



Girvan and District Community Council Minutes  
Tuesday, the 06<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, 06.30 pm, Carrick  
Buildings, Girvan.

*(The meeting started at 18:32)*



**Present:** Rhona Walker (Chair), Jane Willis, Karen McCartney, Sean McMillan, Ken Johnstone, Pete Cheetham, Stephen Galloway, Catherine Maguire, John Young, John McCreath, David Girvan.

**In Attendance:** Chris Wilkinson (member of the public), Cllr Clark (South Ayrshire Council), Lucy O'Donnell (Girvan Youth Trust), David Bone (Secretariat).

**Apologies:** Sconaid Clark.

Rhona welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all present that the AGM will take place first, and then the monthly meeting.

**Declaration of Interest**

David G and Stephen said that they have a declaration of interest regarding the extension of the football/sports pavilion planning application

**Police report**

[Police Report.pdf](#)

Emailed out to all members.

There was an issue in last months police report regarding animals, one incident was related to someone keeping a dog despite being banned from keeping animals and the other was an incident of a dog biting someone.

Rhona had been asked to enquire if the police still held a key holder list but they no longer keep this due to GDPR

**Minutes of the April 2025 Meeting**

Proposed for accuracy by Karen and seconded by Ken.

**Matters arising**

The deer fence issue has been noted by SAC Design Services, but no other reports have been noted of deer entering the cemetery.

A new door is to be installed at the library. Looking at making the last space in the centre row at the library car park a disabled bay. Looking at installing a bike rack at the same location. Also, looking at installing new push-button doors at the library to prevent children from running out onto the street.

Letters of support for GoGirvan are ready to be sent when asked to be sent by the group.

Sent an email to BT regarding the slab, and assurances have been given that it will match the colour of the existing slab.

David G said that he, John Mc, Rhona and Jane met with service lead Morton Houston and that a legislative change is needed—it should take longer than 10 days to put a dog down. Cllr Clark assumed this is national legislation. Discussion also included dogs from abroad and sponsored dogs. Cllr Clark agreed to see if the policy could be changed

### **Public Participation**

None.

### **Youth Participation and Girvan Youth Trust**

Lucy provided the following update: GYT is still waiting on the completion of the boating pond renovations however, staff have been trained, and other preparations continue for the summer holidays. An art project based around “Stumpy” is underway in the town. There has been some vandalism at the astroturf, and a decision is pending regarding the installation of mobile CCTV at the location. Overgrowth and debris around the Boating Pond are also being cleared, with a SAC team handling the work.

### **Matters arising - From any meeting, community councillors attended, representing the community council**

[Girvan and SC Minute 09.04.25.pdf](#)

[Girvan Town Team minutes.pdf](#)

[Joint Groups Meeting April 2025.pdf](#)

### **Coach Town proposal**

GoGirvan held a meeting with Barrie McDonald from ARA and invited Rhona, as Chair of Girvan CC to attend. Barrie has taken on board the coach town recommendations from GoGirvan and mentioned that he is currently backlogged but will assign one of his apprentices to look into the matter. Cath noted that she reminded him that coaches have different chemical waste requirements compared to campervans. Rhona added that Barrie is also looking at ways to maximise parking spaces at the Harbour, and that wayfinding signage was discussed. Stephen remarked that the campervan bays are too large, and Cllr Clark explained they were designed to allow vehicles to park parallel to the shoreline or to leave space for an awning. There was general agreement that a lot of space is currently being wasted in the car park.

### **Action Point Log**

**Camper Van Log** – Updated.

**Stumpy Relining** – Updated.

**Relining of Chalmers Arcade Car Park** – Work is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. It was noted that the bays that were done are all different sizes.

**Lorries on A714** – Lorries are parking on Duncan Street despite signs indicating the area is not suitable. It was suggested to gather ID numbers or registration details from the lorries. John Y mentioned that the signs are incorrectly placed. In related news, Financial Times journalists and the Scottish Government have reported that the road infrastructure is unsuitable for hosting the open event at Turnberry.

### **To delete:**

- Signage – Louisa Drive.
- Boating Pond.
- Rape Seed.
- Plants at Knockcushan Street.

### **Treasurers' Report**

#### [Treasurer Report.pdf](#)

Sent to all community councillors—no issues raised. A £500 Cost of Living Crisis payment grant was received from Foundation Scotland. David G stated that this should be recorded as a separate line. A £1,000 grant was awarded to the Probus Club.

#### **Planning applications**

##### [Planning - Applied for.pdf](#)

##### [Planning - Decisions.pdf](#)

It was noted that David G and Stephen Galloway have a conflict of interest regarding the extension of the Sports Pavilion, but community councillors had already voted via email to support the application. David G and Stephen did not take part in the vote

#### **Licensing applications**

One for Girvan Attractions for a public procession parade for the Lowland Gathering.

#### **Correspondence**

##### [Correspondence - Secretary Report.pdf](#)

Emailed to all community councillors.

A complaint letter regarding Gavin Scott was sent to Catriona Scott, the Monitoring Officer at SAC. No response has been received from her regarding this. Councillor Clark mentioned that he will follow up with her about this matter.

#### **Update from local councillors**

##### Cllr Clark

Landscaping at the former bingo hall is scheduled to commence in July 2025. At Stumpy Corner, benches and lamp posts are due to be installed on the 22nd of May. Cath asked whether additional signs could be attached to the lamp posts. TQZ tender checks are expected to begin soon, with a handover anticipated by late 2025. Work on the mini golf course is ongoing. It was noted that significant work is still required at the viewing deck.

#### **A.O.C.B.**

It was noted that Girvan still doesn't have Biosphere signs. David G. said he will bring this up at his meeting tomorrow with Jane Corrie. Chris suggested that the signs should be mounted on double posts to ensure stability.

It was noted that there are two vacancies on the GCC. David G. said the process would be co-option rather than an election. It was agreed that this should be advertised.

Concerns were raised that 'small people' (children or shorter individuals) have difficulty accessing the poster board at Stumpy but it was noted that the keyholders for the notice board were David, Rhona and John M and these were the only people who should be accessing the board

It was mentioned that SAC has a Community Empowerment Fund, but noted that applications to it can be viewed by other community groups, and the application often contains personal details. Cath said she has experienced issues with the fund and was unaware that it was publicly viewable. Cllr Clark said he would raise this issue with SAC.

*[Meeting ended at 20:01]*

Next meeting - Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2025 at 18:30

Action Point from May Meeting	Responsible
To raise our request for SAC to change their dog policy	Cllr Alec Clark
To send out DOI for all community councillor to update	David Girvan
To submit our self-assessment to SAC	David Girvan
To email Cllr report to Rhona for inclusion in the minutes	Cllr Alec Clark
To advertise community vacancy	David Girvan
To raise the concern on regarding community empowerment fund	Cllr Alec Clark