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CROSSHILL, STRAITON & KIRKMICHAEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of meeting held in McCosh Hall, Kirkmichael on 31st March 2026

1. **In Attendance:** Pat Lorimer (chair), John Haston (secretary), Emily Pike (vice chair), Marnie Watson, Steve O'Brien, Margo O'Brien, Catrina Andrew, PC Mark Green, Councillor Brian Connolly, Cameron McCririe

Pat Lorimer chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

2. **Apologies:** Gordon Ferrie (treasurer), David Stokes, Steven Dunlop, Martin Dunlop, Ryan Douglas (SAC Link Officer),

3. **Register of Interests:** No conflicts of interest were noted for this meeting.

4. **Police matters:**

PC Mark Green was in attendance and had submitted a report in advance, covering the period 17th February to 16th March. This contained 18 reported incidents, resulting in 1 crime report being raised. The incidents were: one theft – minor incident involving rural gates; one car RTC, Straiton road, near Cloncaird. Non-injury, driver error.

Incident breakdown: 7 planned shoots, 2 road traffic matters, 2 police information calls, 2 assist members of the public, 1 false call, 1 vulnerable person, 1 RTC, 1 theft, 1 public nuisance. Mark reported that there was nothing serious to note.

A road policing action plan across Carrick resulted in over 60 conditional offers (spot fines with or without points on their licence), mostly for speeding. Stashes of cannabis plants had been found following last month's raid on a large cannabis farm in the old Co-op building.

5. **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on 24th February were accepted, proposed by Steve O'Brien and seconded by Emily Pike.

6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Nothing that was not covered elsewhere.

7. **Village concerns**

Crosshill: Margo reported that Milton Street was much worse since remedial work had started by Viga Homes. There were large holes, flooding, cones, and raised ironwork on the pavement. The road and pavement surfaces were not finished, but the drains and water supply appeared to be done. A large container was still there. The fallen Crosshill sign was reported to be at the Girvan depot. Various residents and village groups have expressed concerns about rubbish left, including broken glass, in the community centre car park, due to overfilling a skip being used by builders working on Ayrshire Housing homes. Also birds are getting into the Crosshill Annex roof, which is a health and safety concern for staff and students. The hole in the roof has been reported.

[Post meeting note: 02/04/2026 – rubbish in car park has now been cleared.]

The street sweeper has been back several times, early in the mornings when communers' cars were still parked. Brian advised a new person had taken over. No update on other items from last meetings minutes. A mini trim trail is to go in the park, slabs at the benches, rubberised safety surface around play equipment, and a new light to be installed.

An email was received asking why CSKCC do not meet in the community hall and if it is allowed to meet at licensed premises. Various reasons were given for the move to the Sports and Social Club, which was voted on. It was noted that McCosh Hall is a licensed premise and McCandlish Hall has occasional licenses. SAC have confirmed this is permitted. The community council, again, agreed to meet at the CSSC. Pat to reply to email.

Kirkmichael: KADT have now completed purchase of the McCosh Hall from SAC, with support from the Scottish Land Fund. SAC are to give £115K for repairs and maintenance. One abandoned roadworks sign in Straiton was uplifted, but another has appeared across the road. There is still flooding in the paying field, near the vehicle entrance gate. The road to Patna is in a terrible state, collapsing towards the burn. Brian advised this was not in the next year's budget for road maintenance and repair. Grip surface has been applied to the road at the Grimmet bends.

No report of progress on drainage at the football field or resurfacing of Bolestyle Road. One resident had asked if the play equipment could be upgraded. It was reported that the play equipment was relatively new, and had been upgraded with the help of NCCBC funds. Some items were older and may benefit from cleaning or repainting.

Straiton: No CC members from Straiton were present, but an email was sent in showing flooding is still a problem at Kirkmichael Road. Water appears to be coming from Fowlers Croft, or off the field, and not draining away on reaching the main road. The phone box is still available for a village group to take over. There was no update on other items.

8. Treasurer's report

Gordon Ferrie was not present, but had reported that there was no update this month. The phone box was not yet adopted by a Straiton village group. It has been bought by the CC and now has public liability insurance. If Straiton does not want it, it may be offered to another village or sold on the open market. Gordon also advised he would complete the accounts up to the end of this financial year, and pass them to Chris Johnston for auditing. He will attend the AGM to hand over to his successor. Margo kindly volunteered to take on the role of treasurer, if no-one else wanted it.

9. North Carrick Community Benefit Co. (NCCBC)

Pat Lorimer reported that the AGM was held recently. CPF was now mostly issued. More applications for larger projects were welcome. Funds were coming from Dersalloch and Kirk Hill wind farms, around £420K a year in total. They now have 3 employees.

10. Wind farms

Knockcronal had sent an update, stating the met mast would be removed as it was no longer required. There was no other update on other wind farms.

11. Correspondence

All email correspondence to the secretary has been forwarded to all other council members, so these are not repeated here. Items of note included the CC election results, forestry survey, and the new community council scheme due to be published tomorrow. 9 CC nominations were received, only Gordon was not staying on, so there is one vacancy. This vacancy has been advertised on notice boards, social media, and by word of mouth.

12. Planning applications

Steve O'Brien advised there were two new planning application in our area.

- 26/00143 – Threave Farm, Crosshill. New dwelling house, garage and stables.
- 26/00155 – Myremill Farm, Kirkmichael. Extension to agricultural building

No objections were made to the above applications.

One planning decision was made, which was approved:

- 26/00006 – Dalhowan Farm, Crosshill. Alteration to existing dwelling house.

13. Any other competent business

None reported.

14. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 28th April 2026, at 7:00 pm in McCandlish Hall, Straiton. Note the earlier time. The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.