

Proposed: Steve O'Brien
Seconded: Gordon G Ferrie

CROSSHILL, STRAITON & KIRKMICHAEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting held in Crosshill Community Centre on 18th February 2025

- 1. In Attendance:** Pat Lorimer (chair), Emily Pike (vice chair), John Haston (secretary), Gordon Ferrie (treasurer), Steve O'Brien, Margo O'Brien, Steven Dunlop, Ryan Douglas (SAC Link Officer), Councillor Brian Connolly

Pat Lorimer chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

- 2. Apologies:** David Stokes, Marnie Watson, Martin Dunlop, the police.

- 3. Register of Interests:**

No changes to the register of interests declared.

- 4. Police matters:**

The police were not present, and a report had been received. This contained 39 reported incidents, including 24 incidents related to planned shoots, and two road traffic crashes (minor, no injuries). Officers carried out road safety action plan, resulting in two motorists issued with conditional offers for speeding in Crosshill.

- 5. Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on 14th January were accepted, proposed by Margo O'Brien and seconded by Emily Pike. Minutes of the extra meeting on 28th January were also accepted, proposed by Steve O'Brien and seconded by Gordon Ferrie.

- 6. Matters arising from the minutes:**

The Galloway National Park consultation closed on 14th February, but it was agreed to send the reporter the results of our survey. This showed 4 in favour, 2 against, 2 don't know, and 2 abstentions.

The killer crossroads has had a new stop sign installed, from the Maybole direction, and two give way signs removed. The vehicle activation sign is not switched on yet. The crossroads sign from the South has been blown down. An audit of signs, finger-posts and milestones is wanted to get an estimate for repainting.

- 7. Village concerns**

Straiton: "New Road Layout" sign has been removed from Kirkmichael Road but another is still to be removed from the B741 Straiton to Dailly Road. There is storm damage to the fence at the play-park. Flood prevention work has started at the bridge. A broken drainage pipe is being replaced with a larger diameter pipe. Application for Ward Funding for a pétanque pitch has been turned down by SAC. Brian Connolly will follow this up with SAC. A car has been parked at the top of Dalmellington Road at the junction with Main Street. This is causing an obstruction at the junction, and could lead to an accident. A timetable is wanted for the refuse skip. Pat Lorimer will check with Paul Dougall of SAC.

[Post meeting note: Brian attended a Ward Capital meeting on 20th Feb. and the pétanque project is back on.]

Crosshill: Margo asked if SAC could help with the picnic tables at the play park. These are sinking into the soft ground and a firm foundation is needed. The fence at the front of the play park has been mended, but the fence between the play park and the church has not. The pavement at the new houses in Milton Street and Bruce Square is still in a terrible state, and is an accident waiting to happen. The surface is not finished, and the road surface is also unfinished. The car park is just mud. Pat to write to the developers (Viga Homes) expressing the CC's concern over the unfinished works. A meeting was held with Elaine Stewart MP about the path to the cemetery, which was very positive. Recent mud on the road by the cemetery was cleared quickly by the nearby farmer.

Kirkmichael: Dog fouling is becoming a problem again in Straiton Road. The playing field still needs drainage. The gala will be held on 24th May. The next film night is on Saturday 22nd February, featuring the Angel's Share. The bridge club is moving back to Crosshill.

8. Treasurer's report

Gordon Ferrie stated there was no change as there had been no activity in the last month.

9. North Carrick Community Benefit Co. (NCCBC)

The recent AGM was quite intense, with a quote from our recent minutes being challenged. Stuart Lindsay asked for specific instances where he had blocked an application from being submitted. Pat will draft a response to NCCBC. Steve O'Brien mentioned a couple of examples, including an application for a replacement boiler. The system of funding is different from Carrick Futures, who distribute wind farm funds in South Carrick. A board meeting following the AGM discussed revenue funding and the board is discussing this further. Pat discussed how Kirkmichael had used their CPF and further clarified this via a post meeting email. It was agreed that the inclusion of revenue within the CPF guidelines would be welcomed and a good addition for our communities. The board is also looking for ideas from the community council. The electric bikes, which are run by South Ayrshire Community Transport, may be sold.

10. Wind farms

No update received this month. The result of the public inquiry is expected in the summer.

11. Correspondence

All email correspondence to the secretary were forwarded to the rest of the council, so these are not repeated here. Subjects of note included:

- Scottish Forestry consultation on plans. These do not appear to impact our area.
- SAC review of the scheme for community councils. Steve O'Brien has agreed to be part of this review.
- R100 broadband evaluation
- SA CAG (South Ayrshire Community Action Group) meeting

12. Planning applications

Steve O'Brien advised there were two new planning applications in our area:

- **25/00023** Dalhowan Farm, Crosshill. Construction of new house on vacant land
- **25/00029** Aitkenhead Mill, Kirkmichael. To comply with conditions to previous approval

No objection was made to the above. Two decisions had been made, both approved:

- **24/00784** Threave Fram, Crosshill. Demolish outbuilding and build new dwelling house
- **24/00739** Dalcur Farm, Crosshill. Convert farm building to dwelling house

13. Social media

Margo O'Brien reported Facebook now has 149 followers, with 548 views and 32 interactions. X still has 23 followers.

14. Any other competent business

- Margo asked if the villages could get any surplus flowers from Ayr, which always seems to have an abundance of flowers. Brian Connolly advised to contact Fiona Ross. He said we could also get compost from recycling centres.

15. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 25th March 2025, at 7:30 pm in the McCosh Hall, Kirkmichael.
The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.