

## **Dunure & Fisherton Community Council Meeting**

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Kennedy Hall**

### **Present**

Calum McCutcheon	Vice-chair	CM
Tracy Craig	Secretary	TC
Elija Maus	Member	EM
Greg Paterson	Member	GP
Derek Chapman	Member	DC
Irene Collier	Member of the community	IC
Neil Sinclair	Member of the community	NS
Rona Jess	Member of the community	RJ
David Andrews	Member of the community	DA
Liz Gibson	Member of the community	LG
Moyra Gibson	Member of the community	MG
Jennifer Gibson	Member of the community	JG (arrived at AOCB)
Claire Devlin	Member of the community	CD
Provost Iain Campbell	Provost - SAC	
Milissa McCulloch	SAC	MM

### **Apologies**

Patrick Hill, Stuart Porter

### **Adoption of Previous minutes**

Proposer Greg Paterson, seconded Elija Maus

### **Matters Arising**

ARA – The Provost had invited Jane Corrie (Head of Roads ARA) along. She is unable to come to this meeting but hopes to attend the June meeting.

Green Box – TC asked the Provost if any progress in reducing the size of the green box in front of the castle. CD questioned why this was being discussed at a CC meeting as it was a H & P s issue. TC explained that this issue had been ongoing for over a year and the CC were attempting to resolve the issue at the request of the H & Ps as the size of the box has an impact on the visual aspect of the castle and does not require to be as large.

CC collaborations - Milissa wished to highlight that Jodie McFarlane was no longer the point of contact for CC matters and everything should be directed to Vivienne McCulloch. She would collate a list of local CCs for us to contact. The Provost stated that Coylton has not received any communication yet from the Dunure & Fisherton Chair.

### **Dynamic Dunure**

DC stated they were still awaiting to hear back from the Heritage Lottery regarding the recent application. The delay was due to the recent elections. CM mentioned he had seen something had been allocated on the Heritage Lottery website, but DC had no information on this.

Butterfly garden has now been newly sown by the youth club, with the seeds purchased thanks to the Ayrshire Climate Hub funding application.

Fun day – still looking for volunteers. Help will be required in putting up the large marquee along with help on the day.

CM said at least 10 people would be required for the large marquee. He also suggested using the barrels that are around the harbour.

Derek advised there would be a tea tent, kids' area, demonstrations, skiff, classic cars, Lifeboat, cake stalls, Fisherman's Missions. Everything would be free.

The Provost has arranged for the army cadets to help on the day.

**Storage of the Audio Equipment** – Neil Sinclair secured funding from NCCBC to purchase Audio Equipment to assist with the meetings for those struggling to hear. This equipment has been secured on behalf of the community and includes two portable speakers and two microphones. This will be stored in the Hall with the permission of the H & Ps committee.

TC apologized on behalf of the Chair and herself to the H & P committee for not including them in the discussions regarding the purchasing of the Audio Equipment and where it would be stored. The H & Ps committee made it clear that they were not happy with the process and that procedures had to be followed. The Secretary again apologized but pointed out that a member of the H & P had been present at a previous meeting where this was discussed.

The H & P have arranged for it to be PAT tested and will send the bill to the CC. As the equipment will be the responsibility of the CC, they are expected to insure, the question of Public Liability cover was raised, and it is understood that whichever organization is using the equipment it would be their own PL insurance that would cover it for that event.

LG asked about whether it was on the application form to NCCBC about seeking permission prior to applying. The secretary had not seen the form so could not advise.

The Acting Chair thanked the Hall & Park committee for agreeing to store the equipment.

**Website** - DC confirmed that DD have set up their own domain name and did not require the Dunure.net one that the CC secured 2 years ago. This will be on the Agenda for the June meeting as this was purchased on behalf of the CC by a member of the community and this money is due to be repaid.

The DD website page would offer a place for local businesses to advertise, school information, water sports information and for the CC to place information and minutes.

There was confusion from NS regarding the two village Facebook pages. The secretary confirmed there was a Community Council page and a Dunure Ayrshire Scotland one.

## **Licensing & Planning**

None

## **Treasurers Report 19/05/2026**

Balance brought forward		<b>£1707.57</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
28/04/2026	Service Charge	£ 4.25
<b>Income</b>		£ 0.00
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£1703.32</b>

## **Councillor's Report**

The Provost was unhappy with the email that was sent to both himself and two of his colleagues from NS. In the email it was suggested that the bulk of the people within the community do not want the helm. The Provost asked him to prove this statement and if it was the case he would pull the application. He pointed out that it was all linked to the harbour application and there would be no money for the harbour repairs if there was no Helm. He stressed the effort that he has put into this application and all the money he has brought to the village.

He stated that unless he hears by Friday morning that people want the Helm, he will pull the plug on it. Then the application would be stopped, and planning would be pulled by the council, the £2.5 million for the Helm would disappear as would the investment into the harbour.

IC does not believe that the majority of people do not want the helm, there are some within the community, but she believes they are in a minority.

NS asked why it had not been announced that the application had been successful and DD were awarded £180,936. The Provost stated they had not been allowed to make the announcement due to the elections.

The Provost expressed his frustration and left the meeting.

The Acting Chair thanked him for attending

NS proceeded to state that the consultation process for the Helm had been a mockery.

As it was now out in the open that the application bid was successful, DC confirmed that it was indeed the case. There then followed a heated discussion between DC and NS with regards to where all the money had gone, with NS questioning where the £76,000 had gone.

DC stated the accounts are audited and submitted to OSCR. DC listed where the money had come from and where the money had gone, including the building of the boatshed. NS also questioned who submitted the application. DC explained the process that SAC submitted the application on behalf of Dynamic Dunure.

The Acting Chair congratulated DD on their successful bid and asked to move on.

DC stated that NS has made all the accusations on behalf of the CC. CM confirmed that the CC had voted for the Helm last year and he was not speaking on their behalf.

TC asked if it was possible to view the business plan. DC confirmed that this was not possible prior to the application being accepted but once they have confirmation, then it can be made available. TC suggested that there should be a meeting, whether it be the AGM or another, where DD could list everything, share what they are able to, and it would all be in the public domain and minuted once and for all.

CD asked why people would not support the Helm. This was for the future of the children. Why would it not run successfully like the H & P has done so for over 30 years. The heated discussion continued between CD, NS, and DC, with CD stating that the running costs would be covered by the income from the Helm and the continued income from the Park. NS stated that he was open to an open and free debate. He still did not believe the running costs could be covered.

DC asked NS if he would accept the NLHF decision if it is successful, to which Neil answered No.

DC got up and left the meeting with the Acting Chair thanking him.

## **AOCB**

A member of the community has expressed their concern at the increasing number of campervans that come down Harbour Brae and then require to turn to leave. This is causing a dangerous situation, and it has been suggested that signage could be placed at the top of the Brae stating, "Not suitable for campervans".

This is a problem, not only at the Harbour, but the overnight camping in both the laybys and the park. Due to the risks involved, the guidance is not to approach and confront.

MM going to ask about the signage.

Handrail, a member of the community has requested the erection of a handrail coming down the path beside the boatshed. CM going to speak to the Harbour Committee.

MM gave details about funding available.

ARIA's deadline was approaching, but if an expression of interest was made, this should be sufficient. It is available to community groups and businesses with an interest in Quality of Life. Also available for Rural Tourism.

Also, the Coastal Community Fund is open again with amounts ranging from £1,000 to £10,000.

Maybe this could be something that the Fun day should be looking to apply to.

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 16th June 2026**