



**CROSSHILL, STRAITON & KIRKMICHAEL  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held in  
McCandlish Hall, Straiton  
on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Secretary: John Haston, 71 Patna Road, Kirkmichael, Ayrshire KA19 7PJ Tel: 01655 750447  
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1. **In Attendance:** Pat Lorimer (chair), John Haston (secretary), Emily Pike (vice chair), Marnie Watson, Steve O'Brien, Margo O'Brien, Gordon Ferrie (treasurer), David Stokes, Martin Dunlop, Councillor Brian Connolly, Ryan Douglas (SAC Link Officer), George Thomson, Judith Blackwell, Gordon Smith, Ian Hutton, PC Mark Green (Police), Jane Corrie (ARA)

Pat Lorimer chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

2. **Apologies:** Steven Dunlop

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 17<sup>th</sup> March to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026. This contained 23 reported incidents, resulting in 3 crime reports being raised. The incidents were: one dishonesty – fraud involving foreign scam, and minor assault plus threatening behaviour resulting from civil dispute.

Incident breakdown: 9 planned shoots, 3 road traffic matters, 3 assist members of the public, 2 road traffic crashes, 1 vulnerable person, 1 public nuisance, 1 communications incident, 1 assault, 1 abandoned motor vehicle, 1 fraud. Mark reported that there was nothing serious to note. A number of dead wild birds had been found, and these had been collected and sent for testing to determine the cause.

5. **AGM Matters:** see separate minutes

6. **Visit by Jane Corrie of Ayrshire Roads Alliance**

Jane had received our list of topics sent by Pat, and gave a response to each item:

**Kirkmichael to Patna Road:** resurfacing has been prioritised and is scheduled for 18-29 May. This will likely involve road closure due to the width of the road, and it will not include the landslip section. This needs a survey and GI (ground investigation). A capital application is required and will likely be next year.

**Pavement repairs:** Jane requested the precise locations, and these were stated as Kirkmichael Road, Crosshill, also Milton Street/ Bruce Square. There were also some sinking BT manhole covers reported in Kirkmichael, and Potholes in Straiton.

**Footpath to Crosshill Cemetery:** Cllr Connolly advised there was not enough SAC ward capital funds left to purchase the land required, therefore Jane suggested it may require a capital bid, or possibly an active travel funding bid. Temporary traffic lights would not be installed as there was no completion date set. Signs for walkers could be considered by the ARA team. Any mud reported on the road should be cleaned up by the farmer.

**Bus stop line marking:** this would be added to the line marking works list. The two locations were on Kirkmichael Road, Crosshill, particularly at the top end.

**Resurfacing Bolestyle Road, Kirkmichael:** This was scheduled for 17-31 August 2026.

**Flooding in Straiton:** a drain problem in the Main Street by the play park had been repaired by ARA, but was still flooding in moderate rainfall. Jane will get an ARA engineer to meet with the resident to discuss how best to resolve this.

**Compensation for vehicle damage:** Jane advised there was a way to claim compensation for damage to vehicles from potholes via the ARA website. Not all claims are paid out.

**Bus turning at Straiton:** ARA will speak to Stagecoach and look at putting in a bollard beside the house to protect the corner of the building and the street lighting column affected. Some bus drivers are still turning at Dalmellington Street instead of at the war memorial.

**Bus stop at King Street, Crosshill:** One suggestion was to extend the pavement at the bus stop so it did not need to pull in. The CC requested this should be agreed with residents before implementing. Jane advised that subject to Bus Infrastructure Funding being available from Transport Scotland ARA will progress a design in accordance with relevant guidance and standards which they can share with the CC prior to implementation.

**Refurbishment of milestones and old finger post signs:** ARA do not maintain the old style signs. This could be funded by SAC Ward Capital funds, and Brian Connolly said they had allocated £5,000 and were waiting for a list of signposts and milestones to progress this. The CC will provide this to Brian.

**Grimmet bends:** Jane requested further information regarding the location however the CC reported that safety grip surface had been added at each end of the bends in the road by Grimmet farm. The CC were grateful for this as it was identified as an accident black spot.

**Electric car charging points:** Jane advised that there was a programme across Ayrshire with priority 1, 2 and 3 allocated. There were 115 locations in priority 1 (within 16 months). The villages were in priority 2 and 3 (26 or 36 months). Crosshill: 3 chargers (2 at priority 2 and 1 at priority 3), Straiton and Kirkmichael each 1 charger at priority 3. The CC were asked for input to determine suitable locations for charging points.

**Traffic calming measures:** The method used for measuring traffic speed was different before and after the traffic calming measures were installed. ARA will send the before figures to show the comparison, which shows a slight drop in speeds. Jane advised speed cushions (bumps) are often not favoured by residents living close by due to the noise created. 20 mph limits are still being implemented in many areas.

**Straiton bypass:** Many Timber lorries are not using the HGV bypass made for Dersalloch wind farm construction. A gate at the north end is padlocked, and users may have to pay for access. Jane will raise this with the Timber Transport Forum.

**Parking in King Street, Crosshill** was also raised as an urgent concern. Traffic cannot pass when cars are not allowed to park on the pavement. An additional four houses are requested to be added to the list where cars are allowed to park on the pavement. A van has been left at 73 King Street, reported to be broken down. *Post meeting note: Jane Corrie met with Ian Hutton after the meeting and identified house numbers 57, 61, 63, 67, 71 & 73. Jane will push for early confirmation to allow parking on the pavement at these houses.*

## **7. Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March were accepted, proposed by Marnie Watson and seconded by Margo O'Brien.

## **8. Matters arising from the minutes:**

Nothing that was not covered elsewhere.

## **9. Village concerns**

**Kirkmichael:** Marnie reported that the Gala has been cancelled due to lack of assistance with fundraisers and difficulties with the council. Three departments had to be dealt with – licencing, estates and grounds. SAC terms for the use of the land now required a £1,000

bond, which had not been done before, and the gala committee did not have this. The delay in approval (7<sup>th</sup> April) was too late for the gala to go ahead. The council have since said they would waive the £1,000 bond. There is also a new law for counter terrorism (Martyn's Law) which requires significant extra work. Pat said that the Kirkmichael CPF monies allocated to Kirkmichael Kids and Community Group for the Gala by NCCBC may be used for a kids picnic on the playing field. The "Straiton Road" sign at 20 Straiton Rd has faded away to be almost invisible, and an abandoned roadworks sign is in Straiton Rd.

**Straiton:** David said that Straiton Village Cooperative would be willing to take over the phone box if the council would still cover the insurance costs. The pétanque is reported to be going well, with sessions available at 5pm on Wednesdays and 2pm on Sundays. Other times on request.

**Crosshill:** the Crosshill sign at the entrance to the village form Maybole is still missing. The road sweeper has been back, and he is doing pavements as well. There is still rubbish at the site beside the community centre, but the car park had been cleared. Park benches and trim trail at the park are in work. No progress has been made by Viga Homes on drains, resurfacing and raised manholes on pavements.

#### **10. Treasurer's report**

No monthly report was presented. See AGM minutes for annual report.

#### **11. North Carrick Community Benefit Co. (NCCBC)**

Pat Lorimer reported that the five new applications were received. They are funding a learn to drive course.

#### **12. Wind farms**

Patna wind farm are holding public exhibitions in Straiton and Patna on 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **13. Correspondence**

All email correspondence to the secretary has been forwarded to all other council members, so these are not repeated here.

#### **14. Planning applications**

Steve O'Brien advised there were no new planning applications or decisions in our area.

#### **15. Any other competent business**

Co-opted member: Three nominations were received for the co-opted member position, Marguerite Hunter Blair from Straiton, Ian Hutton from Crosshill, and Gordon Smith from Kirkmichael. Names were drawn from a hat, and Marguerite Hunter Blair was drawn first so is appointed as a co-opted member of our community council until 31 March 2027. Second and third names drawn were Gordon Smith and Ian Hutton. According to our community council scheme, they are held in reserve in case a future vacancy arises during this council term.

#### **16. Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026, at 7:30 pm in Crosshill Sports and Social Club.  
The meeting closed at 9:20 pm.



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PROPOSED      STEVE O'BRIEN  
SECONDED      MARNIE WATSON.