

Event Meeting of KCC

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm

in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

KCC : Gavin MacLellan (Vice-chair/GM), Anita Anderson (Treasurer/AA), Andrew Sinnott (Secretary/AS), Amanda Haslett (AH) & David Scott-Park (DSP); Guest presenter : Patricia Rowley plus 11 other members of the community.

Amanda Haslett was co-opted to the community council by unanimous decision.

2) Apologies

PC Mikey McKay

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

AH has an interest in a planning application on the agenda.

4) Minutes of meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September

Proposed as accurate by GM and seconded by AS

The defibrillator has been checked and the battery changed. KMA is now the registered owner and guardian of the unit.

Construction of a new footbridge on the Aber Right of Way has commenced with the approval of the adjacent landowners.

The involvement of Friends of Loch Lomond was questioned. FoLL have arranged funding from the LLTNPA and other sources unknown to KCT or KCC for the bridge. There are questions over the future responsibility– a meeting with the NP was proposed to clarify technical and legal responsibility. However, should FoLL be planning construction of a new path over the route of the existing Right of Way, this will require a planning application.

FoLL are thought to be also proposing work on the Dumping footpath. KCT have been asked (by FoLL) to fund some new informational signage. FoLL are due to attend the next KCT meeting. We await an update their proposals.

Internal works on the Old Kirk have been completed. There is a service planned for 16<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Robert the Bruce authorised the Abbots of Cambuskenneth to hold services at Kilmaronock.

5) Treasurers Report

Outgoings of £30.10 for internet hosting, meeting room hire and bank fees.

Current account balance : **£2143.60**

Which now includes the Benevolent fund balance : **£354.41** (ringfenced for its original purposes).

## 7) Planning Matters

### **New since last meeting**

#### **Application to discharge a planning obligation related to planning permission ref. no. LL2375**

Finglas, Ross And Aber Road, Gartocharn, West Dunbartonshire G83 8NE

Ref. No: 2025/0274/75A | Received: Mon 06 Oct 2025 | Validated: Mon 06 Oct 2025 | Status: Current

**KCC has no comment**

#### **Works to tree covered by a TPO: fell 1 no lime tree**

Kilmaronock House, Stirling Road, Gartocharn, West Dunbartonshire G83 8SB

Ref. No: 2025/0259/TRE | Received: Tue 23 Sep 2025 | Validated: Tue 30 Sep 2025 | Status: Decided - **APPROVE**

#### **Proposed garage conversion to short term holiday let unit**

Blairbeich, Finnelly Road, Gartocharn, Alexandria G83 8RR

Ref. No: 2025/0226/DET | Received: Fri 22 Aug 2025 | Validated: Tue 07 Oct 2025 | Status: Current

**KCC has no comment**

### **Updates since last meeting**

#### **Erection of recreational hut**

Torrardan Wood Finnelly Plantation Near Gartocharn

Ref. No: 2025/0102/DET | Received: Mon 07 Apr 2025 | Validated: Mon 05 May 2025 | Status: Decided - **REFUSED**

### **Expected soon**

#### **A joint KMA/KCT project for a solar array at the hall**

GM has been in correspondence with project manager Steve Macken.

#### **An application for the repair/upgrade of Aber Path**

GM has been in correspondence with chair of KCT.

## 8) Correspondence

### Police Scotland

There were five recorded crimes in the area since the date of the last meeting.

Two relate to speeding offences. One to a theft of fuel. One to the vandalism of a contactless payment machine. Lastly, a driver was issued a vehicle defect ticket for having a registration plate that did not adhere to size and spacing regulations.

Full report appended.

DSP in correspondence queried the criteria for inclusion in the report, as there was no mention of an incident on 1<sup>st</sup> October at Ross Priory.

### **KCC (DSP) to follow up**

### Trees at Gartocharn Church

Regarding the recent sale of the church, a concern was expressed that the new owner could cut down all the trees within the grounds, some or all of which may have historic or cultural value. The planning authority are responsible for granting Tree Preservation Orders. The process involves an initial Tree Evaluation which we can request they implement.

It was discussed that they may be covered by the Listed Building Status of the church.

**Action : KCC (AS) to request a tree evaluation survey by LLTNPA with the aim of preserving the trees.**

### Vale of Leven Wind Farm Update

Public Local Inquiry process – posted on KCC website

*“The PLI process involves a Reporter from the Scottish Government’s Planning and Environmental Appeals Division to be appointed to conduct the inquiry (ref: WIN-160-1). We expect the PLI will take place in mid 2026 - with a pre determination hearing later this year or early 2026. The Reporter will consider all the evidence and will then provide a report and recommendation to the Scottish Ministers to assist in their eventual determination of the application. Due to the PLI process, we expect a determination to be made in mid 2027 although we have based this on estimates of other PLI processes for S36 applications.”*

### Roadwork Management Communications

Ian Sweetland, resident, has been in correspondence with KCC about the lack of response from WDC and other bodies. He met with MSP Jackie Baillie and she will be arranging a meeting with him and Roads dept. to which KCC are invited. This is also of relevance to the CC Forum members, as all WDC community councils report the same lack of response issues.

### **KCC(AS) to follow up**

### CC Forum

A special meeting is being convened on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> November to which several elected members have committed to attend. This is to start the process of the review of the Scheme of Establishment of CC's within WD.

### **KCC(AS) will attend**

#### Local Development Plan Update

An Evidence Report has been created following the stage consultation responses. This will be submitted for Gate Check Review by ScotGov. Timelines for the LDP process have been updated. Next stage is identification of sites and ideas for inclusion in the Plan.

#### Woodlands Trust

The site meeting was documented with a schedule for clearance of plastic tubes as follows.  
*"Tube removal in area 1b – These are down for removal by 2027/28*

*Tubes piled up in bundles beside path (also other random tubes in proximity) these will be removed by 31 May 2026.*

*Mouse tubes in new plantation - These will definitely be removed by 31 May 2026. I have asked our contractors to do this before winter and they have promised to prioritise it."*

Fencing around Private Water Supplies will only be reinstated if need arises. Meantime planting of thorny hedging will take place to discourage access over sensitive ground.

#### Improvement Service's Annual Customer & Stakeholder Survey

### **Have your say on Scotland's Planning Services**

We invite you to take part in the survey to collect your views on the service you have received from our planning authority.

**The Annual National Customer and Stakeholder Survey** is now open from the **1<sup>st</sup> October 2025** to the **9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

The survey is anonymous and you can take part here: [Link to survey](#)

### **9) AOB**

Discussion on private sewage treatment standards and discharges into watercourses feeding into the Loch.

Concern that planning rules within LLTNPA don't have stricter practice on checking sufficiency of waste treatment entering watercourses. GM will discuss with NS and seek a contact with SEPA.

10) Presentation from Patricia Rowley *CEng MICE* and Gail Macfarlane WDC Chief Officer describing the regeneration project at the former Exxon Terminal at Bowling.

Patricia is the Capital Projects Manager of the Capital Investment Team at WDC, Gail is chief officer for Roads & Neighbourhood which includes Roads & Transport, Greenspace & Waste Management and Corporate Asset & Fleet Management.

The project was described in full and the stages explained.

Followed by a Q&A discussion session.

Among the suggestions made were :

- Installation of a statement artwork to welcome folk to Dumbarton and hopefully divert some of them to the town (to increase footfall to castle/maritime museum/hospitality). The "Squareabout" or Dunglass Roundabout would be ideal locations.
- Adding a rail stop within the site although acknowledged that Bowling station is within 1 mile of the site centre.
- Adding a bus service route through the site for commuters.
- Support for the improvement to heritage site at Dunglass Castle as a visitor experience.
- Consideration of the site for micro-power generation specifically a Small Modular Nuclear Reactor – tapping into expertise in the region from Faslane operations.
- Promote the access to the river for offshore tech applications in line with the development of the Scottish Marine Technical Park in Old Kilpatrick.

A copy of the presentation will be posted with these minutes on the KCC website.

#### 11) Next Meeting

Nominally on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 19:30 in KMH.

Please send in any items for discussion to [secretary@kilmaronockcc.org](mailto:secretary@kilmaronockcc.org) This helps us to prepare in advance to make the meetings run smoother.

Meeting closed at 22.05h



## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Name of Community Council: - Kilmarnock Community Council**

**Date of Report: - 31/10/2025 (covering period from 01/09/25 – 31/10/25)**

**Submitting officer: - PC Michael McKay L307**

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	<p>There were five recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the date of their last meeting in September 2025.</p> <p>Two of these matters relate to speeding offences, whereby both drivers were in excess of the prescribed speed limit of 30mph. Both were issued a conditional offer of 3 penalty points and £100 fine.</p> <p>One crime relates to a theft of fuel. The registered keeper of the vehicle has been identified but enquiries continue to trace due to them living out with the local division.</p> <p>One crime also relates to a vandalism of a contactless payment machine which occurred overnight. No persons have been identified as it occurred overnight and there is no CCTV opportunities.</p> <p>Lastly, a driver was issued a vehicle defect ticket for having a registration plate that did not adhere to size and spacing regulations. Should he comply, then he would not be criminalised.</p> <p>Police have dealt with a number of incidents in the area since the time of the last meeting but these have overwhelmingly been for non-criminal matters such as general requests for assistance and road traffic matters.</p>
Updates on previous actions	N/A as no officer was present.