



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 10th March 2026 - in Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HM	Interim Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Robert Winning	RW	Interim Treasurer
Shona Pennie	SP	Community Councillor
Maddi Cassels	MC	Community Councillor
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Cllr Margaret Johnson	Cllr MJ	Councillor
Cllr Donald Reid	Cllr DR	Councillor
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Councillor

		<u>Actions</u>
<u>1.</u>	<u>Welcome and apologies</u> Apologies were made for Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr John Bell, Vice Chair Liam Wallace, Susan Montgomery CC, Norrie Brown, Sgt Steven Presslie 1 member of the public attended The chair welcomed all those in attendance.	
<u>2.</u>	<u>Police update</u> <u>See Appendix 1</u> BDCC Have sent a letter to Thomas Reaney NAC regarding concerns of the speed on the A736	HM
<u>3.</u>	<u>Minutes of the previous meeting 10th February 2026</u> Proposed RW Seconded SP	
<u>4.</u>	<u>Matters arising</u> At the meeting last month Helen missed an email that was sent by a member of the public (found in junk email box) with questions for	

	Alan Finlayson Chief Planning Officer. This was forwarded to Alan and all questions answered and returned. • BDCC added 3 wishes to The Community Benefit Wish List 1. Resource for a Study of Creative Work. 2. Tarmac to Coronation Garden 3. Designer of a Heritage Board. • Culvert works are due to commence on the Red Brae.	
5.	<u>Planning Application</u> None to Date	HM
6.	<u>Financial Update</u> See Appendix 2 Badges for Community Councillors have been received.	RW
7.	Decision made on 20 mph speed limit will be in force for 18 months. NAC will monitor and advise if this is to be made permanent. This is being rolled out across North Ayrshire. Signage across North Ayrshire will commence at the end of March.	
8.	We received a reply from MSP Kenneth Gibson and Transport Scotland with regards to the A737 upgrading. Nothing has changed but we ask that the public continue to report any incidents on the road regardless of how small. Transport Scotland will share their report once the geological investigations being carried out in March have been completed. KG has asked for a site visit and will notify BDCC when this has been arranged.	HM
9	Miller Homes update Appendix 2	
10.	Our Garnock Valley OGV group have created a prioritisation spreadsheet from the responses provided by the community. This has been shared with NAC Heads of Service at a recent meeting. NAC will consider the 9 identified priorities for the Council led funding allocated to the GV and the Community Fund will open shortly for groups to make applications from the Place Based Funding. The advert for the Development Worker Post is now live.	HM
11.	<u>Citizen of the Year</u> Provisional date of the 12th June to be held in Beith Bowling Club. There will be several ways to nominate candidates: Paper Copies in local shops, QR code, social media, online forms.	RW

12.	<u>Litter Pick</u> BDCC and Beith Skatepark group have organised a litter pick at Orr Park on Saturday 28 March. Robert meeting with Carrick Crawford, Barrmill Project on Monday 16th March to discuss the big litter pick on 18th in preparation for July Scottish Open Gardens visit. The Old EU Church grounds need a clear up, CC will contact Alan Finlayson for advice.	RW/SP RW HM
AOCB	Janet Barr President of Cunningham Choir has given the CC 2 complimentary tickets for their concert in our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Sunday 17th May 2026 at 7pm. Tickets will be at the door for 2 cc members that wish to attend. Licensing during the World Cup NAC will make decisions as per individual applications. There were concerns around the lack of buses during the recent fire at Glasgow Central Station. It was confirmed that there would be no extra buses to help commuters. Wall at Orr Public Park Cllr Donald Reid advised us that NAC are waiting on another 1 quote before they can decide on the repairs. Cllr Donald Reid said the Youth and Percussion Band are playing in the Dunlop Hall Dreghorn on 29th March entry is donations and the Phoenix Choir will be performing on the 26th April in the High Church Beith. Andy Watson Chair of Dalry Community Council gave us for information a talk on the proposed new Crosbie Windfarms in Dalry. Helen Chair thanked Andy for all the information. A member of the public raised concerns about the safety of residents at the end of Roebank when trying to reverse out of their drives onto the A737. They're not allowed to park on the pavement even though it is several metres wide. This has been flagged to NAC and Amey who are reluctant to do anything. The CC will send letter asking for a resolution. HM thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7.00pm in Beith Community Centre Lounge.	HM

Appendix 1

Policing in North Ayrshire Community Council Report

Beith

March 2026



Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

Drug dealing and drug misuse

Violence and anti-social behaviour

Dishonesty

Road safety

Figures collated for dates from 10/02/2026 to 10/03/2026

Garnock Valley total calls this month 354

Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 392

Kilbirnie		128			
Drug dealing and drug misuse			4		
Assault	1	Disturbance	6	Vandalism	1
Theft	1	Shoplifting	0	Housebreaking	1
Road crash of note					1
Dalry		120			
Drug dealing and drug misuse			0		
Assault	2	Disturbance	5	Vandalism	2
Theft	1	Shoplifting	1	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					2
Beith		106			

Drug dealing and drug misuse			2		
Assault	1	Disturbance	1	Vandalism	6
Theft	2	Shoplifting	9	Housebreaking	1
Road crash of note		3 - 3 drivers reported for Careless Driving			

OFFICIAL

Crime Report Details		Total for this month	39
	No of reports	No detected	
Theft	4	4	
Theft by shoplifting	2	0	
Vandalism	4	2	
Road traffic offences of note	1	1	

Your Community Policing Officers

Your policing team covers the Garnock Valley and is led by Inspector Michael Cowan

Sgt Steven Presslie

PC Fenella Corlett

PC Adam McKinlay

PC John Murdoch

PC John Scott

Contact us

In an emergency always call 999

For non-urgent incidents you can use the following to report incidents to Police Scotland

Dial 101

By completing the Contact Us Form on www.scotland.police.uk

Our Twitter and Facebook sites are not for reporting crime and are not monitored 24/7

Twitter - @PSOSNAyrshire

Facebook - PoliceScotlandAyrshire

Email our team on - AyrshireLPSTGarnockValley@scotland.police.uk

This has been a busy month for Garnock Valley LPT officers who have been making concerted efforts to disrupt drug supply in the local area. A number of drug searches under

warrant have been carried out with two large cannabis cultivations of note dismantled and seized to a street value of several thousand pounds. Residents are encouraged to report any information regarding drug supply to either 101 or anonymously on Crime Stoppers. Further to this, officers have been making continued efforts to positively influence driver behaviour in the local area. Joint patrols with NAC Parking Enforcement Officers were undertaken with a number of warnings and fixed penalty tickets issued. Sgt Steven Presslie.

Appendix 2

Miller Homes March update

1. Site works are proceeding as expected with no significant issues to raise.
2. I believe site have worked with some local interest parties to relocate some of the snowdrops present on site to a new home elsewhere within Beith.
3. I can confirm that Miller would be happy to make a donation of £500 towards your Beith citizen of the year ceremony. Please advise to whom the cheque or bank transfer should be made out to and by when.
4. Initial interest in the site has been strong and we have 6 plots reserved already.