tuna), Alison (half ham/ half cheese), Lorraine (cheese) Alison buying crisps

Alison to arrange raffle bundles (needs boxes)

5. VASA

Michelle and Howard attended presentation last Tuesday, presentation to follow of all those who received funding.

Willow weaving starting next week, bookings coming through

Wood turning possibly 2 group sessions one in November and February

Bus trip – successful day, another to be organised for Christmas with leftover funding

Walking group – a great turnout at meeting and first walk, another is being arranged and will be announced shortly

Scarecrow very successful first event and will be an annual event

Biosphere - 4 photos to be used for interpretation boards, applied for planning permission so coming back to us on that. Planned to go next to Community garden.

Visioning Tourism - Zoom meeting on 17th Nov @ 9.30am with link to Australia to hear about some of the projects happening over there.

Mermaid sculpture will be created hopefully by the end of November

Booklet by VASA being produced with every contact you may need from fire brigade, free advice, council etc and has been created by the fire brigade, police and VASA.

23/24 VASA funding will be based on cost of living crisis. Deadline to be announced.

Cosy hub? Village hall or somewhere? Speak to VASA or Julie Dettbern from Council. Linda West re food pantry coming to the village?

Scotland loves local - Pre paid cards council working on these being provided (hopefully in next few weeks) to those on benefits, elderly etc. Anybody can apply for these on council website to use for themselves.

Michelle to speak to school re community groups to go and visit old people/what their plans are.

6. Christmas activities

Christmas party to be held on Thursday 15th December

Lorraine to ask local person to be Santa at party

Ask Yvonne T to do the games again if she can (2 hours for party) food, Santa.

Food same again as Halloween

Prizes

Gift for Santa

Decorate hall – tbc nearer time

Panto – M&M productions booked for Tuesday 6th December @ 1.30pm to show Snow White to school children and public. Michelle currently looking in to funding for this. Awards for all, Arnold Clark,

Christmas lights - lights ordered and should arrive this week

Contractors will then come out when lights have arrived to advise

Ponies and donkeys coming for a donation – pen and gazebo arranged

Banners design through this week

Choir round village signing

West coast castle – kids disco dome for 2 hours, super slide, gladiator joist, snow machine, member of staff, funfair games £582.50 (3 hours)

Craft Fayre - 7 stalls booked so far (Jane Williams, Alison Babenko, Colmonell craft club, Collette Bailey, Teresa Macintyre, Avon (Michelle/Lynne), Parent council.

Poster organised

Battery lights checked and have list of what we have

Michelle and Mark to go round village to see what can go where and order batteries.

Mulled wine and mince pies – Boars Head to be asked

£15,000 Christmas lights funding received (£10,000 left to spend)

Seniors meal Boars could possibly do in hall, need a list for numbers and set a date.

7. AOCB

Back of toilets – cables exposed, metre broken etc rough with rocks to be reported to Scottish Water
Arecloch Wind farm to be extended and Colmonell and Lendalfoot will be included in the 6 communities who will benefit from this. Looking at early 2025, we need to as a community think about how the money will be administered. A Joint group would be required to be set-up between Lendalfoot and Colmonell with money coming direct to the group. £364 000 approx amount but not confirmed a year to be split between 6 communities. A SCIO was suggested as an option like a charity but less paperwork. Open meeting to be arranged to get those interested prior to forming a group.

Minutes once approved to go on website and fb page to remind people of website

Village newsletter – Eileen to start then others can input. Email to councillors also

New notice board in front of hall – Mark to look at.

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Next meeting Monday 28th October at 7.30pm