

Ordinary Meeting of KCC
Monday 7th September 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) and Amanda Haslett

LLTNPA board rep : David Mackie

6 members of the public

2) Apologies

Sally Page & Tanya Alexander

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None

4) Minutes of meeting on 6th July 2026

Proposed as accurate by AA and seconded by AH

5) Treasurers Report

Currently in the account is **£2286.67** (incl.Benevolent Fund)

Since the last meeting we spent £58.90 on Internet hosting, Bank charges & Hall hire.

6) Planning Matters

New since last meeting

Erection of replacement extension

Little Blairlusk Balloch Alexandria G83 8NB

Ref. No: 2026/0199/HAE · Received: Mon 10 Aug 2026 · Validated: Tue 11 Aug 2026

KCC has no comment

Updates on older applications

Installation of 2 glamping pods & parking

Little Duncryne Farm Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NG

Ref. No: 2026/0137/DET | Received: Mon 01 Jun 2026 | Validated: Mon 01 Jun 2026 | Status: REFUSED

Application refused due to not meeting the criterion for safe walking distance to nearest amenities (Balloch or Gartocharn)

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 residents' group from the back road gave us an update. In response to the report from Stirling Council roads dept, a further report from the applicant was submitted in August seeking to relax the safety criteria listed by Stirling Council in their report.

The former Sustrans group have also made a non-supportive submission based on the Stirling Council report.

Further discussion on the planning process such as timescales for decisions and powers of enforcement. Honeywagon commercial vehicles are still reported to be using the gate. KCC asked David Mackie, whether a new unapproved access point should be in use while the retrospective application is determined when it has been deemed unsafe by Stirling Council. What would happen if an accident occurred?

David Mackie agreed to discuss with LLTNPA head of planning and report back.

Note : Croftamie Community Council are due to discuss this in their upcoming meeting this week too.

Local Development Plan

An online briefing is planned for all CC's in the park. Tuesday 15 September, from 7:00–8:00pm.

Login details were shown and GM invited residents to dial in as well.

The briefing will:

- Provide an overview of the sites and ideas submitted and explain the publication process,
- Explain what happens next and how sites will be considered as part of preparing the new Local Development and Land Use Plan and
- Give Community Councillors an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the process including engagement opportunities.

The presentation element of the briefing will be recorded and circulated afterwards to Community Councillors that are unable to attend.

Following the briefing, we will be provided with a stakeholder information pack containing further information and materials to support Community Councillors in responding to any questions or discussion that may arise locally.

7) Community Matters

Village Show

A very successful village show was held on 29th August. Special thanks are due to Debs Macken. Karen McMullen, Angela Wirz - and also Isabel Vincent, Chloe Rankin, Angela Cairns, Zoe Croucher and Amanda Haslett

Solar Array

Dame Jackie Baillie MSP unveiled the opening plaque on July 24th

The array is working well but still restricted to 11kW output to the grid while a new cable is laid which will allow the full 50kW to be exported.

Planting for screening and biodiversity improvement is due in late autumn.

EV chargers

A grant has been found to install EV chargers in the hall car park. A proposal for 4 x charging bays is being assessed by KCT.

Kilmaronock Community Educational Fund

KCEF has now been established and formed by a team of 9 officers including the KCT chairman and KCC vice chair. The objective is to start to generate funds and distribute to further the education in the broadest sense of qualifying applicants, this is the start of a long term aim to sustain and enhance the future of our community. Further updates will be made as we make progress, any support of funds or ideas at this stage will welcome.

AS suggested donating the KCC Benevolent Fund to this once some progress has been made.

8) Correspondence

Police Scotland

See appendix for full details.

There were ten recorded crimes in the Kilmaronock area since the date of the last meeting in July 2026.

AS reported on the CC Forum briefing by Inspector Colin Cameron and Sgt Jack McDonald. The Community Policing Team is restructured again and has a new email contact :

ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityPoliceWestDunbartonshire@scotland.police.uk

There is a different address on the website so make sure to use this new one.

In the recent Forum meeting we were encouraged to report all suspicious activity

1. Call 999 if an incident is ongoing or high risk
2. Call 101 if not urgent
3. Call 999 if in doubt, the call handlers will help assess urgency and assist you.
4. As 101 is often busy, it can be better to report an issue online – if you have the option to do that.
5. The more you report, the more intelligence is gathered which may assist resolving issues around similar incidents e.g. scams, anti-social behaviour, etc.

The online form can be bookmarked on your browser (phone/tablet/pc etc) for easy access...

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/c3/>

There is also plenty of useful info here :

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice/>

SSEN

1) *Help shape SSEN's ED3 Business Plan*

Following up from previous stakeholder engagement. The feedback received throughout has already helped shape the development of SSEN's ED3 Business Plan, influencing how they think about affordability, resilience, decarbonisation, local communities and the future role of the network.

Now, they'd like to share how that feedback has shaped their proposed commitments and seek your views on whether we're focusing on the right areas, setting the right level of ambition, and delivering value for the customers and communities we serve.

The next stakeholder engagement session is:
Date: Monday, 14 September 2026
Time: 10:00am – 3:15pm
Location: Microsoft Teams

- 2) *Your Views Matter! Preparing for Future Storms and Power Cuts: Community Resilience Survey*
Online survey looking for feedback and suggestions for reducing the number and impacts of power cuts from storms.
<https://ssn.engage-360.co.uk/surveys/123?q=2022%7cw1wNsA5kn2cz7jRkAwq%2bFiAA5D642NhbZFMsdKwIMR9dU302mGFelp4Q0tN9spbEtWIKxBUmkpaWVLwNvQ6PmQ%3d%3d>
to be completed by 14th September.

SEPA

After months of chasing, a lot of data was received. It is very comprehensive but not very enlightening without the proper visualisation and analysis software.

10) AOB

Tourist Tax/Levy

West Dunbartonshire Council has approved a 5% visitor levy (tourist tax) that will be added to paid overnight accommodation for stays starting from July 1st 2027 (if booked after October 1st 2026).

GM reported on meetings regarding the levy and the lack of clarity around how it will be applied and what it will be used for.

As some surrounding local authorities have not implemented a similar levy or a lower levy, tourism businesses in WDC are at a competitive disadvantage.

AS suggested that a council officer be invited to attend a KCC meeting to give a briefing and take questions.

KCC (GM) to invite Gillian Scholes to meet with us

(After the meeting an online meeting is being arranged for the w/c Sept 14th)

Roads and signage

GM shared his view of the local road conditions, faded white lines, overgrown hedges obscuring signs, missing signage. Some of which have been reported some not.

AA highlighted that the promised weed killing along the A811 has still not been done. Particularly the sections restored over the last few years.

DSP noted that the flashing speed sign entering Gartocharn from Balloch was now obscured by trees.

KCC to write to WDC Roads Dept

(After the meeting it was noted that verges were being cut and the 40 mph sign entering Balloch has been reinstated)

Invasive Non-Native Species

A resident reported that Himalayan Balsam was creeping from Drymen end of A811 towards our neighbourhood.

Other

DSP notified us of a fundraising event in the hall on 24th October for the Royal Highland Educational Trust (RHET) which will comprise of a ceilidh and a freshly prepared meal showcasing the best of local produce.

For tickets contact dlr@rhet.org.uk

11) Next Meeting

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

Suggested topics for a presentation – Greenspace to talk about recycling statistics for WDC and /or Energy from waste processing – new facility at Plantation – South Clyde Energy Centre

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 21:00h



Name of Community Council: - Kilmaronock Community Council

Date of Report: - 06/09/2026 (covering period from 06/07/2026– 06/09/2026)

Submitting officer: - PC Michael McKay L307

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	There have been ten recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the date of their last meeting in July 2026. Two crimes refer to damage to property caused by vehicles and the persons responsible failing to leave details or report it to police. A male was identified via CCTV as driving whilst disqualified. Attempts to trace the male responsible are ongoing. The same male is responsible for a theft of fuel to the value of £40.01. Another crime refers to that of dangerous driving on A811 near to Kilmaronock church. The incident is captured on dash cam and the driver responsible is to be traced and charged accordingly. A male was arrested, caution and charged with a breach of 1900-0700 curfew. The same male also arrested for being within a farm with the intention of committing theft at Blairlinnans farm, Gartocharn. No items were stolen. A further incident refers to a reported domestic assault at the Inchmurrin hotel. This report is third party information and enquiries continue to establish a victim and suspect. Another crime refers to a reported vandalism, whereby a JCB window has been damaged. There are no lines of enquiry available to establish persons responsible. Lastly, a heavy goods vehicle whilst parked in a lay-by overnight had diesel stolen from the fuel cap. There are no witnesses to this incident, nor CCTV opportunities. I have also reviewed several calls made to Police via 101/999 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.
Updates on previous actions	N/A as no officer was present.