



WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (WKCC)

Draft Minutes of meeting held On Monday 11th May 2026 at 7pm

in West Kilbride Community Centre

Meeting available Face to Face and via Zoom

Attendees	
West Kilbride Community Council: Graham Buckley (GB) Graham Roos (GR) George Cloughley (GC) Chair Penny McKnight (PMCK) (Minute Secretary) Anne Turner (AT) (Treasurer)	Elected Members: Nil Present Other Attendees: Louise Riddex Members of the public: Susan Groves (SG), Chair of WK Village Hall Gordon Hodgson (GH) WK Community Trust Richard Wooley (RW) Dan Adam (DA)
1.	<u>Welcome & Introductions</u> See above for list of attendees
2.	<u>Apologies</u>
3.	<u>Approval of February Minutes</u> Minutes approved <u>Action:</u> <u>Matters Arising:</u> <u>All other actions from June 2026 meeting have been actioned as agreed.</u>
4.	<u>Police Scotland Report</u> Questions raised: Nil
5.	<u>Treasurer's report.</u> <u>Action:</u>
6.	<u>Councillor Reports</u> - Nil Received <u>Action:</u>

7.

Glen Update: (KH) (GC)

GC provided an email update to all community councillors on 05/05/26. Streetscene (NAC) continues to support with repairs.

The football club have agreed to support an upgrade to the 'kick about area'.

SGN removed the arch at the entrance of the glen when commencing repairs, however it has yet to be replaced. has done a good job. SGN has taken down arch – GC will follow up on this.

Action – GC will continue to liaise with NAC and all other groups involved in the maintenance of the glen.

GC will liaise with SGN to ensure that the arch is replace.

Mail Chimp and Facebook – Update

GC advised that in that past month there has been 5019 Facebook views, there are currently 1000 FB followers.

There have been 225 contacts via Mail Chimp.

PMCK is now able to log into WKCC Gmail account.

PMCK now updating FB page most days. AT suggested linking WKCC posts in with the West Kilbride Villagers page & West Kilbride People page. PMCK will do this.

Action- AT will liaise with GC about logging into WKCC email account.

PMCK will share WKCC Facebook page with local West Kilbride pages

Crosbie Wind Farm

GR reported that there will be photographs and a presentation in West Kilbride Library this week for the community to comment on. It was agreed that it would be helpful for WKCC to receive community feedback. An advert is going into the press on 13/05/26 notifying residents of the presentation.

SG suggested a photograph referencing the size of the turbine would be helpful. GR will try to incorporate this.

Action: GR & PMCK will create a Facebook post notifying the community of the presentation and encouraging feedback.

Sports club – Update

GC no significant updates at this time

Action- GC will continue to support in applications for funding

Ayrshire Medical Group (AMG)

PMC contacted AMG, to discuss the regular attendance of a Community Councillor at Patient Participation Group. Their response was very positive.

It was agreed that WKCC representation at these meetings would ensure regular engagement with AMG and would provide an opportunity for community feedback.

Action – PMCK will attend the next meeting 1st June 2026.

Kissing Gate/Railings

An email was received from a member of 03/05/26 from a member of the community on behalf of a group keen to reinstate the 'kissing gate' in the glen.

A reply email reply was sent on 07/05/25 asking for more information about what the group was looking for from WKCC. A further reply was received on 07/05/25 stating that the individual and the group they represent are looking for support to obtain the funds to replace the gate etc.

WKCC does not have any responsibility for the glen, however it recognises the importance of the glen to the community and is happy to support groups improving the glen where it can.

It was agreed that further information needs to be obtained from NAC regarding their involvement and how they could support the project.

Action: PMCK will email Thomas Reaney, Head of Neighbourhood services to seek clarification regarding who the land belongs too and NAC capacity to support this project.

PMCK will following consultation with NAC reply to the member of the public.

Hunterston SSG Site Stakeholder Group

Minutes provided to community councillors via email

Action- On-going attendance at meetings

Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) Response

GB contacted Allan Finlayson Senior Manager (Planning) and Chief Planning Officer

Planning Services North Ayrshire Council) on 28/04/26, a response was received the same day.

Information provided: LDP3 is currently in the 'Preparation of LDP3 is currently at Gate Check stage.'

Alongside the Gate Check, NAC are currently appraising potential development sites submitted last year via the 'Call for Ideas'. As part of this assessment, we will be seeking to views of local communities and intend to engage directly with Community Councils on the proposals put forward. This is expected to take place after the summer2026.

Action: WKCC will review LDP3 when it is released

Greenwheel Electric, Hunterston

Email received from Greenwheel electric on 30/04/26 regarding a proposal for a new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging hub powered by solar energy at Hunterston PARC (Port and Resource Campus). Does WKCC want to invite the company to come and discuss proposal?

Action: KH will invite Greenwheel to attend the next WKCC meeting to give them an opportunity to provide more information.

Communication with community Groups

PMCK emailed 34 community groups on 29/04/26 inviting them to attend meetings or provide feedback via template sent to them. Only the WK Village Hall has replied and invited PMCK to their next meeting to provide an overview of the community council.

Action: PMCK will attend WK Village Hall committee meeting on 13/05/26

PMCK will continue to identify opportunities to engage with community groups

Forest Survey

Email was received from the Forest Policy Group sharing a survey.

Action: GR will complete formally for WKCC

PMCK will share the survey via WKCC Facebook page to encourage community participation

Scottish Community Council Organisation

Email received on 02/05/26 from Scottish Forum Community Councils asking if WKCC would like to participate in survey to consider an alliance of community councils. It was agreed that WKCC would participate in any future surveys.

Action: GC will confirm that WKCC is happy to participate

AOB:

Wildcat Burn

GC shared that he has been contacted by a member of the community who is concerned regarding the high levels of mud/dirt in the Wildcat burn that runs through Seamill, Seamill golf course and exits at the costal path. It is possible that the cause of the increase of mud being present is due to the ground works taking place at the Persimmons building site in Seamill.

GC has discussed these concerns with the managing Director of Persimmons and has also emailed North Ayrshire elected officials to raise concerns. However there has been no satisfactory response from persimmon and no response from elected officials. RW suggested that WKCC should ask how the mud got into the drainage pipe?

Action: GC will contact elected officials again regarding concerns about the mud in the burn.

Community Led Tourism Workshop Feedback

PMCK update – Feedback session was positive,

Conclusion of report: 'West Kilbride and the surrounding area doesn't need more assets - it needs to connect, package, and promote what already exists to visitors in a way that works for all players, and with the community leading tourism so it becomes a force for local good.'

Those in attendance at feedback meeting, felt that it was appropriate to move forward with a meeting to identify how/what to progress.

PMC suggested that perhaps this new group may be the best forum for taking forward the map developed by David Hutchinson & the Big buildings group,

Action – PMCK to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 27 May from 2pm - 3pm at Studio 30, Ritchie Street, West Kilbride.

PMCK will take the map developed by David Hutchinson & the Big buildings group to this group to discuss if they are happy to take it on.

Data centre

WKCC received an email from Action to Protect Rural Scotland, they are seeking to raise awareness of Data Centre development in Scotland. Hunterston has been identified by the Scottish Government as a potential site. WKCC are not aware at present of any applications for development. It was agreed that it would be useful to have contact with Action to Protect Rural Scotland and to gain further information about their concerns for any future Data Centre development at the Hunterston site.

Action: KH will liaise with Action to Protect Rural Scotland and arrange for them to attend a WKCC meeting.

Parking

Concerns were discussed regarding the negative impact that the one-hour parking restriction is having on WK businesses and the ability for locals and visitors to park in order to attend events within WK.

Action: GC will draft a letter to elected officials to raise concerns about the impact of restrictive parking.

Development of WKCC webpage.

Awaiting on WK Community trust Funding notification which will be disseminated in the first week of June 2026.

Action: Nil

Removal of seaweed on Seamill beaches

A member of public contacted WKCC via FB today asking why Seamill beaches were not cleared of the seaweed unlike other north Ayrshire beaches. PMCK contacted North Ayrshire Council (NAC) for further information, it was suggested that the removal of seaweed on Seamill beaches may not be undertaken due to the beaches not being owned by NAC.

Action: LR agreed to seek further information regarding ownership of Seamill beaches

Seamill Coastal Path

GH raised concerns regarding the safety of the coastal path that runs alongside Seamill Golf course. It is unclear who owns/is responsible for maintenance of the path.

Action: GR will liaise with Seamill Golf course to see if they are aware of who is responsible for the maintenance of the path

GC will Liaise with elected officials regarding the path

LR will also aim to identify who is responsible for the path

8.	NAC Business <u>Planning</u> Weekly planning updates are now being received <u>ARIA Funding</u> LR advised that Aria funding is now open for notes of interest, closing date for notes of interest is 22/05/26 Action- LR will share the link with PMCK PMCK will share the link on WKCC Facebook page
9.	<u>Agreed date for next meeting</u> 13th June 2026 at West Kilbride Community centre
	The meeting ended at 8. 35pm

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

APPROVALS:

Alterations to existing restaurant to include external recladding and re-roofing, removal of rear canopy, erection of ancillary building to the rear, formation of terrace area to the side and the change of use of land to the south to form additional car parking spaces

Rowan Tree Restaurant Ardrossan North Ayrshire KA22 8PG

Ref. No: 26/00082/PP | Received: Mon 09 Feb 2026 | Validated: Tue 10 Feb 2026 | Status: Approved subject to Conditions