



WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (WKCC)

Draft Minutes of meeting held On Monday 15th April 2026 at 7pm

in West Kilbride Community Centre

Meeting available Face to Face and via Zoom

Attendees	
<p>West Kilbride Community Council: Graham Buckley (GB) (Chair) Graham Roos (GR) George Cloughley (GC) Kay Hall (KH) Penny McKnight (PMCK) (Minute Secretary) Anne Turner (AT) (Treasurer)</p>	<p>Elected Members: Nil Present Other Attendees: Sgt Donald Fisher (DF) Police Scotland Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News) Members of the public: Susan Groves (SG), Chair of WK Village Hall Richard Wooley (RW) Dan Adams (DA)</p>
1.	<p><u>Welcome & Introductions</u> See above for list of attendees</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u> Louise Riddex (LR) North Ayrshire Council (NAC) Officer</p>
3.	<p><u>Presentation from Transmission Investments by Chris Jenner & Barry Turley</u></p> <p>An updated presentation was provided, a copy of the presentation will be provided to Community council for further reading. Transmission Investment are an independent company who develop and support Off shore transmission and connectors. They hope to lay a cable between Hunterston and Kilroot near Belfast. Planning for the project continues to be in the early stages. Company is liaising with Ayrshire Colleague about how they can support apprenticeships during the build phase. It is expected that the development once completed will provide approx. 10 full time jobs Next public consultation with take place in June 2026 and again in September 2026. CJ & BT answered various questions from community councillors and member of the public</p> <p><u>Action</u> WKCC will continue to engage in the community consultation process</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of February Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes approved by at AT & KH

<p>5.</p>	<p>Police Scotland Report</p> <p>DF reported the following:</p> <p>Assault – 2</p> <p>Threats / abuse (breach of the peace) – 2</p> <p>Fraud – 2</p> <p>Shoplifting – 2</p> <p>Careless Driving – 1</p> <p>Drug Driving, No Insurance – 1</p> <p>Questions raised: PMCK asked about the reports of off-road bikes in the glen. SG stated that a friend had contacted Police Scotland on 101 and reported the off-road bike and has yet to receive any response from the Police. DF stated that the report had not been sent to him, he advised that members of the public should continue to contact Police Scotland on 101 at the time they observed the vehicles in the Glen, he stated that a description/photo of the bike/rider would also be very helpful. DH stated that off road vehicles are not permitted in the glen and that they could be seized by Police.</p> <p>DF also discussed that this is the time of the year that both Police Scotland and Transport Police start to see movement of young people to local beaches. Partnership working between Police Scotland and Transport Police will be on-going to ensure public safety.</p> <p>Action Points: Nil</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>AT reported the following:</p> <p>Accounts were sent to NAC – WKCC have yet to receive their annual funds.</p> <p>There is a missing bank statement from Dec '25, this will be required for submission of accounts for next year.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>AT will liaise with LR regarding public liability insurance</p> <p>GB will contact previous treasurer for a copy of the missing bank statement</p> <p>GB will commence application for bank account with CO-OP bank</p> <p>AT will send Invoice to LR</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <p>Nil Received</p> <p>Action:</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Glen Update: (KH) (GC)</p> <p>GC provided an email update to all community councillors on 06/04/25, see Appendix 2</p> <p>Action – GC will continue to liaise with various organisations as statement in report.</p> <p>Mail Chimp and Facebook – Update</p> <p>GC advised that in that past month there has been 4900 Facebook views, and that there are currently 1006 FB followers. There have been 222 contacts via Mail Chimp.</p> <p>PMCK & AT have been unable to log into WKCC Gmail account, this has resulted in PMCK not being able to undertake contact to local organisations/groups as agreed at last months meeting.</p> <p>Action- PMCK & GC will liaise to resolve PMCK's access to Gmail.</p>

Crosbie Wind Farm - Update

GR has shared updates via email with community councillors. He reported that hearings and the enquiry will commence on start 18th June 2026

Action: GR to compile a statement for WKCC outlying the community councils concerns regarding the environmental impact that the wind farm will have.

Sports club – Update

GC provided an update: Building warrant now obtained, on-going applications to raise funds

Action- GC will continue to support in applications for funding

Ayrshire Medical Group

Significant concerns have been raised on social media over recent weeks again regarding the practice and the service it is providing to the local community.

GR was unable to attend the Patient Participation Group (PPG) meeting on the 23rd March but had received a copy of the minutes from that meeting. There were only two new Group members in attendance despite AMG advising they had received a significant response to their call for new members. According to the minutes the issues raised during the meeting were similar to those raised previously and no new initiatives were proposed by AMG that would potentially lead to an improvement in service.

Action – GR advised he will attend the next meeting and will query why there were only two new members in attendance.

Community Led Tourism Workshop Feedback

PMCK update – Workshop was very positive, awaiting a report regarding the key themes discussed.

Workshop comprised of voluntary organisations, crafters and businesses.

One key theme that became apparent was the lack of communication and co-ordination between these groups and the need for a community body to fulfil this role. Other discussions included: What does West Kilbride have to offer tourists? How does WK attract tourists? What would be the impacts of increased tourism?

Action – KH & PMCK to attend next meeting on 29th April & provide a further update at next meeting

Hunterston SSG Site Stakeholder Group

Minutes provided to community councillors via email

Action- On-going attendance at meetings

Democracy Matters – Route Map, Feedback

KA & PMCK provided feedback. The event was positive; however, it is unlikely that any of the changes discussed in the Scottish Government’s ‘Democracy Matters: route map to reform’ report will be implemented any time soon. The report identifies the potential for significant changes to the roles/responsibilities of community councils.

Action – All councillors are aware of the report and will continue to review any updates.

Document can be found at: [Democracy Matters: route map to reform - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/resources/consultation-papers/collections/documents/20190613-democracy-matters-route-map-to-reform.pdf)

9. NAC Business

Planning

Receipt of weekly planning updates from NAC remains inconsistent

WKCC have yet to receive a copy of the Local Development Plan – 3 from NAC

Action- GB will contact NAC regarding LDP3 and to discuss notification of planning

10. **New Business/AOB**

Defibrillators

Defibrillator now obtained for Sport's Club, registration on National network is on-going
Information regarding the location of defibrillators in West Kilbride can be found at: [DefibFinder - find the defibrillators nearest you.](#)

Action - nil

Business Insurance

KH is concerned that a number of local businesses may not have the appropriate insurance cover.

Action – KH to place a post on WKCC Facebook page reminding local businesses of the importance of obtaining the correct insurance.

Non EV's using car parking allocated to EV's

Inappropriate parking is leading to members of the community not being able to access the EV charging points.

Action – GB will liaise with elected officials regarding this issue.

WKCC to be used as a communication medium for the WK Trust?

GB stated West Kilbride Trust would like to share information regarding where/who funds have been awarded too via WKCC. KH advised that this had previously been the practice. It was agreed that WKCC would document WK trust awards in their minutes and on their Facebook page.

Action – Awards will be recorded in WKCC minutes and placed on WKCC Facebook page.

Village Map

KH advised that David Hutchinson from WK business group is looking to update the village map and is looking for WKCC to work in partnership to achieve this.

SG advised that there is a large Map on the wall of the Village Hall and that this belongs to the civic society, this could also benefit from being updated.

Action - PMCK will liaise with David Hutchinson, SG & the Civic society to ensure that there is continuity of an updates.

War Memorial

KH suggested that WKCC obtain confirmation regarding the obtaining of wreaths for the War Memorial Commemorations in November 2026. GB suggested that John Lamb's wife continues to have responsibility for coordinating this for all local organisations.

KH advised that group of local residents have agreed to maintain the garden at the war memorial. KH also advised that the wrought iron fencing requires to be painted and that this is usually the responsibility of community services.

Action – GB to confirm who is responsible for obtaining wreaths
GB to contact community services regarding the painting of the fence

Rubbish bins on the Main Street.

Rubbish bins continue to obstruct the pavement, no feedback received as yet from Ian Murdoch.

Action

GB will contact Ian Murdoch to obtain an update and raise on-going concerns

	<p><u>Development of WKCC webpage.</u></p> <p>GC has obtained an initial costing for the development of a basic webpage, however this will require to be updated.</p> <p>General discussion regarding the purpose of a webpage and whether it is required. It was agreed that GC would obtain further costings and an application would be complete to WK trust for funding for the development of a webpage.</p> <p>Action: GB to send AT the WK Trust application form for completion. AT to complete and submit application form to WK Trust</p> <p><u>Skelmorlie lights</u></p> <p>GC is supporting Skelmorlie to obtain funding for community lighting. This is reported to be a very positive piece of partnership working.</p> <p>Action – GC to continue to offer help and advice</p>
11.	<p><u>Agreed date for next meeting</u></p> <p>11TH May 2026 at West Kilbride Community centre</p>
	<p>The meeting ended at 9.20pm</p>

Appendix 1

Planning Applications: Status as noted on Applications

Items in RED are Scottish Government decisions.

- 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

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

APPROVALS:

- West Kilbride Primary School Hunterston Road West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9EX 26/00018/PP. Erection of extension to primary school including installation of 1 air source heat pump. Status: Approved with no Conditions