



WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (WKCC)

Draft Minutes of meeting held On Monday 2nd March 2026 at 7pm

in West Kilbride Community Centre

Meeting available Face to Face and via Zoom

Attendees	
<p>West Kilbride Community Council: Cllr Graham Buckley (GB) (Chair) Cllr Graham Roos (GR) Cllr George Cloughley (GC) Cllr Kay Hall (KH) Cllr Penny McKnight (PMCK) (Minute Secretary) Cllr Anne Turner (AT) (Treasurer)</p>	<p>Elected Members: Cllr Ian Murdoch (IM) Other Attendees: Louise Riddex (LR) North Ayrshire Council (NAC) Office Sgt Donald Fisher (DF) Police Scotland Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News) Members of the public: Richard Woolley (RW)</p>
<p>1. <u>Welcome & Introductions</u> See above for list of attendees Anne Turner has now been co-opted onto WKCC and has commenced role of treasurer.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Apologies</u> Nil received</p>	
<p>3. <u>Approval of February Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes approved by KH & GC and adopted ▪ GB requested that an addition be made to February's minutes to add a specific thank you to John Lamb. WKCC would like to Thank John Lamb for his long service and dedication as WKCC previous Chairman. 	
<p>4. <u>Police Scotland Report</u> DF reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vandalism – 6 incidents which may be linked, some incidents are likely to be from the same contingent of youths. Police Scotland are working in partnership with young people, their parents and school campus police. ▪ Threats / abusive / breach of the peace – 2, 1 person arrested, 1 person Mental Health issues - welfare ensured ▪ Breach of Police bail - 1 ▪ Assaults – 3, All unrelated, all detected. ▪ Shoplifting - 1 ▪ Fail to stop after accident - 1 <p>Questions raised: GB asked if the 20mph limit zones can be enforced and if a 'hot spot' where to be identified would this be monitored. DF stated that as part of a national policy 20mph zones could be monitored and enforced, however there were a number of factors that would be considered for this to happen. IM stated that he feels that the 20mph zones have been implemented in an inconsistent manner.</p> <p>Action Points: Nil</p>	

5. Treasurer's report/Handover from previous Treasurer

AT reported the following:

- AT has received a handover from Douglas Penman (WKCC previous treasurer), accounts documentation received, the cheque book remains with Douglas Penman at this time.
- Signatories for WKCC current bank account are GC, GB and Douglas Penman.
- It appears that WKCC accounts have not been verified by NAC Since 30/09/22, no reason for this provided.
- GR suggested changing bank account due to the lack of ability of completing bank transfers.
- CO-OP bank suggested by GR as other community groups within West Kilbride have moved successfully, this was agreed.
- AT reported that an 'out of date' cheque was found in the account's documentation. A further invoice will be required from the company so that a new cheque written for payment of services received.
- GR advised that required WKCC insurance is in place as per NAC community council guidance

Action:

- GB will contact Douglas Penman to arrange for collection of WKCC cheque book.
- GC & GB will open a new account with the CO-OP, GB, CG & AT will become signatories for new account.
- GB & GC will close old account once new account is in place.
- LR will send a copy of the last bank statement to NAC to complete finance request
- LR will confirm NAC when books were last audited
- AT will send account details to NAC

6. Discussion on agenda items

- GB suggested a review of the agenda to ensure that items on it remain relevant.
- IM requested that Elected member reports be moved to the beginning of the meeting, this was agreed.

There was a discussion about which items should remain and the following agenda has been agreed:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Apologies
- Approval of Minutes
- Police Scotland Report
- Elected Members Report
- Treasurers report
- WK Glen
- Mail Chimp/FB.
- Invites to community/partnership meetings, update/feedback from attended meetings
- Crosbie Wind Farm
- Hunterston PARC
- Reports/updates from Community Groups
- NAC Business/updates/Locality Partnership
- Planning Applications
- AOCB
- Agreed date for next meeting

Action

- PMCK to compile a template for community groups to complete

7.	<p><u>Nomination of deputies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was agreed that GR will nominate an ‘acting chair’ for meetings that he is unable to attend. If PMCK is unable to attend then another community councillor will undertake the role of minute taker. AT will submit a written treasurer’s report for any meetings that she is unable to attend. <p>Actions: Nil</p>
8.	<p><u>Dates of Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WKCC Meeting will continue to be held on the 2nd Monday of each month. ▪ Meetings will continue to be held in WK Community Centre. ▪ GB has booked WK community centre for the coming year <p>Action: Nil</p>
9.	<p><u>Glen Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GC continues to work closely with NAC regarding drainage & maintenance issues ▪ Tennis Club will contact NAC regarding tree roots affecting the tennis courts <p><u>West Kilbride Sports club</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update from GC: on-going issues with drainage at the football pitch. ▪ Plans are progressing for the submission of a building warrant for pitch defence and floodlights <p><u>Mail Chimp and Facebook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GC reported that Face Book (FB) page was accessed over 1000 in the past month ▪ Chimp mail number remain around 270 ▪ KH & PMCK will aim to increase the number of posts to WKCC FB page <p><u>Crosbie Wind Farm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GR attended the previous meeting held on 05/02/26. Further reports to be submitted such as a noise impact statement. GR will continue to attend meetings. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AT & PMCK to be added to be able to access WKCC emails ▪ PMCK to be added to WKCC FB admin ▪ GB will attend meeting regarding the Crosbie Wind Farm
10.	<p><u>NAC Business</u></p> <p>Update from LR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Locality Partnership meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March. LR will chair these meetings. GC & KH will alternate attendance at these meetings. ▪ Louise is going to introduce ‘Community Conversations’, WKCC will be invited to participate ▪ KH asked if town centre regeneration money is it still available to support the improvement of derelict shop on the main street <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>Nil to discuss, see attached Appendix 1</p>

Elected Member's reports

- IM provided the following update:
- IM has submitted a formal complaint regarding the A78 trunk road, despite a face-to-face meeting with Traffic Scotland three weeks ago, there appears to have been no progress regarding the concerns raised. IM will continue to pursue Transport Scotland to address his concerns.
- IM reported that the Scottish government has spent £677,000 on the implementation of the 20mph zones in North Ayrshire. He is concerned at how and where the zones have been implemented.
- IM reports that there is planned work due to commence to repair the numerous 'pot-holes' in North Ayrshire
- IM has obtained figures regarding the cost of the PPE school buildings; the cost is approximately one million pound per month.
- IM reported that despite engaging with three political groups to work towards an agreement for the NAC 2026 budget, he was unable to support any of the proposals and abstained from the vote.

Action

- GC & KH will alternate attendance at Locality Partnership meetings
- Louise to provide updates regarding dates for 'community conversations'
- Louise to provide update once available regarding 'Pride of Place' funds
- Louise to ask NAC about regeneration fund

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Other business and Administrative

- GB will be WKCC representative at Hunterston stakeholder meetings
- GR will represent WKCC regarding Crosbie Wind Farm
- Invitations to partnership meetings will be emailed to all community councillors to ensure that there is WKCC representation at all relevant meetings
- PMCK will liaise with local community groups to promote engagement with WKCC, it was agreed that PMCK would compile a template for community groups to complete and return for monthly WKCC meetings with any relevant information or concerns. It is hoped that this will increase community engagement with WKCC.
- CC suggested that all reports submitted for WKCC meetings should be shared prior to meeting to allow for everyone to review them and in turn promote more efficient meetings, this was agreed.
- 'Friends of Kirktonhall Glen will not be reconstituted WKCC will undertake the responsibilities linked to the glen.
- Community Trust requires two representatives from WKCC, GB & GR will undertake these roles.
- GC raised concerns regarding the number of notifications received from Ayrshire Medical Group notifying patients of a reduced service. GR shared that both the January and February community meeting with the group have been cancelled. Despite the frustrations regarding the phone system and reduced service provided by Ayrshire Medical Group, WKCC recognise that the members of staff/practitioners are working under difficult circumstances.
- GC has raised three concerns regarding local road with NAC and has not received any update. IM agreed to progress this with NAC.
- GC raised concerns about the industrial bin that is frequently left on the main street outside LAH travel, he is concerned that the bin completely obstructs the pavement, making it dangerous for pedestrians. IM happy to investigate this further
- PMCK shared that following NAC 2026 budget that crossing patrols will be reinstated, no further information at this time. Pavement widening also proposed at the foot of Law Brae to commence in the coming weeks to make it safer for car access from Law Brae and for pedestrians crossing.

	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ PMCK to compile a template for community groups to complete▪ PMCK will begin to engage with local groups▪ GC will email community groups and attach feedback template▪ GR will be WKCC representative at Hunterston stakeholder meeting▪ PMCK Hunterston stakeholder meeting on 05/03/26 due to GR being unable to attend.▪ KH & PMCK will attend the Community Led Tourism Workshop 11/03/26▪ KH & PMCK will attend the Community Celebration on 21/03/26▪ GB & GR will undertake representation on WK Community Trust▪ GR will continue to represent WKCC at the community engagement group with Ayrshire Medical Group▪ GC to share information regarding roads complaint with IM▪ IM will raise roads complaint with NAC▪ IM will investigate industrial bin on Main Street
12.	<p><u>Agreed date for next meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The next meeting of the Community Council take place on Monday 13th April 2026 in West Kilbride Community Centre at 7pm The meeting will take place face to face and will also be available via Zoom LR gave her apologies for this next meeting</p>
	<p>The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.</p>

Appendix 1

Planning Applications: Status as noted on Applications

- Kaim Hill Fairlie North Ayrshire Ref. No: 25/00042/CON | Received: Wed 29 Jan 2025 | Validated: Thu 30 Jan 2025 | Consultation on Section 36 consent application for the proposed Crosbie Wind Farm and battery storage including 14 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 200 metres and associated infrastructure. Status: Pending Consideration
- Montfode Oil Storage Depot Ardrossan North Ayrshire. Ref. No: 24/00553/PPM | Received: Wed 03 Jul 2024 | Validated: Mon 29 Jul 2024 | Erection of 160 holiday chalets with facilities hub including access, landscaping, open space and associated works. Status: Application REFUSED

Items in RED are Scottish Government decisions.

PENDING:

- Rowan Tree Restaurant Ardrossan North Ayrshire KA22 8PG Ref. No: 26/00082/PP | Received: Mon 09 Feb 2026 | Validated: Tue 10 Feb 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration
- West Kilbride Primary School Hunterston Road West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9EX Ref. No: 26/00018/PP | Received: Wed 14 Jan 2026 | Validated: Thu 12 Feb 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

APPROVALS:

- West Kilbride Golf Club 33 - 35 Fullerton Drive Seamill West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9HT 25/00585/PP | Erection of new water storage tank and pump house to replace existing | Status: Approved
- Seamill Hydro Hotel 39 Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9ND Ref. No: 25/00346/PP | Received: Mon 04 Aug 2025 | Validated: Mon 11 Aug 2025 | Erection of extensions to existing buildings to form additional bedroom accommodation and spa facilities. Status: Approved