



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 14th April 2026 - in Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HM	Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Liam Wallace	LM	Vice Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Shona Pennie	SP	Community Councillor
Susan Montgomery	SM	Community Councillor
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr	Councillor
Andy Watson	AW	Dalry Community Council Chair.

		<u>Actions</u>
<u>1.</u>	<u>Welcome and apologies</u> Apologies were made for Cllr Margaret Johnstone, Cllr John Bell, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Vice Chair Liam Wallace, CC Maddi Cassells, CC Robert Winning, Sgt Steven Presslie 3 members of the public attended The chair welcomed all those in attendance. HM advised that she is moving out of the area and will continue as chair until June meeting when a new chair will be in place. HM invited CC members their interest in becoming chair by email.	
<u>2.</u>	<u>Police update</u> <u>See Appendix 1</u> Previous minutes – item 2 – A response to A36 concerns has been received and NAC are changing the layout of the speed limit signs on both approaches to make the 30mph signs more prominent. They have also ordered mobile variable message signs which will be used throughout North Ayrshire, including Burnhouse. These will be used to alert drivers to their speeds, encourage slower driving, and provide us with driver behaviour data that could be used to support any future schemes.	

3.	<u>Minutes of the previous meeting 10th March 2026</u> Proposed – next meeting Seconded	
4.	<u>Matters arising</u> Item 7 The three wishes that the CC added to the Community Wish List 2 have been ticked off and the remaining one asking for re tarmacking the paths in the Coronation Garden. NAC are working with HM and Beith Heritage and Cultural Group to put together a workshop showing what a heritage trail would look like and get input from the public. If this were to be successful it could be rolled out to the rest of the Garnock Valley. This will cover the other 2 wishes.	HM
5.	<u>Planning Application</u> None to Date	
6.	<u>Financial Update</u> No Update this month	RW
7.	<u>SEPA – Flood Risk Management Phase 1 Consultation</u> SM to make a response	SM
8.	<u>Miller Homes update</u> No update this month	
9.	<u>Our Garnock Valley</u> OGV has applied to the Community Fund for a Public Arts Strategy to provide OGV with a feasibility study and gather community views. The recruitment for the Development Worker has been completed, and the successful candidate will commence in a few weeks. Lochwinnoch shared their Draft Place Plan for comments and HM will email them offering to share information on our Garnock Valley Place Plan.	HM
10.	<u>Citizen of the Year</u> No update this month	RW
11.	<u>Litter Pick</u> The Litter pick went very well considering the weather was terrible, Project Barrmill joined us which was great. We had hoped we would get more interest from the public and we did ask the school children to help. Alan Finlayson from Planning was looking into who owns the old EU Church with a view to gain entry to clean the grounds up. SM said she may be able to help.	RW/SP SM

12.	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership (GVLP) meeting held on 12.03.26 – this provided a workshop on Garnock Valley Plan to all members in attendance. Priorities were discussed. Next meeting 11.06.26	HM
13.	Beith Orr Park Strategy meeting on 01.04.26 discussion took place on community engagement during the summer when CLD & BCA deliver summer activities in the park. Cllr Stalker reported that streetscene will inspect paths to check where tree roots have caused damage. HM reported that wall repairs will be completed soon.	HM/SP
14.	Local Governance Review – Garnock Valley – the GV has been selected as one of 3 areas to take part. A workshop was recently held – HM, JL and MC attended. Lots of discussion on the newly issued blueprint and feedback provided. Further consultations will follow.	
15.	AOCB A member of the public raised the issue of Fly Tipping at Woodside; it seems to be a daily occurrence. It was also reported that Threepwood Road is also being abused. There is a plan to install CCTV cameras. Councillor Dickson will speak to Streetscene re this issue. Ruth Campbell sent out an invite inviting the CC to take part in a pilot project exploring food, how we access it, and the impact it has on our communities. Shona has already replied with her acceptance. Next Meeting of Speirs Trust will be held on the 23rd June in Cunningham House. NAC are looking at repairing the damaged railings at the end of the town. The company who installed them has since gone bust so they are looking for another contractor. Memorial at the cenotaph has a piece missing from it, we are unsure what that looks like. Councillor Dickson will see if she can find out what it is. JL raised the unconfirmed reports that parcels of land may have been sold to W.H. Malcolm for extending the quarry, potentially including areas of Historical significance and local interest. At this stage the details have not been independently verified, and we will seek clarification of the accuracy of this information. We are unsure what Council it comes under so Councillor Dickson will investigate. HM will contact and invite John Dobie who resides in that area to our next meeting to give us more information on the intentions of the quarry. JB previously gave a presentation on this matter and will be an opportunity for further update Helen Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. Next meeting will be held 12th May 2026 at 7pm n Community Centre Lounge	Cllr Dickson SP New chair NAC Cllr Dickson HM

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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.

