

Colmonell Community Association
General meeting Monday 25th March 2024 @ 7pm

Present: Lorraine Clark (Chair), Eileen McCutcheon (minutes), Howard Wilkinson, Alison Babenko, Michelle Mitchell, Lynne Hyslop, Paul Brooks, Helen Allan, Sianie Driver

Apologies: Louise Ballantyne, Harriet Ellis

2. Minutes of previous meeting

No amendments **Proposed:** Howard Wilkinson **Seconded:** Eileen McCutcheon

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Whithorn Way - will help put in a new post for the gate at bottom of Yett. Volunteers will be here in April to sort the post.

Ramps – situation still the same, outdoor access officer waiting to hear from Estate factor with written confirmation that ramp on Boghouse side can go ahead. Contractor still needs to return to fit gate at Dalreoch side to allow access to river bank.

Community transport – Carrick Futures keen for villages to submit a bid for transport, hoping route to be operational mid May. The start date can be delayed if funds not yet in place then.

4. Treasurers report

£27,106.53 in bank. £7,500 restricted funds

Electric charges in toilets have come down – using 4 units per week. Lorraine keeping an eye.

5. Correspondence

Biosphere workshops – **Howard to enquire about the Inspiring Communities workshop** – possible joint session with other Stinchar Valley communities.

Business stream – have written with water charges for the toilets for Feb-May 2023 despite CCA having exemption for water rates. **Eileen/Lynne will look into.**

A query was raised as to whether the Community Association would need to register Colmonell Hall with the RCI (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land). This has been checked with Smith & Valentine solicitors who hold the original title of the hall, dating to 1890. As we are a SCIO and need to submit our annual report to OSCR, we do not need to report in the RCI register, no further action required.

6. Licence to occupy

New agreement has been received from South Ayrshire Council, 2 year agreement which includes CCA to pay £1000 per year towards running costs, CCA responsible for internal repairs, CCA responsible for fire/electrical/heating/water treatment testing, pay for caretaker's overtime, key holders to take on fire warden and COSHH training. **CCA committee to review agreement at a further meeting and respond to SAC with queries.**

7. Fabrication

Hall roof is fixed and glass is in front doors

New fridge received for kitchen, old fridge has been uplifted. White freezer – Paul will uplift, black freezer – store upstairs in hall when not being used.

Skirting needed for kitchen where fridge sits – **Lorraine to ask Ross to look at.**

8. Funding applications

Funding applications in to Carrick Futures (3 years) for parties, senior citizens meal, fun week, electric costs for toilets and new container. Decision by end April. Planning permission needed for container. Destination South Ayrshire funding will be applied for as match (£1000).

New funding for cleaning costs for toilets will be needed from Jan 2025. Could apply to UK Shared Prosperity Fund as this is a community asset. **Lorraine to look into.**

Funding application in to community council for new raised beds for community garden and planting. A volunteer day will be arranged for planting/tidying the garden.

CCA were unsuccessful in their bid for PB funds for bus trip at recent event held in Girvan.

9. **Events**

Fundraiser - Shania Twain Tribute night fully booked and waiting list for tickets. Supper will be provided. We have caretaker cover for hall.

Fun day:

WBS Fun Day signs are upstairs in hall.

Inflatables - £240 RJ bouncy castle, £450 large slide & assault course. **Lorraine to check sizes to see all will fit on park.**

Water zorbing – not needed.

Teas – more simplified e.g. tea/coffee and cake/biscuit. Bowling club have offered to do teas in clubhouse.

Llamas booked, Maybole pipe band, Highland dancers, cheerleaders will also attend.

Princess will be Abbey, Ladies in waiting – Morgan & Maisie. Page boys – Marc, Miller, Mickey. **Eileen to do letters to all. Alison to organise gifts.**

Quiz – **Lynne to ask Heather.** Stalls – **Alison to advertise.** Facepainting – **Michelle to ask.** Bingo night & kids football – **Lynne to ask school.** Football – **Lynne to ask Grant.**

Anne Lawrence trophy – use digital i-pads to submit entries for programme competition. A photograph competition could also be held on the Fun Day, open to all to take part – take photo and send in for competition – vote for best pictures at fun day. **Eileen to write letter to school for programme competition.**

Panto – 16th Dec PM – **Michelle to confirm**

10. **VASA projects/Chatty space/ARIA bid/Training session**

£3000 ARIA funding received – spent on i-pads and other IT equipment. £500 remaining – to be spent on lockable cupboard and purchase a go pro camera to take footage of village – can be loaned to other groups. Choir want to use equipment to record their concert. **Lorraine looking into lockable cabinet, Howard looking into Go pro camera.**

VASA underspend – some used for cosy space, some used to put up interpretation panel for walking routes. Any outstanding underspend to be held by community and used for community benefit. Cosy space has gone well, 61 different individuals attended. Thursday lunch sessions now finished. Rosie and Judy keen to take this on, will restart on Mondays from April 8th – soup, tea and coffee will be offered, nominal fee to be taken.

11. **AOCB**

Helen raised the point that Fun Day evening event will affect her business. She is keen to encourage more customers to the Boars Head. Lorraine invited her to attend future CCA meetings and let us know how she wants to work with CCA.

Garden bin charges – query raised whether it would be possible to have compostable area and paid person to work this ground? Difficulties with this - To be discussed at Community Council.

Extra skips being looked into by Community Council.

Harriet has asked whether a framed map of Colmonell donated to the Church by Hugh Sloan could be displayed in the village hall. **Howard to check measurements so we can agree where to display it.**

Eileen to complete CA2 form and return to South Ayrshire Council.

Next meeting Wednesday 24th April 2024 @ 1pm