

**Dunure & Fisherton Community Council Annual General Meeting
20th May 2025, Kennedy Hall**

Present

Angus Craig	Acting Chair
Calum McCutcheon	Vice-Chair
Tracy Craig	Secretary
Irene Collier	Treasurer
Patrick Hill	Member
Di Ballenger	Member
Derek Chapman	Member
Elija Maus	Member
Milissa McCulloch	SAC
Jodie McFarlane	SAC
Janet Peacock	Member of the public
Dave Peacock	Member of the public
Kelsie Scott	Member of the public
Angie Scott	Member of the public
Claire Devlin	Member of the public
Clair Gebbie	Member of the public
Liz Gibson	Member of the public
Moyra Gibson	Member of the public
Lynda McVittie	Member of the public
Alison Stewart	Member of the public
Neil Sinclair	Member of the public
Hobson Rankin	Member of the public
Margaret Masterman	Member of the public
Tom Masterman	Member of the public
Catherine McKinlay	Member of the public
William McKinlay	Member of the public
Linda Congalton	Member of the public
Daisy Seymour	Member of the public

Apologies – Provost Iain Campbell

Adoption of previous minutes

Proposed – Greg Paterson, Seconded – Calum McCutcheon

AGM Chairperson's Report Dunure Community Council 2024-2025

This year's Community Council has faced significant challenges and has operated in a manner that all members, new, old, past and present should be proud of; thank you all.

Thank you also to our local councillor, Provost Iain Campbell, who has attended most of the meetings and to Milissa McCulloch (SAC), who has advised and assisted us on more than one occasion.

I am writing this in the position of "acting" chair and so would like to thank Gregg for his very able chairmanship last year and his continued support this year.

We said goodbye to our treasurer Alison Hood, who for many years kept our funds in order and welcomed Irene Collier who has done a great job this year. Another notable goodbye was to Janey McCreath, who for many years has been our link to all things relating to the Hall, the Park and Dynamic Dunure. Janey has been an invaluable contributor to village life over the years, and we thank her for all the time and effort she has given selflessly.

Attendance at meetings has been greater than ever before, demonstrating that we are gathering and articulating the views of the community we represent. Thank you to all the members of our community who come to meetings and raise points that need discussion. We are aware that there are members of our community who do not subscribe to social media and are on occasion left out of our news; this is an area we will try and improve on and would welcome suggestions on how we could best achieve this.

We are delighted to have been joined by Derek Chapman and Di Ballinger who have become full members and have already started making meaningful contributions and we also welcome Elijia Maus as a special co-optee.

Every year the same issues are raised and dealt with. These are hedges, leaves, dog fouling, vehicle speeds and potholes. We have a long history of projects/problems that are ongoing, and some seem stuck within the walls of County Buildings, the Anchorage Carpark being the most notable.

For those of you with an eagle eye, you will have noticed that we have changed the organization's name to Dunure & Fisherton Community Council.

A regular item on our agenda is Ayrshire Roads Alliance. Be it traffic calming, Craig Tara or the general state of repair of our roads. On some items they seem to move quickly on others very slowly. Re surfacing of the southern road out of the village is meant to be in the budget this year. Many thanks to all the people

who have contacted ARA, Craig Tara and Police Scotland to report issues. I think this community pressure has had results.

Patrick Hill and Eija Maus are progressing a village leaflet, which will allow those not dependant on a smart phone to access a range of information about the village, from history to heritage to hostelryes.

The year has been full of notable events that have been brilliantly organised and well attended. The Christmas Fayre, with turning the lights on around the harbour and the children singing carols on the stage set us all up for really festive season. A huge thank you to Daisy Seymour and her team of helpers, Remembrance Sunday was a very moving affair with Provost Campbell arranging for a unit of the Canadian Airforce accompanied by the Commander of the Royal Canadian Airforce, Lieutenant General Eric Kenny to visit the 14 war graves of fallen Canadians. Poppies were placed by the active Airforce members and a short bio given on who they were, where they were from and how they fell. Three children from Fisherton were brought along to experience this emotional moment.

The Harbour Committee saved the VE day, 80th anniversary celebrations by hosting the beacon, so a big thank you to them and the band of helpers who turned it into a special evening at very short notice.

Finally, the Coastal Rowing Regatta was attended by more than 50 rowers from neighbouring Ayrshire Villages competing for our much-coveted trophy. The compliments have been pouring in from the teams as to how well the event was run, in great spirit and as we already know a stunning location. Thanks to all the helpers, rowers, bakers, bbq experts, especially to Barry McCrindle for the splendid trophy and Robin Gibson for the delicious fish.

I was asked to join this committee by a giant of this village, Andy Guthrie. That will give you an idea of how long I've been at it. As I reflect back on my time on this committee, I note that we are a few very good men down. If it was not for their guidance and input over the years, we would never have got to the rare position as to have to run elections to join the Community Council.

I will be stepping down from the Council this evening in the knowledge that the group around me have clarity, on the various issues facing the village, an understanding of its heritage, have an open ear, and have the vision and ability to push towards open progress for the benefit of the village as a whole. One last thank you is to my wife Tracy, who has for far too many year's had to put up with moaning, "remind me - why on earth am I doing this?"

Angus Craig
Acting Chair
Dunure & Fisherton Community Council

Approval of the Chairpersons report Greg Paterson

Irene Collier submitted the 2024/25 accounts for approval

Election of Office Bearers

Milissa McCulloch was in attendance for the

Current office bearers step down.

New Officers

Chair – Patrick Hill

Proposed Angus Craig, Seconded Tracy Craig

Vice Chair - Calum McCutcheon

Proposed Tracy Craig, Seconded Derek Chapman

Secretary – Tracy Craig

Proposed Angus Craig, Seconded Greg Paterson

Treasurer – Irene Collier

Proposed Calum McCutcheon, Seconded Patrick Hill

Licensing - Tracy Craig

Planning - Tracy Craig

Jodie McFarlane signed the constitution on behalf of SAC. She asked those in attendance if they were happy with the proceedings. There were no objections.

The secretary confirmed that the Dunure & Fisherton Community Council would adopt the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils.

The Chair confirmed that the Constitution has been signed by himself and two other members of the Community Council.

Tracy Craig and Greg Paterson both declared they are Trustees of Dynamic Dunure.

Appointment of Jane Kruze as independent examiner for the accounts.

Elija Maus has been appointed as a Special co-optee to the Community Council.

Inventory and Additional resources – Nothing to declare

Winter resilient kit is in the park store.

Date of the next AGM 19th May 2026