

Ordinary Meeting of KCC
Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.30 pm
in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

CC : Gavin MacLellan (Vice-chair/GM), Andrew Sinnott (Secretary/AS), Anita Anderson (Treasurer/AA), David Scott Park and Amanda Haslett

LLTNPA board : David Mackie

VoLA Head : Matthew Boyle

19 members of the public

2) Apologies

John Struthers KCT, Mary Sweetland KCT, KOKT and Sally Page BCCPRG

3) Kilmaronock Educational Fund

Matthew Boyle, Head of The Vale of Leven Academy, highlighted some of the difficulties of rural areas with the transition from school to employment or further education further afield. Further travel (bus/train, fuel costs), secondary accommodation and cost of living away from home.

Parents can be affected as much as the children, when they move away. Preparation for the transition is lacking at the moment.

A similar thing could be said for younger children transitioning from primary to secondary school.

MB advised that the purpose of the fund should be very clear along with eligibility criteria while retaining some flexibility.

Decision making on recipients will always be difficult hence needing clear purposes and a good constitution.

Suggestions for use could be; travel assistance, laptop/tablet, driving lessons, skills development activities, mentoring, help with self promotion – CV's, mock interviews and work experience with local companies/enterprises.

Stipends for starting up away from home or internship expenses.

Reward those doing well or support those not doing well – both would be positive and useful.

4) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None

5) Minutes of meeting on 2nd March 2026

Proposed as accurate by DSP and seconded by AA

GM invited David Mackie to a future meeting to talk about the LLTNP funding mentioned in the March meeting.

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/blog/up-to-10-million-funding-boost-to-restore-woodlands-and-support-local-communities/>

6) Treasurers Report

Currently in the account there is **£1908.14** (incl. Benevolent Fund)

Expenses since last meeting were £54.10 (for Hall Hire, Bank Charges and Internet Hosting)

7) Planning Matters

New since last meeting

Erection of two single storey extensions

The Stables Cottage Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8SB

Ref. No: 2026/0103/HAE | Received: Wed 15 Apr 2026 | Validated: Thu 30 Apr 2026 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

Formation of car park

Lagganbeg Caravan Park Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NQ

Ref. No: 2026/0083/DET | Received: Mon 23 Mar 2026 | Validated: Mon 30 Mar 2026 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

Internal and external alterations to Category B Listed building

Gartocharn Church Church Road Gartocharn West Dunbartonshire G83 8NF

Ref. No: 2026/0073/LBC | Received: Thu 12 Mar 2026 | Validated: Thu 12 Mar 2026 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

Change of use of B Listed building from church (class 10) to dwellinghouse (class 9) and external alterations

Gartocharn Church Church Road Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NF

Ref. No: 2026/0072/DET | Received: Thu 12 Mar 2026 | Validated: Thu 12 Mar 2026 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

Installation of batteries and inverter to external wall in association with solar array

Kilmarnock Manse Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8SB

Ref. No: 2026/0060/LBC | Received: Fri 06 Mar 2026 | Validated: Wed 06 May 2026 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

Installation of ground mounting solar array and associated infrastructure including underground cabling, batteries and inverter

Kilmarnock Manse Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8SB

Ref. No: 2026/0061/DET | Received: Fri 06 Mar 2026 | Validated: Wed 06 May 2026 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

Outwith KCC

Formation of access and track (retrospective)

Land At Honeypot Farm (was Conachra Farm) Gartocharn G83 8SD

Ref. No: 2026/0077/DET | Received: Mon 16 Mar 2026 | Validated: Mon 23 Mar 2026 | Status: Current

The applicant and several neighbours were present to discuss the application.

The applicant explained that he had bought the farm intending to bring up a young family, farm and also provide a base for operating his company. He believed that the existing access was too tight for his requirements and the creation of a turning point within his land is compromised by a utility pole, so a new bellmouth access and track was formed.

This was done without applying for planning permission based on incorrect advice from his architect, who contended that a gate previously existed and the track would be permissible. After the construction, the planning authority were alerted and a retrospective planning application was submitted.

The objections raised caused him to withdraw an application for an operating licence for HGVs and trailers and instead just use the farm for long term storage of company trailers when not in use. He confirmed that he does not empty or washdown any Honeywagon vehicles at the farm, as he already has a designated licenced site for that purpose elsewhere.

Subsequently, he stated that he has also decided not to proceed with the trailer storage and use the farm purely for agriculture.

Farming will consist of rearing of beef cattle and sheep. The cattle will be wintered in sheds, with straw bedding. Lorry access will be required for straw delivery and possibly bought in feed, if short of silage. Hence farm related truck movements will be ongoing.

There was some discussion about the suitability of the existing access for modern agricultural machinery.

The neighbours' primary concerns are

- Safety of the road access and the back roads – whether traffic volume is increased or not, the new gate does not have the requisite sight lines either for traffic in and out of the gates or more importantly for other road users who may not see it in time when in use by a large vehicle. Stirling Council road departments have submitted a technical report,

WDC roads are intending to comment too. Other similar applications have been refused on these grounds.

- Effect on periodic floods by the new structure, potentially diverting or trapping water making the flooding events already seen recently, much worse, particularly at Mavie Mill Cottage. SEPA have submitted a report and suggest a Flood Risk Assessment be done.
- The new entrance may enable future commercial operations as well as agricultural use. Honeywagon marked vehicles have been using the new access already.

KCC have read and understand the reports submitted and will consider the further reports before making comment to the Planning Authority.

8) Correspondence

Police Scotland

There were six recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the last meeting in March 2026. See appendix for full details.

VoL WF public inquiry

There is a legal debate about whether the consent for the wind farm is contingent on consent for a grid connection or whether a grid connection should be applied for in the same application.

The applicant suggests that they are not and the application as exists does not need to consider impacts of a grid connection (via Kilpatrick Hills to Windyhill substation).

Everyone else argues that an Environmental Impact Assessment of the grid connection route should be included in the assessment overall as one without the other is pointless.

Dates are being bandied around for the Public Inquiry concentrating around end of 2026 to early 2027.

9) West Dunbartonshire Council

The Community Council's liability insurance has been renewed via the CC Forum.

More letters to Michelle Lynne & Ian Bain regarding custodianship of the War Memorial and the ownership of the land it sits on – No response despite reminders.

Also asked about the strip of land with the path near the school cutting the corner from Ross Loan to A811. No response but will be followed up.

10) National Park

Elections for the board are imminent.

11) AOB

AH broke the news that the Village Show will be on 29th August

KCT reported that the solar array is now functional and supplying all of the Millennium Hall's power with any surplus being fed back to the grid generating 12p per kWh as of 1st May. Currently there is a feedback limit of 11 kWh.

12) Next Meeting

Monday 6th July 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 21:40h



Name of Community Council: - Kilmarnock Community Council

Date of Report: - 11/05/2026 (covering period from 28/02/2026 – 11/05/2026)

Submitting officer: - PC Michael McKay L307

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>There have been six recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the date of their last meeting in February 2026.</p> <p>One incident relates to a male being reported for a minor assault using a vehicle. No injuries were sustained as a result.</p> <p>Another incident relates to a driver failing to stop at the scene of a collision after causing damage to a parked vehicle in a carpark. CCTV did not capture the incident nor was there any witnesses to establish a suspect.</p> <p>A female was charged with worrying of livestock. A dog under her care entered a field and caused worry to sheep.</p> <p>Two incidents relate to theft of a motor vehicle/theft of a quad bike. Neither vehicle has been recovered at the time of writing, but positive lines of enquiry are ongoing to trace these vehicles.</p> <p>One male was issued a £100 fine for driving a vehicle without a valid test certificate.</p> <p>I have also reviewed several calls made to Police via 101 during these periods. These relate to vehicle breakdowns, including road rage incidents. Assisting member of the public calls. None of which were pursued by complainers to amount to a crime.</p>
<p>Updates on previous actions</p>	<p>N/A as no officer was present.</p>