



Girvan and District Community Council Minutes Tuesday, the 05th of May 2026, 06.30 pm, Carrick Buildings, Girvan.



(The meeting started at 18:58 after the AGM was concluded)

Monthly meeting

Present: Rhona Walker (Chair), Jane Willis, Andrew Sinclair, Karen McCartney, David Girvan, Catherine Maguire, Pete Cheetham, Sconaid Clark, John McCreath, Stephen Galloway.

In Attendance: Ainsley McCrindle, Cllr Lamont (South Ayrshire Council), Lucy O'Donnell (Girvan Youth Trust), David Bone (Secretariat).

Apologies: Sean McMillan, Eilidh Ingram, Declan Griffin.

Declaration of Interests

David Girvan, Sconaid Clark and Jane Willis declared an interest in Girvan and District Attractions.

Guest Speaker

None.

Youth Participation

Lucy reported that the cafe kiosk at the train station has been open for three weeks and is performing very well. There are hopes to expand opening days in the near future. The boating pond opened over the Easter weekend, and all employees have successfully completed their training. The P7 transition programme is currently very busy. In addition, a transition team is working with pupils from P5 to P6/7 to help encourage greater respect and independence. "Music on the Prom" is scheduled to begin next month. A driving theory group is due to start on 26 May, with the possibility of external funding being secured to support driving lessons.

Youth behaviour has generally been very positive. It was noted that previous issues in Daily have now settled down. However, there were some incidents at Victory Park involving spray painting and a fire.

Ainsley said that she is planning the summer programme at the moment. Efforts are being made to coordinate with other community groups to produce a full calendar of activities.

Police Report

[**Police Report.pdf**](#)

Report circulated to all members for comment.

John noted that the Police Report would benefit from additional context from attending Police Officers. Rhona advised that Police Scotland is generally responsive and has provided further information when questions have been raised previously.

Minutes of the April 2026 Meeting

Proposed for accuracy by Cath and seconded by Andrew.

Matters arising

It was noted that a motion regarding the dog euthanasia policy will be presented in the coming weeks.

It was confirmed that the drain cover issue along Dalrymple Street has now been dealt with.

Public Participation

None.

Matters arising from any group meeting at the moment

[Amev Report.pdf](#)

[Carrick Futures April 2026 Awards Summary.pdf](#)

[GoGirvan Report for Community Council May 2026.pdf](#)

Reports were circulated to all members.

Sconaid said that the gym and studio at The Quay Zone are now open. She added that the snack bar and soft play area are expected to open at the end of August. She added that the swimming pool may need to close for four to six weeks. Cath asked why this had not been identified earlier. Sconaid explained that a number of faults were not initially identified, including issues with previously automated systems such as water tanks that regulate the backwash processes.

Jane reported that she had heard there may be issues with the girders sinking, which could potentially delay the opening of the extension. It was also noted that barriers around the Quay Zone have been extended around the girders.

David G asked whether the pool temperature is being monitored, as it has been very cold in the past. Sconaid replied that it was now monitored manually.

Chairpersons Report

Since our last meeting, I attended a meeting with Transport Scotland on 20 April. A report from this meeting has been circulated to all members.

The Carrick Futures Board met on 22 April for the latest round of funding applications, and the funding list has also been distributed to members.

A site meeting at Nursery Court took place on 22 April. A report has been shared with all members. Stewart Marshall is seeking feedback at next week's Locality Planning Partnership meeting.

South Ayrshire Council has issued a public notice on Facebook inviting views on proposals to replace the shelter in the Rose Gardens at Victory Park. Following comments received online, feedback from local residents and an estimate from a master stonemason for restoring the shelter, a draft response has been prepared on behalf of the Community Council. The draft response was circulated to all members and the members unanimously agreed that the response should be submitted to SAC.

Rhona asked whether individuals employed by South Ayrshire Council are eligible to vote within the Community Council. Councillor Lamont advised that a "threshold test" may need to be applied on a case-by-case basis, particularly where there may be a direct benefit. Ailie confirmed that she will investigate this further.

Upcoming meetings with South Ayrshire Council and the Girvan's Story Project are scheduled for 12 May. Reports from these meetings will be circulated to all members afterwards.

Treasurers' Report

[Treasurer Report.pdf](#)

Sent to all members.

Planning applications

[Planning - Applied.pdf](#)

Sent to all members.

Licensing applications

[Licensing Report.pdf](#)

Sent to all members. No issues.

Correspondence

[Correspondence - Secretary Report.pdf](#)

An email was received from a resident enquiring about allotments in Girvan. It was suggested that they contact elected members for further information. It was noted that local authorities have a statutory obligation to provide allotments.

All other correspondence noted.

Update from Local Councillors

Cllr Lamont

The Harbour seating platform is currently on schedule to reopen in July, following the identification of further structural issues. Community Councillors noted that this timeline appears ambitious. David G asked whether the seating would be refurbished. Councillor Lamont advised that he was unsure at this stage.

The site of the old cinema is expected to be completed by the end of May.

It was reported that there are plans to pursue a compulsory purchase order for land to expand the Byne Hill Cemetery, specifically the area across the road from the existing cemetery.

New bike racks have been installed at the rear of the library. In connection with this, a new back door has also been installed at the library.

A.O.C.B.

Cath advised that GoGirvan are looking to develop a new place plan, this needs to be a plan from the community but it requires a lead organisation. She asked whether the Community Council would be willing to support GoGirvan to take on the role of lead organisation. It was noted that Audrey Gatt of South Ayrshire Council has also offered to do the same thing.

Cath added that, at a recent event, it was discussed that place plans are most effective when led by the community, because local authorities often assume ownership. She also noted that place plans and action plans are now commonly combined. The Community Council was asked whether it would support GoGirvan leading this work on behalf of the community.

[Cath and Councillor Lamont left the meeting at 20:37]

A discussion followed regarding place and action plans, including the proposal from Audrey Gatt. Members noted the large number of plans and consultations undertaken over the past 15 years. There was a general consensus that increased community engagement from the council is needed and that plans should be community-led.

It was agreed that members would consider the proposal further and seek clarification from Audrey Gatt regarding her offer before making a final decision on this.

[Cath and Councillor Lamont rejoined the meeting at 20:44]

It was noted that a large number of needles are still being found on the beach. David G advised that Community Safety is looking into this.

Nursery Court

A discussion took place regarding feedback from the Nursery Court report. It was noted that the current use of the Town House includes foot care services (one day per week), Stepping Stones, and the Tourist Information Point. It was noted that staffing cannot be guaranteed at Nursery Court.

Cath advised that a community asset transfer to GoGirvan for the Town House is under consideration, but that this was a long-term project. Pete added that there is no reason why Connect and the food pantry could not use the Town House, with arrangements to be negotiated. He added that the Town House should be utilised in the interim.

Karen raised concerns that the Connect Hub cannot operate in a space used by vulnerable adults due to potential safeguarding issues.

It was noted that two members of staff are required to run these services, however connect are planning to run with 1 member of staff, using the fact that Nursery Court is a 'manned building' to overcome lone person working issues

Members discussed alternative buildings within the town that could potentially be used. It was noted that Connect and the food pantry are separate entities.

Concerns were raised that decisions appear to have already been taken by South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, with a lack of joined-up thinking, and lack of provision to support care currently provided, leading to perceptions of ulterior motives.

Further concerns included the accessibility of the proposed location for users of the food pantry, with suggestions that it may be one of the least suitable locations and the potential duplication of services between Connect and other provisions

It was agreed that these matters would be taken to the Locality Planning Partnership meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 13th at 6:30 pm in the McAdam Room at the Carrick Opportunities Centre.

John proposed that Girvan Community Council oppose the use of Nursery Court for these purposes. This was agreed unanimously by the community council.

It was noted that the food pantry remains closed during this period.

David G thanked Rhona for her work in bringing these issues forward.

It was confirmed that a Freedom of Information request has been submitted with regard to this issue.

Girvan Primary Construction

Stephen raised a question regarding parking on Park Road once the new school is completed, as well as asking who owns the walls surrounding the building.

It was noted that the organisation and management of the school construction project has been very good so far.

[Meeting ended at 20:50]

Next meeting - Tuesday, the 2nd of June 2026 at 18:30

Action Point from June 2025 Meeting	Responsible
To submit a motion for SAC to change their dog policy at full council	Cllr Alan Lamont

Action Point from March 2026 Meeting	Responsible
Ask the service lead about the access path through the boundary fence	Cllr Alec Clark
Highlight the issues of pupils crossing at Wesley Road	Cllr Alec Clark
Find out the location of the nursey	Cllr Alec Clark
Ask service lead to remove shelter and tree from golf course	Cllr Alec Clark

Action Point from April 2026 Meeting	Responsible
To follow up on height restriction barrier	Cllr Alec Clark

Action Point from May 2026 Meeting	Responsible
Community Councillor conflict of interest question	Ainsley McCrindle