

**Coylton Community Council Meeting 14th May 2026
7pm Coylton Primary School**

Attendees		Apologies
Laura McEwan - Chair		
Rachel Wilson - Secretary/Planning member		Dan McMillan - Football representative
Stan Mault - Treasurer		Alison Ward - Member
Sarah Wylie - Member		Angela Rowe - Member
Betty Hodge - Licensing member		
Alison Wilson - Member		
Alison Ward - Member		
Fraser Drummond - Member		
Members of the Community		

Notes	Action
Agreement of previous minutes - proposed by Sarah and seconded by Alyson	
Chair welcomed 70 members of the community	
Apologies - Angela and Dan	

General Discussion	Action
Craig Iles was unable to attend the meeting despite originally being advertised as the guest speaker. Laura thanked everyone for attending and explained that, although the Community Council had attempted to spread the word regarding his absence, unfortunately it had not been possible to reach everyone in advance. Laura advised that all questions submitted for Craig Iles would still be forwarded to him and that he would respond to as many as he was able. She explained that, while a number of the concerns raised by residents were similar in nature, Rachel had collated all questions received to ensure the views and concerns of the community were fully represented. Laura acknowledged the strength of feeling within the community and recognised that the number of developments in and around the village were having a significant impact on residents, particularly those living beside or close to proposed sites. There was extensive discussion regarding the various planning developments, the issues currently being experienced by residents, and ongoing concerns relating to infrastructure, traffic, drainage, road safety and the cumulative impact of development on the village. Particular concern was expressed regarding the potential development at Gallowhill, with residents raising a number of questions and concerns about the proposals and the possible effect on the local community. Residents also discussed at length the wider picture for Coylton's future, including the cumulative impact of all proposed developments in and around the village. Concerns were raised regarding the potential for almost 300 additional homes in the wider area, including developments near Dobbies, and what impact this level of growth could have on local infrastructure. Residents questioned where future children would receive their education and whether local healthcare services, including GP provision, would be able to meet the increased demand. Sarah spoke about the importance of the village coming together to consider the future of Coylton as a whole. While recognising that developments often have the greatest impact on those living closest to them, she encouraged residents to look beyond a "not in my backyard" approach and instead remain invested in ensuring that any future growth is sustainable and benefits the wider community. A number of residents suggested that the Community Council contact Siobhian Brown. Although she is not the local MSP for Coylton, residents felt that she may be willing to listen to their concerns and provide guidance regarding the issues being experienced by the community. Laura stated that the Community Council would continue to closely monitor all planning developments in and around the village and would ensure that any relevant information or updates were shared with residents as quickly as possible.	
Reports	

• Police Report - Nothing to report on the police report	
• Licensing - Nothing to report • Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer reported a balance of £1,386.52 in the main account and £10,596.57 in the Community Garden/Gala account. Stan explained that he was in the process of auditing books.	
Any Other Business	
• MUGA - Laura advised that the MUGA project would be proceeding. She clarified that the village would not be losing its play park, as some residents had feared. Instead, the existing play park area would be redeveloped to accommodate the MUGA, with the play equipment being relocated further into the park and away from the roadside. Laura explained that this would allow both facilities to be available for the community while improving the overall layout and safety of the recreational area. • Windfarm - Laura advised that she and Rachel had attended a consultation event in Straiton regarding the proposed Patna Wind Farm development. While only a small portion of the proposed development falls within the Community Council ward boundary, there may be an opportunity for Coylton to benefit from any associated community benefit funding should the project proceed. It was explained that this is where the proposed SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) could play an important role, as it may provide a suitable structure for managing and distributing any future community benefit funds. Rachel advised that she was currently working with Fraser on progressing the SCIO constitution and associated governance arrangements. Further updates would be provided as this work develops. • Bowling Club - Laura informed those present that the Bowling Club had successfully secured £20,000 in Community Ward Funding towards the repair of the club roof. The Community Council welcomed the news and congratulated the Bowling Club on their successful funding application, recognising the importance of maintaining valued community facilities within the village. • Sundrum Update - Laura advised that she was pleased to learn that a Tree Preservation Order had been issued for the trees located along the driveway at Sundrum. She noted that this was positive news for the community, helping to protect an important feature of the local landscape and preserve the character of the area. The Community Council welcomed the decision and agreed that the	

protection of mature trees and green spaces remains an important consideration in future developments.

- **Community Garden / Polytunnel Update** - Laura advised that the polytunnel had now been dismantled and was ready to be rebuilt at the school. However, she expressed disappointment at the low number of volunteers who had attended to assist with the work. Laura explained that, in order to safely and efficiently reassemble the structure, approximately 10–12 volunteers would be required, ideally with access to tools such as drills, hammers and ladders.

Rachel offered to advertise the volunteer opportunity on the Community Council Facebook page once the school had confirmed a new date for the polytunnel rebuild. It was hoped that additional community support could be secured to help complete the project.

- **Email Distribution List** - Rachel asked those present whether they would be interested in being added to an email distribution list to help ensure that residents who do not use social media are still kept informed about matters affecting the village. It was recognised that not everyone accesses information through Facebook and that alternative methods of communication would help improve community engagement.

Rachel offered to establish an email distribution list that could be used to share Community Council updates, meeting information and other relevant community news.

There being no further business meeting closed at 850pm.

Next meeting 25th June 2026