WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (WKCC)

Draft Minutes of meeting held On Monday 12th October 2026 at 7pm

in West Kilbride Community Centre

Meeting available Face to Face and via Zoom

	Attendees			
	West Kilbride Community Council	**Attendees in person**	**Attendees in person**	**Attendees via Zoom**
	Graham Roos George Cloughley Acting Chair Penny McKnight (Minute Secretary) Anne Turner (Treasurer) **Elected Members**: Eleanor Collier Ian Murdoch **Other Attendees:** Ewan Grant (NAC) Donald Fisher, Police Scotland Calum Corral, Press	Susan Groves, Chair of WK Village Hall Gordon Hodgson WK Community Trust Claire Dymock Viki Boult Ros Lauchland Susan Bamford Laura McLean Amy S Mcintosh John MacVicar Kath MacVicar John Osborne John McKnight Lotta Brown Ceri Johnston Alison Kelly	Jane Howie David Gallagher Peter Montgomery Claire Dymock Cathy Pidsley Andy Raphael Janet Martin Jamie MacKenzie Nicki Baitt Gill Wark Gordon MacDonald Karen Farr – Macdonald Dan Adam Amanda Torrance Kerry McMillan Philip Ewing Lisa Brown	Jennifer Smith David Hutchinson

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

See above for list of attendees

GC welcome everyone to what is WKCC's most attended meeting

2. **Apologies**

Graham Buckley (GB) Chair

Louise Riddex

3. **Approval of June 2026 Minutes**

- Minutes approved – AT & GR

Action: Matters Arising

Councillor Ian Murdoch provided updates on several matters:

- Village parking restrictions: A request to consider extending permitted parking times had been referred to North Ayrshire Council's senior Roads Management Team. Councillor Murdoch advised that the process could take a considerable period, potentially months or longer.
- Barony clock: The request relating to the clock at the Barony remained under consideration.
- Memorials: The previously raised request concerning memorials remained in progress.

4.		**Police Scotland Report** Donald Fisher provided the Police Scotland report, which included the following incidents that occurred in West Kilbride in September 2026: 3 Failures to comply with bail conditions 1 Culpable and reckless conduct 1 Attempted fraud 1 Assault, threats and vandalism 1 Shoplifting **<u>A78 Traffic Lights – Road Safety Concerns</u>** Claire Dymock asked for Police Scotland's position regarding the continued failure to bring the A78 traffic lights into operation. Donald Fisher explained that, should a road traffic collision occur in the vicinity of the lights, Police Scotland would investigate the circumstances and consider any contributing factors. If the absence of operational traffic lights was identified as a contributing factor, this would be recorded in the Police Scotland report. Donald confirmed that Police Scotland could raise road safety concerns and agreed to highlight the community's concerns regarding the lights remaining out of operation. **Action:** Donald Fisher to raise the community's road safety concerns through the appropriate Police Scotland channels.
5.		**<u>Councillor Reports -</u> A78 Traffic Lights** Councillor Murdoch provided an update regarding the continuing delay in commissioning the A78 traffic lights. He advised that the relevant planning condition placed responsibility on Persimmon Homes for funding the works, with Amey and Transport Scotland also involved in the arrangements. The matter had been raised with Transport Scotland, and further correspondence had been undertaken. Residents expressed frustration regarding the continuing delays and the lack of clarity over responsibility. Concerns were also raised about the speed limit in the vicinity of the lights and whether changes to the existing 30 mph arrangements should be considered. Councillor Murdoch indicated that he would raise relevant concerns at a forthcoming planning meeting. Residents were encouraged to contact Transport Scotland and their elected representatives directly regarding road safety concerns. Barrier left on Meadowfoot Road: Councillor Ian Murdoch reported that he had investigated as to why the barrier had be left on the pavements on Meadowfoot road despite no on-going activity. He advised some barriers remain in place due to the connection of new street lighting not yet having been completed by Scottish Power. However he was hopeful that this would be resolved quickly. **Action:** Ian Murdoch and WKCC will continue to liaise with NAC, Transport Scotland and Amey regarding the switching on of the lights and the concerns regarding the speed limit.
6.		**<u>Treasurer's report</u>**. The treasurer reported that expenses for the month were limited to payments for the WKCC website which is expected to go live before the next meeting **<u>Action:</u>** Nil
7.		**<u>North Ayrshire Council Business</u>** Ewan Grant advised that there were no additional matters to report. He confirmed that he was happy for residents and Community Councillors to contact him by email regarding relevant matters. Ewan advised that a local youth group has started in WK, he will provide further details. **Action**: Ewan to provide further information regarding youth group that has started in WK

8.		**Community Councillor Feedback** Penny McKnight advised that she had received concerns from a local resident regarding Ayrshire Medical Group (AMG). Nil to report from other Community Councillors **Action:** Penny Will raise the concerns identified to her at the next AMG Patient Participation meeting. **Community Group Feedback** Penny McKnight encouraged attendees involved in local organisations and community groups to engage with WKCC, not only to raise concerns but also to share positive developments, achievements and forthcoming events. She explained that the aim was to strengthen communication and collaboration between WKCC and local organisations, increase awareness of community activities and initiatives, and encourage greater engagement and participation across West Kilbride. West Kilbride Villiage Hall: Susan Groves advised that following a prolonged effort to obtain the necessary planning permission to replace a number of windows at the hall that planning consent has finally been obtained. She thanked Councillor Murdoch for his support in achieving this.
9.		**Glen Update (including Sports Club)** George Cloughley provided an update on matters relating to the Glen and the Sports Club. Footpaths and Maintenance: Concern was raised regarding flooding affecting the path downstream from the Kings pub. It was hoped that North Ayrshire Council could assist with the necessary repairs. Residents also commented on the general condition of paths within the Glen. Kickabout Area: Concern was expressed regarding overgrown trees and branches affecting lighting in the kickabout area. The potential need for maintenance and the arrangements for undertaking the work were discussed. Gilmour Land / Access Route: A section of access route was reported to require significant repairs, with an estimated cost of approximately £15,000. The possibility of securing funding for the work was mentioned. Sports Club: The Sports Club's financial position and building-related matters were discussed briefly. Reference was made to solar installations and building warranty issues. **Action:** George Cloughley to continue liaising with relevant organisations and partners regarding maintenance and improvements within the Glen.
10.		**Ayrshire Medical Group update** Penny McKnight advised that a number of concerns have been raised with community council since the last Patient Participation Meeting (PPM). **Action:** Penny Will continue to attend PPM, she will raise the issues identified by members of the community including a clarification of patient: clinician ratio's
11.		**Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3)** A significant discussion took place regarding North Ayrshire Council's proposed Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3), with numerous members of the community expressing concerns about the potential scale and impact of development proposed for West Kilbride. Concerns Raised by Community Members Residents raised a range of concerns, including: Scale of development: The number of sites identified for potential development and the overall number of houses proposed for West Kilbride. Cumulative impact: Concerns that the combined effect of the proposed developments could result in disproportionate housing growth and significantly alter the rural character and identity of West Kilbride.

Green belt and countryside: Concerns regarding the protection and retention of green belt land, green spaces and the surrounding countryside.

Infrastructure and services: The capacity of existing infrastructure and local services to accommodate further development, including schools, healthcare provision, village amenities and other community facilities.

Transport and roads: The potential impact of additional housing on traffic, road capacity, public transport and existing transport infrastructure.

Flooding and drainage**:** Concerns regarding surface water drainage, flooding and the ability of existing infrastructure to accommodate further development.

Clarity of proposals: Concerns that some of the proposed development sites lacked sufficient detail or clarity to enable residents to fully understand their potential impact.

Local Place Plan (LPP): Questions regarding how West Kilbride's existing Local Place Plan had been taken into account within the LDP3 process and whether it remained sufficiently up to date to reflect the community's current priorities.

Residents expressed concern that the potential cumulative impact of the proposed developments could place additional pressure on infrastructure and services already considered to be under strain.

Access to Consultation Information

Community members raised concerns regarding the information available at West Kilbride Library, particularly that some of the plans and maps were printed at a scale too small for residents to clearly identify the proposed development sites and their boundaries. It was highlighted that members of the community were offering assistance to other residents wishing to complete North Ayrshire Council's online consultation forms at West Kilbride Library.

Advice from Elected Members

Councillor Eleanor Collier provided an explanation of the LDP3 process and how residents could participate in the consultation.

Both Councillor Eleanor Collier encouraged residents to submit their individual views directly to North Ayrshire Council's Planning Service. Councillor Eleanor Collier emphasised the importance of residents clearly explaining their own specific concerns rather than relying on standard template responses.

Residents were also encouraged to complete North Ayrshire Council's official consultation surveys for each proposed development site about which they wished to comment.

WKCC Community Consultation

Penny McKnight advised that WKCC intended to hold a public consultation event next week, with the date and arrangements still to be formally advertised.

Penny explained that the purpose of the event was to provide residents with an opportunity to review the proposed development sites and share their views directly with WKCC. The feedback gathered would help ensure that the views and concerns of the West Kilbride community were accurately reflected in WKCC's formal response to North Ayrshire Council.

Penny confirmed that: Paper feedback forms would be provided at the consultation event. An online WKCC feedback form would also be available for residents unable to attend or wishing to respond electronically.

Penny emphasised that WKCC's consultation was intended to complement, rather than replace, North Ayrshire Council's formal consultation process. Residents were strongly encouraged to complete NAC's official site-specific surveys, regardless of whether they also submitted feedback to WKCC.

Actions:

WKCC to confirm and publicise the arrangements for its community consultation event.

WKCC to request larger copies of the development plans and paper feedback forms available at the event.

WKCC to provide an online and paper questionnaires to gather the communities view on LDP3.

		WKCC to consider the community feedback received when preparing its formal LDP3 response. Community members to be encouraged to submit their individual comments and complete the relevant NAC consultation surveys.
12.		**Proposed Eneus AI Hyperscale Data Centre – Hunterston** Penny McKnight confirmed that WKCC was aware of the Scottish Government's consideration of matters relating to large-scale data centre developments. It was advised that WKCC would review its approach once the outcome of the relevant Scottish Government process became known. Residents raised concerns regarding: The availability and adequacy of information about the proposal. The potential impact of the development. The need for greater clarity regarding the proposals. The planning and decision-making process. Councillor Ian Murdoch advised that any future planning application would be subject to the appropriate consideration by North Ayrshire Council and other relevant authorities. **Action:** WKCC to review its position and proposed next steps following further developments at Scottish Government level.
13.		**WKCC Social Media and Communications** Penny McKnight provided an update on WKCC's communication activities. Facebook: WKCC's Facebook following continued to increase and had reached approximately 1,204 followers. The page continued to be used to share community information, consultations, meeting notices and updates on local matters. Email Subscriptions: Subscriptions to WKCC's Mailchimp email updates were also continuing to increase. Website: George Cloughley advised that work on developing WKCC's website was progressing. That it is planned that the website will be up and running by the next community meeting. Social Media Policy: The proposed WKCC Social Media Policy was identified for consideration and adoption. It was not adopted during the meeting.
14.		**Planning Applications** No individual planning applications were identified for discussion under this agenda item.
15.		**Any Other Business** Rail Services: Calum Corral ask the community council's view that the 7.45pm train is no longer stopping at West Kilbride. Dan Adam advised that he had experienced this, he advised that the conductor had informed him that he could stay on the train to Largs and that he could return to West Kilbride from Largs at no additional cost. WKCC had not been notified of this change Councillor Eleanor Collier advised that she had written to ScotRail regarding the matter. **Action:** Residents were advised to submit complaints directly to Scotrail and to their elected officials. Community Emergency Preparedness Janet Martin asked if any of those present would be interested in an event being arranged within WK, there was an agreement that residents would. Co-option of Two Community Councillors The meeting proceeded with the co-option of two new Community Councillors to fill the advertised vacancies.

		The application and voting arrangements had been undertaken in accordance with the co-option process. Penny McKnight Proposed both: Karen Farr and Philip Ewing Anne Turner Seconded Karen Farr. Graham Roos Seconded Philip Ewing. Karen Farr and Philip Ewing were duly co-opted to West Kilbride Community Council. Declaration of office arrangements should be checked against the meeting record before the minutes are approved.
16.		**Agreed date for next meeting** Monday 9th November 2026 at West Kilbride Community centre
		The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Appendix

West Kilbride Village Hall report for Community Council.

October 2026

West Kilbride Village Hall is busier than ever. We have no more capacity this year for any bookings at weekends, in fact the first available weekend booking is in April 2027.

We have managed after many years of trying to get agreement from NAC to change the windows in Arthur and Ritchie rooms. These windows are in a poor state of repair. NAC did not have the capacity to fund the new windows so we have managed to raise the money through a grant/loan from Business Energy Scotland. Once the final paperwork is agreed with NAC the new windows which will be like for like should be fitted in the next 6-8 weeks. The changes will benefit all users of the Village Hall.

The Village Hall volunteers worked with the Civic society to replace the Village Hall map and repair the frame. The map is on the Hall wall in Ritchie Street. The new map includes the new builds that have happened in the past 20 years.

We had a great turn out for our fund-raising quiz night on Saturday 3rd October. Money raised usually goes towards the running of the hall. However, on this occasion we have split the money with West Kilbride Out of Schools Club who are in need of money. They were very appreciative of the £510 donation.

Susan Groves

Chairperson

West Kilbride Village Hall