

Minutes of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council
Thursday 12th March 2026 @ 7.15pm Belmont Academy, Ayr

Members Present: Cara Bennington (Chair/Sec), Flora Fleming (VC), Ian Douglas (Treasurer), Colin Hall (Planning & Licensing Contact), Hezekiah Adesina, Carol Campbell, Dianne Markham, Councillor Mary Kilpatrick.

Visitors: Istvan Poka and Allan Rankin from Ayr Pétanque Club, Con Brennan.

Apologies: Donald McLean, Dennis McLellan, Matthew Grant (Link Officer), Councillor Brian McGinley, Councillor Chris Cullen.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt was passed around, and the meeting was quorate with 7 members in attendance out of a current membership of 9.	
2	No declarations of interest.	
3	Community Police Report Secretary had received the Ayr East Police Report for the month of February and had emailed this out to members.	
4	Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting in February - Proposer – Flora Fleming Seconder – Colin Hall	Secretary to send approved February minutes to SAC.
5	Visitors from Ayr Pétanque Club – Allan Rankin and Istvan Poka were invited by the Chair to speak to the members of BKCC about their proposals to “utilise the fenced area beside Kincaidston Bowling Club” (currently the Multi-use Games Area which is tarmacked) “which doesn’t appear to be getting utilised to it’s potential.” Ayr Pétanque Club would like to transform it into an all year, 24 piste, multi-surface Pétanque court which would be open to everybody. There would be 24 “strips/pistes” to play on, each measuring 13 metres by 3 metres. Each piste would be bordered by low sleepers and filled with gravel to play on. Pétanque is growing in popularity in Scotland due to it being so easy to play, cheap, fun and for any age. Ayr Pétanque Club has existed for over 40 years.	Councillor Kilpatrick offered to find out more about who is responsible for the Multi-Use Games Area. Tom Burns at SAC may be able to provide info. BKCC sec will request funding info from SAC.
6	Planning and Licensing – Colin talked about the plans for Burns Statue Square which are to provide a large, pedestrianised area in front of the row of shops, pubs, café etc by relocating the road to its previous position in front of the cinema. Plans are available to look at by contacting South Ayrshire Council. Ian Douglas wondered why a fence has been constructed round the ground where the old police station is now demolished and why the only access into the space is through gates not big enough for any large vehicles. Some discussion about the Holmston to Bankfield development which Councillor Kilpatrick says is in the court of the Planning Department at South Ayrshire Council to go ahead with.	
7	Treasurers Report – Ian Douglas stated what funds are currently in our business bank account. Total = £1856.16 of which £348.88 is our admin fund and £1507.28 is our defibrillator fund. Receipts were passed to treasurer for £7.50 (taxi fare for Flora) and £100.78 for printing ink and	

	batteries for secretary plus 4 months of the data sim for our laptop @ £17.50 per month (debited monthly from Secretary's personal account). Alex Oates has once again volunteered to be our examiner this year, and Treasurer will be able to bring the examined accounts to our AGM on 2 nd April 2026 for the approval of the members. Our accounting period ends on March 31 st , 2026.	
8	Tree Planting at Wood Park update – Dianne mentioned that she was not sure if there would be enough trees to plant, according to communications from Joanne from the Ranger Service and Jen from Stepping Stones. Conclusion was that we wait and see and turn up on the day of the planting at the times given for filming by Joanne i.e. 1330 till 1430 on the Friday and 12pm till 1.30pm on Saturday.	
9	Secretary report – Secretary read out all correspondence received from various organisations during the past month. Dianne completed the consultation on Flooding from Scottish Environmental Protection Agency and looked on the flooding map and saw that some properties in Old Belmont are in an area that is prone to flooding so Dianne put the consultation on our Facebook page and spoke to neighbours about the risk. There was some discussion about the administration grant and whether we would receive £800 in total this year since it is the start of the new four-year cycle, or whether the SAC would just be topping up our admin fund to a total of £800. Secretary has sent an email to Thriving Communities asking this question. There was correspondence sent to us regarding the prevention of Wildfires in Scotland since last year was the worst year ever. Lottery Funded Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes , Thriving Communities Health and Wellbeing Team providing sports sessions for six weeks during the summer for over 55's.	
10	Meeting ended 2045hrs. Next meeting – Annual General Meeting starting at 7pm on April 2nd in Belmont Academy conference room on the ground floor. The AGM will be followed by the first meeting of the new community council at 7.30pm.	

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