

## Colmonell Community Association

### Regular meeting Monday 5th September 2022 7pm

**Present:** Mark Bradley, Eileen McCutcheon(chair), Lynne Hyslop, Howard Wilkinson, Alison Babenko, Michelle Mitchell (minutes), Harriet Ellis, Lorraine Clark

**Apologies:** Emly Skiba

#### **Minutes of previous meeting**

No amendments

Eileen approved and Howard seconded

#### **Matters arising from previous minutes**

Dishwasher to be tried

Lynne still awaiting card for account.

Stewart to box in pipes in toilets – Lynne to chase up

Comfort Scheme awarded - £600 a year (2 payments of £300)

Bin for men's toilets purchased

Fitness equipment not really getting used but Giles is setting up Circuit training weekly sessions

Ryan will set-up new survey for classes in the village and email to Michelle to circulate following no responses from previous survey carried out.

Darts funding - to chase up with Stuart again

Kitchen work tops replaced

Hall wifi – request a booster from Council if not can we purchase one

Date for hall and container tidy up – wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct at 1pm

Bus letter cuts sent to Councillors – as it is run by a private company, it is limited on what Councillors can do, they can lobby for reinstatement and update us. Shortage of drivers following Covid was a reason given to one of the councillors.

SACT – subsidise option for doing village pick-ups/ Michelle to check? School mini bus already in the village, could this be an option also - A1 Ecosse?

#### **1. Treasures report**

\* £6428.89 spent on toilets in July/August

- \* Jubilee - £202.83 left
- \* Money in for bus trip/Abba £2500
- \* Vasa money used £2143 out of £5988

## 2. Correspondance

- \* Marquee hire - £400 hire agreed (inc. £100 refundable deposit) going forward Eileen to draw up an agreement to include cleaning costs etc.
- \* Toilets – going forward, it has been approved that Lorraine will work with another cleaner, Aimee, who will cover days Lorraine can't do. Cost will be the same – payment will be sent to Aimee.
- \* Winter resilience group – email from Tracy, Ayrshire Roads Alliance want to know if we could get a group together? No interest last year, training is needed for equipment used to grit paths and these are heavy machines.
- \* Hall water – outside tap has been used to supply water to caravan. This has been raised to Dawn's manager and is now stopped. Mark advised that permission was obtained from Councillor's during Covid to use it, but CCA weren't advised. The tenant is awaiting waterboard to supply water – a break-down of communication holding up process.
- \* A report has been produced by Ayr Presbytery which says that St Colmon Church will close before end of Sept next year. Duke of Wellington is concerned and held a meeting with some Church and community members to discuss way forward. Kirk Session need to consider this and decide how to respond. Community Council holding a meeting to specifically discuss the Church closure. CCA have registered support but not in a position as such to take on responsibility with hall lease still to be agreed as well as responsibility for Public Toilets.

## 3. **Fabrication**

- \* Kitchen Work Surface – completed
- \* Dishwasher to be tried
- \* Hall/container tidy up – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October @ 1pm
- \* Business energy Scotland advice – application for energy assessment of hall has been submitted. There is a back log of applications but will be in touch

## 4. **ABBA tribute night**

- \* £500 funding towards band cost of £1000. Boars doing the bar, CCA will get the ticket money. £10 per ticket, Lynne to print and sell tickets – 80 tickets. CCA will provide crisps, nuts and sandwiches. Raffle make 2 cash prizes of £100 and £50 cash, make up mystery bundles/hampers – Alison to make-up instead of lots of individual prizes. Lucky ticket draw, each ticket purchased gets entered in to cash prize draw.

## **5. VASA project update**

- \* 27<sup>th</sup> September update in Ayr for all who received funding to attend.
- \* Pottery 12 people attended, items in the Kirk hall, to be fitted on wicker wall in front of fence in community garden as a suggestion.
- \* Willow weaving commencing October 11<sup>th</sup> at the following venues: Tues Boars Head, Thurs eve Kirk hall and a Sat session in the Village hall. Everyone attends pays £1 to attend. Council have agreed with David Powell putting in concrete slabs in Bakers corner Sept/Oct at their expense. David will bring structure each night here and take it away.
- \* Place/Biosphere – Eileen and Howard to meet with Faith end of Sept regarding the information boards
- \* Visioning of Community Tourism programme – dates Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> (four dates before Christmas via zoom) Destination South Ayrshire £500-£5000 fund - deadline in October.
- \* Community Wealth Building resources at SAC – Tom can work with us to work on the above
- \* Fairy trail from the craft group, proposed bit of land at The Yett for the Fairy Village (name not decided) hopefully this year will be in place.
- \* Scarecrow Competition under way, application forms issued, Scarecrows to be on display by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Voting commences from the Wednesday until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept where a coffee afternoon will be held where you can vote for scarecrow, have refreshments, baking stall and bottle light stall with all proceeds going to Cancer Research Relay for Life. Winners will be announced on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- \* Day trip to Edinburgh confirmed and will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Stopping off on way home for Afternoon tea/meal option tbc at The Fenwick Hotel. (enquire to bus company if a drop off can be on Corstorphin road – drop off at zoo?
- \* Sandwich board to be arranged and situated at Alison's with Scarecrow event info.
- \* Allan McNally children's art gallery will run for a week from sat 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- \* Trail map to be produced for Scarecrow comp (see Mark for village plan)
- \* Walking group meeting to be arranged

## **6. Halloween**

- \* Party on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> from 4.30pm-6pm then out guising
- \* Alison to buy the food – list put together
- \* Nan to be asked to do judging for best costumes
- \* Invite to school
- \* Yvonne to be asked to do games
- \* Arrange week before to decorate

## **7. Christmas**

- \* Phase 1 – Technical plan complete
- \* Look at fundraiser ideas avoiding conflicts where possible to avoid other events. Suggestion of lamppost light sponsorships by local businesses. Marketing plan to maximise audiences for both events and switch on.

- \* Switch on to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> dec @ 4.30pm
- \* Craft fair in hall after switch on (Barrhill craft fair in afternoon) ours in evening after light switch on. £5 per table and a raffle donation. Kids movie on at same time in buffet room?
- \* Kids events in afternoon before switch on:
  - Shalloch mill - 2 ponies and 2 donkeys (in the park under gazebo)
  - Bouncy castles – depends on wind conditions
- \* Michelle and Mark to check battery lights and what batteries we need
- \* Poster to be made for road ends to advertise with stickable dates to re-use (£45 cost)
- \* Beginning of November ropes to go on trees – placed higher up this year
- \* Sam to come with Cherrypicker to do hall lights, failing that can use tractor bucket
- \* Help required to connect the lights on trees and sort remainder of lights
- \* Choir/carol singing
- \* Lord Christopher agreed to be Santa and will switch lights on with this year's Gala party
- \* Sam or David to pull sleigh
- \* Ice cream van/ festive sandwiches
- \* Seniors meal back on this year, look at options to cater for this.

## **8 Colmonell Website**

- \* Training will be carried out on Website maintenance by Jim Bisset for Harriet, Eileen, Michelle, Howard and Alison. Contact Jim with a date and can be done in Alison's house
- \* Minutes from meeting to be uploaded onto website

## **9. AOCB**

Weeds at back of garden on path – Harriet and Howard offered to help

## **10. Date of next meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm

**Meeting ended 9pm**

**Next meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm**