



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 12th May 2026 in Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HM	Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Liam Wallace	LW	Vice Chair
Robert Winning	RW	Treasurer
Shona Pennie	SP	Minute Secretary
Maddi Cassels	MC	Community Councillor
Jane Lamont	JL	Community Councillor
Cllr Donald Reid	Cllr DR	Councillor
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Councillor
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Councillor
Gavin Ferguson		Community Development Worker

		<u>Actions</u>
<u>1.</u>	<u>Welcome and apologies</u> Apologies were made for Cllr John Bell, Cllr Margaret Johnstone, CC Susan Montgomery. Sgt Steven Presslie, Christina Pieraccini Locality Officer, 3 members of the public attended Helen welcomed all those in attendance.	HM
<u>2.</u>	Vacancies – HM informed the group that she is stepping down as chair in June due to moving out of the area. HM invited CC members to indicate their interest in taking over the role. 2 names were put forward, and the CC will vote at the end of the meeting. Robert indicated his resignation in June however post meeting has said he will remain until the AGM in November. 5 vacancies remain unfilled in the CC.	
<u>3.</u>	<u>Police update</u> <u>See Appendix 1.</u>	HM

4.	<u>Minutes of the previous meeting 10th March 2026</u> Due to lack of numbers last month the minutes were proposed tonight by R.W. Seconded by HM Last Month Minute 14th April 2026 were proposed by LW and seconded by SP	
5.	<u>Matters arising</u> • Cllr Anthea Dickson has been busy following up on last month's list which include: -Fly tipping is being investigated. -The Missing top piece from the Memorial to Cochrane-Patrick at the war memorial was donated by a local man. We believe it was stolen some time ago. HM has asked for information on social media --Facts regarding St Inans Chair and St Inans Well were investigated and are neither scheduled monument or listed buildings. -W.H. Malcolm have not applied for any planning permission and any changes to the road would require public consultation. -The roof on the Auld Kirk has had money allocated to its repair, however the costs far exceed the budget. Estates have appointed the PMI project team to review the works required and hopefully secure more funding.	HM
6.	<u>Planning Application</u> None to Date	HM
7.	<u>Financial Update</u> See Appendix 2 £500 donated by Millar Homes to help towards the Citizen of the Year Robert arranged for a new box to hose the Draughts at the coronation garden Carrick Crawford and his team were back tidying the gardens. He requires £150 for plants etc. This was agreed.	RW
8.	Millar Homes Update	

	The site is progressing well and sales are good. Drainage work is still on going with the Red Brae still closed. No complaints that we are aware of.	
9.	Beith Orr Park Strategy Group Nothing new to report The wall has not yet been repaired	
10.	Our Garnock Valley next meeting 11.05.26 OGV Have been invited to Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT) Volunteer Awards event on 3rd June as nominees for an award	HM
11.	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership (GVLP) Andy Watson elected as Vice Chair. Dalry Sports Club successful CIF bid. Next meeting 11th June 26	HM
12.	Loanhead Quarry John Dobbie sent a lengthy email to the planning department outlining the issues around the purchasing of land by W.H. Malcolm. HM shared JD email with the group. Following discussion, it was noted that BDCC are unable to act until a planning consultation has been issued.	
13.	<u>Citizen of the Year</u> Provisional date of the 12th June now changed to 19th June. Tom Urie is available as is Liam Wallace. Bowling Club to be checked for availability of the change. Café Solace to be notified re the date change. Posters and Tickets are ready to be printed. It was agreed that HM would write to Beith Christian Action Group to seek funding.	RW / HM
	<u>A.O.B.C</u> Beith Trust have requested a letter of support to help with the funding application for the upgrading of the Mansion at Geilsland – HM will send the letter. Resident from Roebank thanked the community council for sending the letter to Amey regarding the parking issue. Robert raised the issue surrounding the new speed limits, they seem to be confusing. Position of signs	HM

	need to be checked. Cllr Stalker confirmed that his is ongoing for the installation of new speed signage. The meeting for the Food Community Discussion in Beith was cancelled. Shona will attend the one in Kilbirnie on the 27th May at 12 noon. Lochshore Café will be opening on 1st July 2026. There were two nominations for the Chair of Community Council. Nominations were Maddi Cassells and Liam Wallace. Gavin from NAC Locality took the vote and Liam Wallace was duly appointed as the Chair of Beith Community Council. Helen Chair thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th June in Beith Community Centre Lounge at 7pm.	SP
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Appendix 1

Policing in North Ayrshire Community Council Report

Beith

May 2026



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**
Keeping people safe
POILEAS ALBA

Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

Drug dealing and drug misuse

Violence and anti-social behaviour

Dishonesty

Road safety

Figures collated for dates from 10/04/2026 to 08/05/2026

Garnock Valley total calls this month 396

Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 333

Kilbirnie	153				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		4			
Assault	0	Disturbance	2	Vandalism	6
Theft	3	Shoplifting	1	Housebreaking	2
Road crash of note					0
Dalry	120				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		1			
Assault	1	Disturbance	3	Vandalism	0
Theft	1	Shoplifting	1	Housebreaking	1
Road crash of note					2
Beith	123				

Drug dealing and drug misuse			2		
Assault	1	Disturbance	4	Vandalism	3
Theft	3	Shoplifting	6	Housebreaking	3
Road crash of note		3 - (2 x Drink/Drug Driving, 1 x Careless Driving)			

OFFICIAL

Crime Report Details		Total for this month	44
	No of reports	No detected	
Theft	4	1	
Theft by shoplifting	5	5	
Vandalism	5	2	
Road traffic offences of note	2	2	

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

Call levels in the Garnock Valley over the last month were slightly higher than the same period in 2025 but are commensurate with previous months. There were 3 RTCs of note in

the Beith area over the past month with 1 driver charged with Careless Driving and 2 x drivers arrested for Drink Driving. Officers from GV Locality Policing Team have been carrying out a number of road checks in the area with several drivers warned regarding their speed and a number of fixed penalty tickets issued, this was in response to community concerns raised with police. These checks will continue for the coming weeks, calls permitting. Other highlights have been the arrest of a prolific shoplifter who was charged with 14 shopliftings in the Beith area and is now on remand in prison. 3 males and 1 female from the Glasgow area were also arrested after being identified as being responsible for a number of car thefts in the Garnock Valley over recent months. Sgt Steven Presslie.

