

Minutes of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council

Thursday 4th June 2026 @ 7.15pm Belmont Academy, Ayr

Members Present: Carol Campbell (Chair), Flora Fleming (Vice Chair), Cara Bennington (Secretary), Ian Douglas (Treasurer), Colin Hall (Planning & Licensing Contact), Dianne Markham (Biodiversity)

Apologies: Dennis McLellan, Councillor Mary Kilpatrick

Item	Minute	Action
1	Sederunt was passed around, and the meeting was quorate with 6 members in attendance out of a current membership of 10.	
2	Declarations of interest on agenda items - None declared.	
3	Community Police Report Secretary had emailed out (to members) the Ayr East Police Report for the month of May. The Chair read out the report at the meeting.	
4	Approval of the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting on May 7th, 2026 - Proposer Flora Fleming, Seconder Colin Hall <u>Matters Arising from previous minutes</u> We had a visitor, Jane Corrie, Head of Roads from Ayrshire Roads Alliance at the last meeting and the secretary was still waiting to hear back from her on some issues that were raised at the meeting.	Secretary to send approved May meetings' minutes to SAC.
5	Treasurers Report – Two transactions since last meeting - bank service charge of £4.25 and annual payment to Zurich insurance of £97.20. £1560.43 in our account, most of which is the defibrillator maintenance fund. Admin fund has £53.15 left in it, and we are waiting for the new admin grant from South Ayrshire Council for the year 2026/27.	
6	Planning and Licensing – Colin reported that there is no news regarding licensing, but there is planning news. The proposed Burns Statue Square redesign is out for public consultation until Saturday 6th June. Drawings can be seen at Carnegie Library and online via the SAC website.	
7	Biodiversity in Belmont - Trees were watered by Dianne and Cara during the previous hot spell when the ground hardened up completely. Dianne asked about the possibility of planting any trees on the grass at The Mount; she was thinking about small trees. So long as the trees do not block residents' view of the bus stop then this could be an option. An electricity point has been requested next to the bus stop to enable a streetlamp and an electronic board showing the next bus arriving. Aso, this could enable us to put up a Xmas tree in December.	
8	Update on Community Action Plan - Audrey emailed the secretary to say that the CAP is out for public consultation on SAC website and that BKCC and FHMCC can discuss any comments from the public in late June, early July before the CAP is sent for printing. Funds to print the CAP are still to be found.	
9	Secretarial Correspondence received during the past month.	

	Age Without Limits Action Day in Ayr Town Hall on 10th June 2026. From 1000 to 1400hrs. Disposal of Lithium-ion Batteries - new regulations will contain provisions for safe online marketplaces however, the important issue of battery disposal will not be covered unfortunately. We wish to gather more evidence therefore we ask the following questions; 1. Is battery disposal an issue for you. 2. Have there been any bin lorry or waste disposal site fires in your area? 3 Are there any examples of kerb-side collection in your area. If so, how is it progressing? Colin Hall mentioned that he used rechargeable batteries all the time and has purchased a charger to recharge them. This means less waste and less cost. The members took note of this good practice. Invitation to join the Scottish Forum of Community Councils established 3 years ago by the Joint Board of West Lothian Community Councils. Invitation for a representative of Force 9 Energy team to attend one of our meetings to discuss Patna Wind Farm and possible community benefits but the wind farm is in East Ayrshire so we are not sure if our CC in South Ayrshire will be appropriate for receiving benefits. New Community Council Guidance books - we are waiting for our South Ayrshire Council Liaison Officer to bring hard copies of the new Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils documentation which was recently approved by the cabinet at South Ayrshire Council. Application for a 200MW Data Centre on farmland next to Killoch Colliery at Ochiltree - Dianne had heard about a campaign by Action to Protect Rural Scotland to spread awareness about plans for a large data centre to be built near Ochiltree. This is something we can investigate to find out more about them.	Secretary to seek answers/opinions from SAC and from residents regarding safe disposal of Lithium-Ion batteries in our area. Secretary to reply to Force 9 Energy re visit regarding Patna Wind Farm.
10	AOCB - There was a discussion about what to do about members who have not been to a meeting for months. One member has not attended a meeting since 2024 but renewed their membership at the last full election though they still have not attended a meeting since. The facts are that we need a membership of at least 7 to exist as a CC at all. Hopefully we will gain members this year who do want to attend meetings.	
14	Meeting ended 2040hrs. Next meeting is on July 2nd, 2026, in Belmont Academy conference room on the ground floor in the 'Admin' corridor.	

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