

Ordinary Meeting of KCC
Monday 19th January 2026 at 7.30pm
in Kilmarnock Millennium Hall

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KCC : Gavin MacLellan (Vice-chair/GM), Anita Anderson (Treasurer/AA), Andrew Sinnott (Secretary/AS), Amanda Haslett (AH) & David Scott-Park (DSP) plus 16 other members of the community.

2) Apologies

Peter Page.

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None

4) Minutes of meeting on 3rd November 2025

Proposed as accurate by GM and seconded by AS

GM thanked Patricia Rowley and Gail Macfarlane for their time to tell us about the Exxon Bowling Regeneration project.

Matters arising :

DSP asked the police about a known incident that was not listed in the crime report that we received – The reason this was omitted from the report was due to no crime report reference being attached which was a shortfall by enquiry officers.

AS requested a tree evaluation survey for Gartocharn Church grounds by LLTNPA with the aim of preserving the trees. No response.

KCC (AS) to follow up

5) Treasurers Report

£87.10 spent on service charges, hall hire and internet hosting since the last meeting.

Current account balance : **£2056.50**

Which includes the Benevolent fund balance : **£354.41**

6) Planning Matters

New since last meeting

Erection of replacement dwellinghouse

Gallangad Farm Auchincarroch Road Jamestown Alexandria G83 9LX

Ref. No: 2025/0360/PPP | Received: Tue 16 Dec 2025 | Validated: Mon 05 Jan 2026 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar array and associated infrastructure including underground cable and cabinet to house inverter equipment, batteries and switchgear

Field between Kilmarnock Millennium Hall car park and A811, Gartocharn.

Ref. No: 2025/0291/DET | Received: Wed 29 Oct 2025 | Validated: Wed 05 Nov 2025 | Status: Decided - **APPROVED with conditions**

KCC has received a request to highlight that the screening plan has yet to be submitted to the planning authority. KCT are aware of this and are still working on it – however they confirm that it will be comprised of native species, not laurel as has been suggested by others.

KCT advise that the generation would generate a surplus capacity to that consumed by the KMH (hall).

Change of use of agricultural building to form three residential units (Class 18B, Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 as amended)

Carbeth Farm Gartocharn

Ref. No: 2025/0287/NOT | Received: Wed 22 Oct 2025 | Validated: Tue 02 Dec 2025 | Status: Decided - **Prior approval is required**

KCC had a discussion with the planning department to clarify the difference between Prior Approval and Planning Permission.

Some works fall under the scope of Permitted Development and do not require planning permission. However, some Permitted Development requires Prior Approval. LLTNPA planners have advised the applicant that Prior Approval is required for this development.

This case will be classed as Permitted Development if can be proven that the building was in agricultural used on a set date (4th November 2019). If classed as a Permitted Development, then there will be no statutory consultation that the community can participate in. Any submissions made will be retained on record but not considered material. Community members stated that the existing building could not be used for the agricultural purposes stated in the original planning application.

Updates since last meeting

Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian paddock for private use and erection of stable block

Land Adjacent To Mon-Asile Ross Loan Gartocharn

Ref. No: 2025/0190/DET | Received: Thu 10 Jul 2025 | Validated: Tue 22 Jul 2025 | Status: Decided - **APPROVED with conditions (one is related to traffic on Ross Loan)**

KCC have been informed that the development was completed before planning permission was granted and planning conditions approved. The planning authority are aware of the situation. KCC's concern is over road safety.

Raised in this meeting

Residents in the vicinity of Mavie Mill brought to our attention the creation of a new bell mouth and access road leading to Connachra Farm.

The new bell mouth and first part of the access road is within the NP boundary but outside Kilmarnock. The concerned residents have notified the NP planning authority of the development and are seeking clarity over whether planning permission is needed (allowing them to make formal representations). Croftamie CC are also aware of the situation.

KCC to clarify with LLTNPA if they are responsible for all or any aspect of the project location.

There is also an application for a Goods Vehicle Operators Licence for 8 new vehicles for the same premises. It is believed that the new entrance is intended for the new fleet of goods vehicles. This is of concern for the immediate residents, some of whom have made representations to the Traffic Commissioner.

There were also questions raised as to whether an application for a change of use would be required for Connachra Farm.

7) Local Matters

Local Place Plan

Rob Vincent gave a presentation on the status of the projects developed from the LPP. A copy of the presentation accompanies these minutes on the KCC website and on the dedicated LPP page of the same.

<https://kilmaronockcc.org/local-place-plan-projects>

Kilmarnock Community Trust

KCT will hold their AGM at 7.30pm on Wed 18th February

Community Litter pick

One of the LPP projects is a community litter pick, last year there were no volunteers to take this forward. This year, WDC Greenspace are participating in a Keep Scotland Beautiful Spring Clean campaign.

<https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/council/newsroom/news/2026/jan/big-clyde-clean-up/>

Although focused on the Clyde corridor, Sally Page volunteered to help organise a tie-in litter pick for Gartocharn.

KCC (GM) to follow up with Sally

Aber Path & Bridge

KCT and KCC met the Access Authority (LLTNPA) in December to understand the project scope and responsibilities. We were advised that Friends of Loch Lomond with support of funds from LLTNPA and others have agreed with a contractor for works to provide the new bridge which is now complete with safety rails. We now understand that additional work on the path has commenced, the scope is not known.

8) Correspondence

Police Scotland

Received shortly after the meeting so not discussed. The full report is appended. In summary, there were four recorded crimes since the last meeting.

A traffic collision by a drunken driver, an incident of careless driving on the A811, Gartocharn, an incidence of sheep worrying by a dog and the theft of two cameras from the RSPB reserve.

A number of calls were made to 101. These related to breakdowns and collided vehicles, including road rage incidents. None of which were pursued by complainers to amount to a crime.

Trees for Goals

Fraser Scott - Secretary of the local Forth and Endrick Football Association. FEFA have formed a partnership with a group called "Trees for Goals", who will donate a tree to be planted for every goal that Gartocharn FC score next season.

KCC (AS) to respond and find out more but in principle we accept the offer.

Roadwork Management Communications

After a number of incidents with roadworks undertaken by Scottish Water, Ian Sweetland tried to follow up their lack of compliance with procedure with WDC who have oversight of the works and who are responsible for making sure SW follow the procedures. Unsatisfied with the response or lack of response. Ian raised the issue with Jackie Baillie MSP and cc'd all communications to KCC.

WDC lay all the responsibility on SW and their sub-contractors but Ian believes that WDC also failed to comply with their own oversight procedures, which they deny.

KCC have an annual meeting with WDC roads dept and will seek some clarification on how WDC manage contractors and audit their own performance.

KCC (GM) to address the matter in the upcoming meeting with WDC

War Memorial

KCC were asked to help identify the official custodian of the monument as well as confirm the ownership of the land it is located on. AS contacted Michelle Lynn (Asset Manager) and Ian Bain (Greenspace). Ian said he would look into it but has yet to respond.

KCC (AS) to follow up

9) West Dunbartonshire Council

Roads

A date has been set for our annual meeting with the Roads dept. Minutes from the previous meeting are on the KCC website LPP page. The agenda will follow up on those plus some newly arisen matters.

Waste & Recycling

There have been a number of issues raised with refuse collection after the new rota was employed. Some have been resolved, others await a response.

In general discussion, interest was shown regarding the recycling statistics.

KMA had previously agreed to meet with Ian Bain (WDC Greenspace) regarding a 3 month trial to host a bottle bank in the Millennium Hall car park. After the work with the solar array is complete KCC will ask Ian to visit

KCC also received correspondence regarding the overflowing bottle banks from here to Dumbarton. Also, the amount of smashed glass around the bottle banks in car parks is an issue that will not give comfort to KMA if they agree to host one – hence the trial period.

KCC to write to WDC Waste Management.

Community & Leisure Centres

WDLT survey – some believe it is a consultation to justify a reduction of local leisure services. Please fill it in with a view to finding a way to use the services before they are lost forever.

West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust Consultation | West Dunbartonshire Council

10) National Park

The next phase in the production of the next Local Development Plan is to gather evidence on potential development sites.

“Call for Ideas and Sites:

This stage marks a crucial early step in preparing the new Local Development Plan, offering stakeholders, landowners, and the wider community the opportunity to propose potential development sites and share ideas for consideration. Initially scheduled for January to March 2025, the Call for Ideas has now been rescheduled to take place between December 2025 and February 2026, allowing additional time to align with the updated Evidence Report timeline and ensure meaningful engagement.”

As it is nearly February, KCC will seek an update on the timing.

KCC (AS/DSP) to follow up.

11) AOCB

There was a discussion on SEN funding and provision of support from WDC. The concerned parents were advised to contact the elected members of WDC and/or elevate it to our MSP if no satisfactory response was received from WDC.

12) Next Meeting

Monday 2nd March 2026 at 19:30 in KMH.

Please send in any items for discussion to secretary@kilmaronockcc.org This helps us to prepare in advance to make the meetings run smoother.

Meeting closed at 21:50h



Name of Community Council: - Kilmarnock Community Council

Date of Report: - 20/01/2026 (covering period from 31/10/25 – 20/01/2026)

Submitting officer: - PC Michael McKay L307

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	<p>There were four recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the date of the last meeting in November 2025.</p> <p>One incident relates to a male driver failing to provide driver information following a road traffic collision. The same male also failed a roadside breath test and was later charged with drink driving.</p> <p>Secondly, one female driver was issued a conditional offer of £100 fine and 3 penalty points for careless driving on the A811, Gartocharn.</p> <p>Thirdly, a farmer has reported sheep worrying by a dog. Enquiries ongoing to establish financial loss prior to tracing suspect who is known.</p> <p>Lastly, a report of 2x wildlife cameras being stole from the RSPB was reported. Nothing evidential gained from cameras and no suspects were identified.</p> <p>I have also reviewed a number of calls made to Police via 101 during these periods. These relate to breakdowns and collided vehicles, including road rage incidents. None of which were pursued by complainants to amount to a crime.</p>
Updates on previous actions	N/A as no officer was present.