Proposed M. Dunlop
Seconded. M O'Brien

CROSSHILL, STRAITON & KIRKMICHAEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Crosshill Sports and Social Club On 26th May 2026 revA

Secretary: John Haston - in this instance the Chair [Pat Lorimer] acted as Minute secretary the meeting being recorded thanks to Steve O'Brien.
Recording The meeting was recorded with [on enquiry] no objections from the participants.

1. **In Attendance:** Pat Lorimer [Chair], Emily Pike [Vice Chair], Margo O'Brien [Treasurer], Marnie Watson, Steve O'Brien, David Stokes, Martin Dunlop, Marguerite Hunter Blair & Councillor Brian Connolly.......Caroline Swan, Alister Frost, P. Dunabie, Catrina Andrew, Juliet Thomson, Vaughn Taylor, Katy Gaffney, Gary Sewell, Karen Doyle, PC Mark Green [Police]
2. Pat lorimer Chaired the meeting and welcomed everybody including the new council member Marguerite Hunter Blair and invited councillors to introduce themselves. He also informed the meeting that it was being recorded as there was no minute secretary. He confirmed that the members of the public present were primarily there to comment on the Attiquin planning application. In the light of this it was agreed that this matter would be brought forward for discussion after police matters
3. **Apologies** Ryan Douglas [support officer], Steven Dunlop & John Haston [secretary]
4. **Register of Interests:** No conflicts of interests were noted for this meeting.
5. **Police Matters:** PC Mark Green was in attendance and had submitted a report in advance, covering the period April 16th to May 17th . This contained 8 reported incidents resulting in two Crime reports being issued. The incidents were1 dishonesty, 1 Road safety. The incident breakdown was as follows: 2 Animals, 1 assist members of the public, 1 RTC, 1 Vulnerable person, 1 Hate crime, 1 police information call, 1 disturbance. Mark reported that there was nothing serious to note. However he warned that some Trump protests later in the week at Turnberry might cause problems. No additional matters were raised for referral to Police Scotland.
6. **Attiquin Planning Application**. The Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant. The discussion was thrown open to the floor and the following points emerged:
    a. An update was provided on the amendments to the proposals including revised lagoon arrangements members noted that the current plans now show four lagoons located further up the hillside.
    b. South Ayrshire council's planning portal currently shows four objections and four representations in support.
    c. ~~The project submitted to the Council for approval appeared to be around twice the physical size as that that had been initially subject to discussions.~~
    d. It was noted that the applicants had already made a submission to the CC and had organised a public meeting in The Carrick centre which members had visited. Similarly the CC had facilitated the local community to meet and discuss the proposals.
    e. Th CC confirmed that they had requested the Applicants to make another presentation to the CC. This they were unable to do as they were too busy. They had however offered a Zoom type meeting but could not manage it on a CC

meeting date. Given time constraints it was evident that it would not be possible for a further meeting with them prior to determination of the application.

f. It was noted that apparently there was scope for only one such installation in this part of south Ayrshire and there were two other sites under consideration via other developers.

g. The community comments were led by Catrina Andrew, though others participated and they expressed their particular concern over the following:

   i. Traffic and road safety given the size and limitations of the public road serving the site.
   ii. The increase in the volume of traffic that would result.
   iii. The effect on road usage traffic etc during the construction phase.
   iv. The effect the operating works might have on air quality odour etc.
   v. The proximity of new mains gas pipework to residential properties.
   vi. The scale of the project and its visual impact on the rural landscape.
   vii. Lack of any direct local benefit.
   viii. The potential for environmental pollution and contamination of adjacent watercourses.
   ix. Noise and light pollution due to round the clock usage particularly in the dark sky area.
   x. Potential conflict with the LDP.
   xi. Concern over the fact that local residents had not initially been made properly aware of the proposals.

h. It was noted that apparently over 50 local objections were being coordinated and that a public session had been arranged to assist residents with submitting objections. Post meeting note apparently 270 objections have now been lodged with SAC planning

i. Members did discuss and recognise the potential wider benefits of anaerobic digestion technology however they considered that the current location was inappropriate.

j. The CC noted these points, after further discussions and giving these due consideration voted as to whether the CC should 'support', make 'no comment' or suggest 'refusal' of the proposals. The CC subsequently voted as follows: In support 0 – No Comment 1 – Object 6 – Abstention 1 [Chair]. It was agreed therefore that the CC would formally submit an objection to the application and request that it be refused.

k. The Chair then thanked the public for attending and contributing to the discussion.

7. **Minutes of last meeting** The minutes of the meeting on the 28th April were accepted, proposed by Steve O'Brien and seconded by Marnie Watson. Post meeting note: in the absence of John could counsellors ensure that the agreed minutes are properly displayed in all three villages.

8. **Matters arising from the minutes** the majority of these are covered elsewhere. However it was noted that a reply from ARA over the matters comprehensively discussed at the last meeting was outstanding. PL agreed to pursue. It was also noted that a new field gate had been formed at the junction of the B7045 and the B7023 this is potentially a traffic hazard and should be taken up with ARA. It was also agreed that CC members would report back to PL on the location of milestones and Finger posts in the area so they can be refurbished – preferably by the next meeting.

9. **Village Concerns**

   a. **Straiton** It was agreed that the phone box ownership would transfer from the CC to a Straiton group prior to the current insurance policy lapsing. Margo to check on when this occurs. It was noted that the bus had used the Dalmellington road Forestry Commission carpark to turn, it would be helpful if this could be formalised. PL to pursue. Telegraph Pole at rear gates to Blairquhan now replaced. Concerns over the vegetation around the small PO building on Dalmellington Road. Continued concerns over fencing around the park. Concerns over the future of Lady Hunter Blairs walk. Further information required on access to the forest drive. Concern over pile of topsoil adjacent to the Petanque pitch owned by SAC. PL to take these matters up.

b. **Crosshill** No ARA works [as promised] as yet implemented. Viga homes matters not yet progressed PL to pursue both. The Crosshill Gala will take place on the 4th July, Concern expressed over the condition of road signs and fingerposts.

c. **Kirkmichael** Minigala [bounce event] now to take place on Friday with monies contributed from NCCBC to allow Gala king, queen prince and princess to be crowned. Dead cherry tree in playpark to be removed. Again no actions as yet evident on ARA works as per last meeting. Community trip to the Royal Highland Show organised which is proving popular. Brian reported that SAC were meeting to discuss the situation over the Gala.

10. **Treasurers Report** Margo the new treasurer was congratulated on her position. Her first report was issued, welcomed and accepted. It was agreed the monthly report would go paperless and be distributed via email or WhatsApp prior to the meeting. Margo met with Gordon to complete the transfer of responsibility. Current available balance reported as £102.50 pending reimbursement and grant claims being processed. A spread sheet based accounting system will be introduced. Margo has started the process, with RBS to change the address of bank statements and to be added as a signatory to the account. PL and JH completed verification process. PL would appreciate reimbursement for Quaich leaving present. SAC have been given receipt for CC payback.
11. **North Carrick Community Benefit Co PL** confirmed that after 12 years he had retired as Treasurer to allow for a succession strategy to be implemented, PL confirmed that various applications had been considered at the last quarterly meeting. He also confirmed that Helen, sadly, had resigned her position. Marguerite expressed concern over the code of conduct that members are being asked to sign up to. It was noted that there was no formal complaints procedure and there were concerns over representations of individual villages and a concentration of decision making. It was agreed that these were matters that required further discussions outwith the CC meeting as they concerned NCCBC rather than the CC.
12. **Wind Farms** no material discussions on wind farms took place but there was concern over whether one previously approved windfarm would actually take place and matters were carried forward.
13. **Correspondence** The secretary as normal has circulated all correspondence to all members no comments were raised.
14. **Planning applications** Two applications have been submitted one [Attiquin] has been discussed above [see point 6] the other [Large shed at Gass farm] the CC had no comment on.
15. **AOCB.** Succession planning - The Treasurer suggested that office bearers should consider appointing deputies or shadow roles to support Continuity – Share workload – Assist succession planning for future office bearers – Members agreed that this was a useful proposal for future consideration. The Chair outlined the protocols for Declaration of Interest and determination of potential conflicts.
16. **Date of Next meeting** Tuesday 30th June at 7.30 in the McCosh Hall Kirkmichael. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.