

Dunadd Community Council

Community Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th May 2025 at 7.30pm in Kilmartin Parish Church.

Present: George Stewart (GS) Convener, Jo Cole (JC) Vice Convener, Di Roberts (DR) Treasurer, Willie Beattie, (WB), Sue MacLean (SM), Jim Malcolm (JM), Steve Walker (SW).

In attendance: David Bracken (DB) Dunadd Community Enterprise, Grace Macleod (GM) Kilmartin Museum; John Raven (JR) Kilmartin Museum.

Secretary: DR will take and type up minutes, SW will have back office and on-line responsibilities.

1. **Apologies:** Dougie Philand (Argyl and Bute Councillor, Laura (Balfour Beatty)
2. **Declarations of interest:** SW and JC for Ford Lego Club microgrant application.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - 7.5 Kilmartin Quarry – Representatives live a distance away and are finding it difficult to attend. It was agreed that they would be invited to the July meeting with first slot. *Action: SW to invite.*
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on 20 March 2025 were accepted, proposed by JM, seconded by JC.
5. **Role of secretary going forward:** West Loch Fyne CC have not responded to DR's approach and have informally indicated they do not wish to take the suggestion forward. *Action: SW remove item from future agendas.*
6. **Social Impact Coordinator Balfour Beatty:** Laura sent her apologies. *Action: SW to invite Laura to next meeting.*
7. **Reports:**
 - 7.1 Police: Did not attend. The Community Council expressed its disappointment that this important two-way communication link between Police Scotland and the local community seems to no longer be effective. A report for Oban, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands covering March 2025 had been received. The report requires some interpretation for our area. The localness of this report is under review to determine what it would look like and to assess the resources required to collate it. *Action: Discuss at next meeting who on the Community Council may be willing to receive and scan this report prior to each meeting.*
 - 7.2 Road Safety Plan: SW met with Jan Brown (A&BC Councillor. SW has contacted neighbouring CC's to see if some collective campaigning with A&BC will carry more weight than individual complaints. There is potential to trial 20mph in a village. A&BC Roads Dept have agreed that the 30mph limit will be extended north of Kilmartin. SW has made a complaint through the on-line portal regarding line painting and road markings, A&BC have until next week to respond. *Action: SW will continue to provide updates.*
 - 7.3 Treasurer: The detailed accts were discussed at the AGM which this meeting followed on from. As of 31 March 2025 – General acct balance £3,177.81; Micro Grant acct balance £1,496.55; Innogy acct balance £4,713.25. *Action: DR still to purchase signage and speak to Andy Craven about training.*
 - 7.5 Kilmartin Quarry. *Action: SW invite Donald Hunter (quarry manager) to the next meeting and to be first on agenda.*

8. **Community Council proposal:** It was noted that the proposal was to realign the Community Council boundaries with the parliamentary boundaries. It was unknown whether any residents would be effected.

9. **Updates:**

9.1 A Royal Visit is planned for 2nd July. Book Swap would normally meet this day and has agreed to cancel its meeting as parking will be very limited. 100 guests are expected to attend. Details are not yet available. Will Attard has been appointed as the new Head of Education. Lucy Button is on maternity leave for a year, JR will attend Community Council meetings for now. Some roof repairs are due to start which may cause some disruption. The Museum is meeting with A&BC to discuss the repair of the collapsed cemetery wall. We were reminded that the Learning Centre is available for community use. SSEN have a community fund. *Action: JR to send them DR details.*

9.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise: DR is Chair for one last year. They are seeking other Directors. The goal posts on Kilmartin Village Green were purchased (£3k) and are being well used. The new lawn mower was delivered in Sept 2024, a requirement for theft insurance has increased costs significantly.

SW explained that the Dev Off role was a core project, SW carrying it out on voluntary basis for one day a week for one year. Previous funding applications were made for 3 yr funding, Chris Lee at Foundation Scotland advises that 1 yr pilot funding might be an option. The assessment phone call is planed for the end of May. SW met with the Com Dev Off from Dalavich, there is potential to work in conjunction with other Dev Off in the area. SW has contacted A&BCs Access Officer to discuss the Dalriada Footpath Network. SW will attend the Landowners meeting in Sept. SW is taking forward the Road Safety Plan.

9.3 Joint Community Fund Board. There is potential for a joint board to be set up across a number of community council areas to secure and manage the increase amounts of local wind farm community funds. The premise is that by joining together the impact of investment is greater than smaller pots of money being spent very locally. A valuable on-line meeting took place in Dec with a trust in Dumfries and Galloway explaining how they are structured, how they got going and how it is working for them. Awaiting further action/support from Foundation Scotland to progress the idea locally. *Action: SW to remove from future agendas. DR will bring an update as and when any progress is made.*

10. **Correspondence:**

10.1 Funding requests:

Ford Lego Club requested £250 to purchase additional lego. SW and JC had registered an interest. After some discussion it was agreed

Mid-Argyll Camera Club requested £240 to cover half year venue costs. SW registered an interest. 5 of the 17 members live in Dunadd. After some discussion it was agreed to award £150. Although we are keen to support local groups the grant is to benefit Dunadd residents. It was suggested that the Camera Club contact Ardrishaig Community Trust for financial support.

Isla Ranger requested financial support to attend a harp summer school as part of her gold D of E. The course costs £450 and accommodation is £234. After some discussion it was greed to award £250 as the community will benefit from her DofE (cultural and citizenship development) The Council felt that this would be last financial support we could offer the individual.

10.2 Tourist Levy: The consultation has ended. A&BC report due in June.

10.3 Local Place Plans: SW ran through the process he had gone through to develop and submit the Place Plan for Ford. There is no Place Plan for Dunadd and the deadline has passed..

11. **Public questions:**

Planning permission application for Kilmartin Church: The application is for water and sewage connection for the church to enable the installation of an accessible toilet. DR declared an interest as she is friends with the owners.

Great concern was raised that this would open options for the building to be used for much more than the Class 10 Gallery suggested. There doesn't appear to be an application for change of use. Several residents had approached WB with their concerns that the building will be used inappropriately considering it is nestled within an active graveyard. There are concerns that any digging within the graveyard will disrupt graves and is inappropriate. It was agreed that the Community Council web site and face book pages would be used to encourage local residents to make sure their views are fed into the planning process.

Date of next meeting:

7.30pm, Thurs 17th July 2025, Ford Village Hall

7.30pm Thurs 18th Sept 2025, Kilmartin Museum

7.30pm Thurs 20th Nov 2025, Ford Village Hall.

7.30pm Thurs 15th Jan 2026, Kilmartin Museum

7.30pm Thurs 19th March 2026, Ford Village Hall

AGM 7.30pm Thurs 21st May 2026, Kilmartin Museum

Action: SW to book venues.

All venues are subject to confirmation.