



Girvan and District Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, the 06th 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.

Approval of AGM 2024 minutes

Proposed for accuracy by Jane and seconded by Cath.

Chairpersons' report from the 1st May 2024 – 30th April 2025

It has been a busy year for us, we have been working with the Council to help move forward the plans for a regeneration of Girvan and assisting members of the public who have contacted us with a variety of issues Letters of support were provided for:

AYE Girvan project
The Bandstand project

This year has seen the opening of:

The 3G pitch
The new Library
The banking hub
The new toilets at Ainslie Park
The re-opening of the McKechnie, following the installation of a lift

We have helped various groups in the area through the small grants fund

We hosted a meeting regarding the Galloway National Park, which was open to the whole community and had representatives from both sides of the campaign to explain their views and take questions from the public

We have developed good relationships with South Ayrshire Council officers and Ayrshire Roads Alliance. We now meet with them on a quarterly basis so that we can keep everyone informed of progress and give community feedback to the officers.

The quarterly meetings of key groups in the town are going well, and it is good to see groups working together, helping each other out and keeping each other updated with their projects.

We have been able to remove the following from our Action Points List as they have been concluded;

Construction of the 3G pitch
 Place planning (Create Streets plans not being used)
 Wildflowers at Victory park cut down as they didn't work in this area
 Deer fence at Byne Hill Cemetery.
 Appointing a CC member as a project link.
 Removal of the derelict boat at the jetty.
 New play park construction
 Picnic table and benches at the playground
 Inclusive swing (not included in the new play park
 Missing play equipment
 Ainslie Park toilet block
 Banking Hub (although we are still campaigning for an external cashpoint)
 Customer Contact Centre (confirmation that Customer Services are available in Carrick Buildings on a Thursday)
 Relining of Flushes Car Park
 Upgrade of the aviary in Knockcushan Gardens
 Refurb of benches along the prom
 Resurfacing and lining of Knockcushan Street Car Park (behind the new library)
 Relocation of the library
 Library toilets issue
 Resurfacing of Louisa Drive
 Lighting column in Knockcushan Street moved across the road
 HGV signs – unsuitable for HGV signs in place for Louisa Drive and Duncan Street
 Removal of rapeseed on the shore front (other plants identified as mustard seed)
 Upgrade of the tennis courts

There are, however, many actions still needing to be dealt with/finished, as listed below, which we will be looking to chase up over the coming year.

ISSUE	DATE
2018	
Bingo Hall/Site	01 February 2018
3G Pitch – landscaping – reseeding	01 June 2018
2019	
Stumpy Corner	01 May 2019
2021	
Allotments	01 March 2021
Campervan Waste Storage	01 June 2021
Housing next to Hillcrest	01 June 2021
Fountain not working	01 June 2021
Housing in Girvan	01 July 2021
2022	
Promenade Improvements – resurfacing events area	01 March 2022
The Parkrun shelter at the Promenade	01 March 2022
Harbour Car Park Lined	01 April 2022
Flushes toilet revamped	01 September 2022
New Girvan Primary School	01 October 2022
2023	
Victory Park Play Park and Dog Fence	01 March 2023
Recycling Bins on the promenade	01 October 2023
Improvements to Rose Gardens	01 December 2023

2024

The shelter at the Rose Gardens is deemed unsalvageable	01 January 2024
The Quay Zone	01 February 2024
Crazy Golf	01 March 2024
Boating pond relining	
Biosphere signage	07 May 2024
Disabled parking bays	02 July 2024
Harbour stores seating area	02 July 2024
Chalmers Arcade parking bays	04 July 2024
Disabled Bay outside Pamela Grays	01 September 2024
Weeds on Dalrymple Street	01 September 2024
Campervan facilities	01 September 2024
Keep Clear signs on the floor – Harbour Car Park	01 September 2024
Ainslie Car Park Campervan parking	01 October 2024
Harbour excess of signage and campervan pay signs	01 October 2024
Benches and lights at Knockcushan Street	01 October 2024
New Harbour Toilets	01 October 2024
Victory Park flooding	01 November 2024
Girvan Academy Theatre	01 November 2024

2025

Go Girvan Plinth to be fixed (Victory Park)	04 February 2025
Planting at Stumpy (all year round shrubs)	04 February 2025
Weight of buses along Hamilton Street	04 February 2025
Golf Course flooding	04 March 2025
School Crossing Patrol	04 March 2025
Concrete slab BT phone box STUMPY	04 March 2025
Deer fencing Byne Hill Cemetery	04 March 2025
Library issues access/exit	04 March 2025
A714 Lorries	04 March 2025
Gavin Scott Complaint	04 March 2025
Dog Policy	04 March 2025

As well as these, there are the SAC projects for Girvan listed as Ward Capital Projects, Promenade projects and regeneration projects, which we hope will see positive progression over the coming year.

To finish, I would like to thank all of the Community Councillors for their work over the last year, including attendance at other group meetings, Cllr Clark and Cllr Lamont for their help and support and for taking the time to attend and participate in our meetings, and, last but not least, to David for his excellent secretariat services. Thank you all.

Treasurers' report

No issues

David G said that the accounts will be sent to SAC, who will then release the insurance payment and the admin grant. Ken mentioned that there is a set format for submitting the accounts. David added that Clare has verified the accounts this year, as she has done in previous years.

Election of the Office Bearers.

[At 18:38, Cllr Clark took over chairmanship of the meeting]

Cllr Clark thanked all community councillors for their work on behalf of all the residents of Girvan.

Chair: Rhona

Nominated by Cath, seconded by Jane.

Vice Chair: Jane

Nominated by Rhona, seconded by John Young.

Secretary: David G

Nominated by Cath, seconded by Stephen.

Treasurer: David G

Nominated by Rhona, seconded by Jane.

Licensing Contact: David G

Nominated by Karen, seconded by John Young.

Planning Contact: David G

Nominated by Stephen, seconded by Rhona.

All nominations were accepted.

[Rhona took over chairmanship of the meeting at 18:43]

Appointment of community council members to attend key groups and report back

Active Travel / CAG – David G is happy to attend.

Girvan and South Carrick Locality Planning – Rhona to attend; David will report on the meeting.

GoGirvan – Pete to report back.

GTT – David G proposed that GTT be removed from the list as it is a supporting group - John McReath to report back.

TQZ – Noted that it is not operational at the moment. Ken to follow up on this.

Girvan's Story – Rhona.

Harbour Users Group – John Y.

Carrick Futures – Rhona and David G (Funding Sub-Group for Small Grant: Karen, Ken, David, Rhona, Jane, Stephen). David G to send out the report on the small grant fund.

Bandstand – Rhona.

Joint Key Groups Meeting – Rhona.

It was noted that only a basic report is needed from each meeting rather than full minutes.

Self-Assessment

Discussed by the community councillors at the AGM, the form will be sent to SAC by the Secretary.

Renewal of Declarations of Interest

David G said that he will send these out to community councillors in the near future.

AOCB
None

[AGM ended at 19:00]