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Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7.30 pm

in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

CC : Gavin MacLellan (Vice-chair), David Scott Park, Andrew Sinnott (Secretary), Anita Anderson (Treasurer)

LLTNPA board member : David Mackie

KCT Chair : John Struthers

Guest : Ian Bain, WDC Greenspace and Waste Manager

Plus 7 members of the public

2) Apologies

Amanda Haslett (KCC), Janet Beveridge (KOKT) and Anne Skea.

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None

4) Waste Handling in WDC

Ian Bain, Greenspace and Waste Manager for WDC gave a talk and answered questions on Waste Handling in WDC.

WDC ran a Recycling Prioritization Project in 2025. Analysing the waste from household collections, it found many recyclables in the general waste (green/grey bins) which were ending up in landfill. To promote more recycling and reduce landfill, bin collection schedules were altered. One of the general waste collections was replaced by an additional recyclable material collection.

One year on, new data has been collected and analysed, showing general waste to be down 50% and accordingly dry recyclables (blue bins) were up 19%, food waste up 7.6% and from the public disposal sites, glass up 5.7%, Cardboard up 10.4% and electrical goods up 14.6%

Although not a primary intention, there was a net saving on general waste costs.

As of this year, landfill is banned so the general waste is sent to a purpose built incinerator (in Polmadie) which burns the waste and turns it into useable energy. This is also cheaper than sending to landill so saves money. (However, as the incinerator is currently inoperable, the waste is still having to go to landfill.)

The dry recyclables are taken by Enva to a site in Renfrew where they are sorted, separated and forwarded on to recycling facilities.

Brown bins currently used for food waste and garden waste (if permit purchased). As companies are no longer accepting mixed waste, a new system will be introduced for garden waste to keep it separate from the food waste.

Ian then spoke about Greenspace matters that we had raised over weedkilling on pavements and hedge cutting along main roads.

Finally, we discussed the custodianship of the War Memorial. Ian believed that WDC were the owners/custodian but could not find any documentation as yet. He believed that WDC would not object to a relocation but could not say who would be the person to sign off on it.

KCC agreed to send a mail to him to follow up this matter.

KCC (AS) to follow up with Ian.

5) Minutes of meeting on 7th July 2026

Proposed as accurate by DSP and seconded by AA

6) Treasurers Report

Currently in the account there is **£2231.77** (incl.Benevolent Fund)

Outgoings : Since the last meeting we have spent £55.90 on bank charges, internet hosting and hall hire.

7) Planning Matters

New since last meeting

Erection of garage

Croftfoot Auchincarroch Road Jamestown Alexandria West Dunbartonshire G83 9LX

Ref. No: 2026/0269/HAE · Received: Wed 21 Oct 2026 · Validated: Wed 28 Oct 2026

KCC has no comment

Erection of agricultural building

Turochmore Farm Meikle Boturich Boturich Estate Balloch G83 8LX

Ref. No: 2026/0264/NOT · Received: Thu 15 Oct 2026 · Validated: Thu 15 Oct 2026

KCC has no comment

Erection of dwellinghouse

Mansefield Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8RX

Ref. No: 2026/0230/DET · Received: Fri 04 Sep 2026 · Validated: Wed 09 Sep 2026

KCC has no comment

Updates on older applications

2026/0077/DET

The retrospective application for the access at Honeypot (Conachra) was withdrawn pending a new application to address safety and flooding.

A further discussion on the lack of enforcement by the Planning Authority and the continuing use of the new access point.

David Mackie agreed to enquire once again.

8) WDC Visitor Levy

DSP gave an overview of the new 5% visitor levy on overnight stays in WDC and the difficulties in getting definitive advice from WDC on how it will be implemented. The levy came into force on the 1st October 2026 for stays from the 1st July 2027.

The levy affects not just tourists but anyone staying in paid accommodation in WDC area.

The levy is on the charge for an overnight accommodation (including any 3rd party commission) but excluding any element of VAT. However, a VAT registered business must add VAT to the levy. Accommodation providers should be wary of increasing the rental to cover the levy as any increase in rental value will also be subject to the levy. The levy should be shown separately to avoid this.

Published information can be found here :

https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/business/visitor-levy

9) LLTNPA Local Development Plan 2 Briefing

The NP held a briefing session to update CC's on the current stage of the process. At the moment, they have published all the suggestions received so far via Local Place Plans and the previous call for sites and ideas for land use within the NP.

There is an interactive map on the NP website which can be zoomed in to show the sites submitted around Gartocharn.

https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/local-development-land-use-plan-call-for-land-sites-ideas/

There is also a YouTube video of the briefing but without the Q&A section at the end.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7MnTwiJvoQ

One final drop in consultation remains which is in the Village Hall in Drymen on Wed 6th November.

A question was raised about the parts of the Local Place Plan that are not to do with sites, when will they be considered. After discussion it was agreed that a letter will be written to Susan Brooks at NP to enquire.

Rob Vincent (KCT) will draft a letter and pass it by KCC before sending.

10) Correspondence

Police Scotland

No report received at time of meeting

Power cuts and storm preparations

Priority Services Register – leaflets were presented and residents encouraged to check whether friends, family or neighbours might benefit from signing up.

SSEN : https://www.ssen.co.uk/power-cuts-emergencies/priority-services/

SPEN : https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/priority_services_register.aspx

SEPA

Discussion on water quality and the correspondence with SEPA to understand the regulatory environmental assessments specific to KCC's area. SEPA's initial response received in July was incomplete and further information and reports were requested. SEPA have indicated KCC were late in making this second request. GM has contacted the head of information explaining the reason for delay and asking for the complete information and reports. GM asked David Mackie to find out what sources of information NP use to understand the condition of the natural environment.

As an alternative source, it was suggested that we approach the lead scientist at the Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment (SCENE) at Rowardennan for advice and/or a presentation at one of our future meetings.

11) AOB

The Kilmaronock Community Education Fund (KCEF) is now formed and has 10 officers. KCEF works as a partnership with Kilmaronock Community Trust (KCT) under their SCIO number to access some resources which will help set KCEF on the road to forming their own SCIO registration, A website, email accounts and social media presence are being worked on. KCT will also hold KCEF funds in escrow, ringfenced from KCT funds until KCEF have their own bank account.

GM proposed donating the KCC Benevolent Fund (£351.x) to KCEF. Accepted unanimously.

GM appealed for nominations for the use of the fund, subject to the objectives of the fund. A formal appeal notice will be released shortly.

KCC (AA) to transfer the money and update the KCC account before the next meeting.

Balloch Park

Sally Page, BCCPRG chair, gave an update on the work of the Regeneration Group (BCCPRG). In their 5th year of operation, they have formed a Strategic Delivery Group including Loch Lomond Whiskies, Historic Environment Scotland, Historic Scottish Buildings Trust, Visit Scotland, LLTNP and chaired by CEO of WDC.

A very successful tea-party was held in June marking the 110th Anniversary of public access to the park. Funding from the Pride In Place Fund will be used on the walled garden, the pergola and to make the main lobby doors accessible to all.

Access was recently granted to the main castle building which means it can be assessed by Scottish Historic Buildings Trust (who restored Strathleven House) with a hope that they will be interested in the restoration of the Castle.

11) Next Meeting

Monday January 18th 2027at 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 21:30h