

Monkton Community Council Meeting

Thursday 15th January 2026

7pm – Carvick Webster Hall

Attendance

Harry Middleditch	Monkton Community Council
Nancy Dobbie	Monkton Community Council
Allan Manson	Monkton Community Council
Ewan Orr	Monkton Community Council
Mary Greenan	Monkton Community Council
Kimberley Andrew	Monkton Community Council
Andrew Johnston	Monkton Community Council
Caroline Daly	Monkton Community Council
Clr Julie Dettbarn	Elected Member
Gillian Anderson	SAC Link Officer

Apologies

Susan Pike	Monkton Community Council
David Jack	Monkton Community Council

Record of Meeting – Notes	Actions / Comments
<p><u>Chair –Welcome</u></p> <p>Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Carvick Webster Hall. House rules covered fire alarms, emergency exits, toilets etc. Please switch off or have mobile phones on silent. Any points from the public please put through the Chair.</p> <p><u>Declaration of Interest</u></p> <p>No declaration of interest</p> <p><u>Matters arising from previous CC Minutes20/11/2025</u></p> <p>Carry forward – action MCC to have separate discussion on data from traffic survey results (understand the data) remains outstanding.</p> <p>Allan Manson, Ewan Orr , Harry Middleditch have discussed data pre the MCC meeting will be discussed under Traffic Calming –ARA on agenda.</p> <p><u>Outstanding Actions – Councillor Dettbarn no responses to date have emailed several times</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clr Dettbarn – local diversions, cars going through village, lack of notice etc• Clr Dettbarn- black strips across roads was waiting on meeting with ARA to follow up• Clr Dettbarn was to ask about re-deployable CCTV cameras to be installed	<p>MCC to have a discussion on 22nd January 2026 with ARA, Jane Corrie on data from survey results, (understand the data).</p> <p>All ARA related actions to be discussed at ARA Meeting on 22nd January 2026.</p> <p>As Above</p> <p>As Above. Clr Dettbarn said SAC have 10 of 12.</p>

Minutes from MCC meeting proposed by Nancy Dobbie and seconded by Mary Greenan.

Secretary Correspondence

MCC- Toposcope Erection

- Persimmon Secretary sent follow up email to Scott and Rory asking if any updates etc.

Response received from Scott and Rory now left. Scott said would raise this with their land team straight away to check for progress and report back to you as soon as possible. This was on and nothing back to date.

SAC Scheme of establishment

- South Ayrshire Council is continuing to carry out a review of the current Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils (the Scheme), and Guidance for Community Councils, in line with procedures outlined within the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- Following two earlier rounds of consultation, responses and feedback have been reviewed and collated. We are now entering the final phase of the consultation and are seeking any remaining feedback on the proposed changes to the scheme.
- We have included an updated draft and previous draft showing further recommended changes based on the previous consultation feedback.
- We're looking to hear from residents; Community Councils; Community groups and organisations; or anyone who may be impacted directly or indirectly by any proposed changes.
- There are no specific questions as part of the consultation, we are just asking for general feedback. It would be appreciated if you are commenting on a particular section or part that you, please note the number in your response.
- You can complete online at [Your Area Your Voice Your Choice](#) or hard copies of the document for reference and feedback forms are also available at:
 - Alloway Library, Doonholm Road, Alloway, KA7 4QQ
 - Ballantrae Library, The Hall, Ballantrae, KA26 0NB
 - Carnegie Library, 12 Main Street, Ayr KA8 8EB
 - Forehill Library, 31-33 Mount Oliphant Crescent, Ayr KA7 3EN
 - Girvan Library, 17-19 Knockcushan Street, Girvan, KA26 9AJ
 - John Rodie Library, 39 Annbank Road, Mossblown, KA6 5DZ
 - Maybole Library, Carnegie Building, 1 High Street, Maybole, KA19 7AB
 - Prestwick Library, 14 Kyle Street, Prestwick, KA9 1PQ

This information has been sent to all CC members.

- Symington Library, 15 Brewlands Road, Symington, KA1 5QZ
- Troon Library, South Beach, Troon KA10 6EF
- Mobile Library

CPR /Defibrillator Training Monkton

- Secretary contacted SFRS and has now heard back from Robbie Hillhouse from Ayr station.

Information from David Houfe Symington CC sent to all MCC members for perusal. David will give update at meeting on 15/01/2026

- David gave an in-depth presentation of the Riverwoods Project as per below.
- I am contacting Monkton Community Council because the Pow Burn runs through your area.

In April 2024 at our Community Hall, Symington Community Council screened the feature-length documentary; Riverwoods, filmed and produced by rewilding charity SCOTLAND: The Big Picture and narrated by Peter Capaldi, *“which tells the story of an inextricable relationship between fish and forest”*.

[Riverwoods: The Film | Riverwoods](#)

“Riverwoods is a rallying call for restoring native woodland to Scotland’s river catchments and all the life they support.”

Subsequent to this screening, Symington and Prestwick Community Councils have been collaborating to ascertain the feasibility of introducing riparian woodland along the upper catchment of our local watercourse; the Pow Burn, with the aim of improving biodiversity and building resilience for a warming climate; e.g. help mitigate flooding. [Click here](#) to view our Initial Plan.

To this end, we have engaged with the Farm Advisory Service (SAC Consulting) and Ayrshire Rivers Trust. This partnership was recently awarded a Riverwoods Development Grant from the Scottish Wildlife Trust, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which allows us to engage with landowners (predominantly farmers) and determine their willingness to plant trees, to perform surveys of the watercourse and to engage with the local community.

[Riverwoods Development Grant | Riverwoods](#)

Robbie has said he would love to assist you on this in my role as Community firefighter. Please get in contact so we can arrange something for the near future.

We can work within office hours 9-5pm Mon to Fri, or an evening if that suits??

What dates would we like to advertise for and secretary will get back to Robbie.

All MCC were sent via email for their information.

If anyone is interested in any or all of the above, I look forward to hearing from you.

David Houfe
Symington Community Council Vice-chair & Secretary
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Our first community event takes place on the evening of Thursday 29 January 2026, when we will be screening the Riverwoods documentary again, this time at Prestwick's Community Café. This event will include a presentation of our Pow Burn Riverwoods project and a Q&A session with experts from the Farm Advisory Service (SAC Consulting), Ayrshire Rivers Trust, Eadha Enterprises (www.eadha.co.uk) and the Scottish Wildlife Trust's Riverwoods project.

During the summer we are keen to further this community engagement by having a stall at our various local galas.

We also hope to provide opportunities for volunteering; for example we would like to create a riverfly monitoring group - [The Riverfly Partnership](#) - which could enhance the formal watercourse surveys and provide a means of monitoring water quality for the long term, as well as enabling a channel for community engagement.

With your vested interests in the Pow Burn by way of proximity and the potential benefits for people living and working in your area that our Pow Burn Riverwoods project could present, we would be delighted if Monkton Community Council could support our efforts. In the first instance, this might be by way of advertising our January Riverwoods screening (I am currently preparing digital and paper copy flyers and posters)

Treasurers Report –Allan Manson

January 2026

Opening Balance (18/11/25) £16,314.41
Closing Balance (13/01/26)£17,070.68
Difference £756.27

Expenditure -

Monthly bank service charge – see statement - £4.25
BAC – Harry – Winter bulbs for planters – see receipt 261125-1 - £149.00
BAC – Harry – Printer Paper – see receipt 201125-1 - £28.00
BAC – Harry –2026 Gala Request – Alpacas for Scotland – see receipt 041225-1 - £418.00
BAC – SAC –CV Hall Rental – Motown Night & Gala Support – see receipt 171225-1 - £231.00
Monthly bank service charge – see statement - £4.25
BAC – Harry – Hogmonay, gifts for piper – see receipt 030126-1a & 1b - £30.23

Total – £864.73

Income -

Donation – Alan Gemmell MP - £100.00
Motown Night – Net cash proceeds on day from ticket and raffle sales - £1,521.00

Total - £1,621.00

<p>Disposal of 2 old festival tents –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do MCC want to make one out of the 2? • We have 4 new ones 	<p>Allan Manson to follow up.</p>
<p><u>Planning Update – Ewan Orr</u></p> <p>As of last SAC Planning update on 18/11/2025, there are no new planning applications of any note to report for December 2025 or January 2026.</p> <p>Ewan reported that the Persimmon planning was approved in 2019 re surface water from development to the Pow Burn. As of January 2026 still no progression. Discussions also with ARA in partnership with Scottish Water re the pipeline going through Monkton in 2024. Cllr Ferrie said it was on hold (preferred option), and extension given from 2023 until 2025. SAC have been asked repeatedly for an update with no response.</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation Order – Caroline Daly/Ewen Orr MCC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tree in Manse Gardens was looked at by tree surgeon and condemned as it was rotten. It was reported to SAC planning and should have been replaced, which has not been done as the tree has been chopped down. • Caroline reported that application has been submitted to SAC for those TPO's earmarked. 	<p>Cllr Dettbarn to email SAC Chief Executive for response.</p> <p>Ewen Orr to chase up with SAC Planning.</p> <p>Caroline will update at next meeting.</p>
<p><u>Place Planning – Thriving Communities – Nancy Dobbie MCC</u></p> <p>SAHSCP – Moving Plan Forward and SAHSCP updates –</p>	<p>No further information to report. Next meeting February 2026.</p>
<p><u>Events Update – David Jack MCC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo Night – 07/02/26 • Comedy Night – 07/03/26 • Liam Murray, Gaiety very interested in using CV Hall <p><u>Gala – Andrew Johnson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting to take place in church hall on 21/01/26 	<p>Tickets £10/person</p> <p>Tickets £10/person</p> <p>Andrew Johnson to liaise with vendors.</p>
<p><u>Regular Reports</u></p> <p><u>Police Report -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This covers the period from 19/11/25 to 17/12/25 with details provided in relation to the local priorities highlighted in the 2023-26 Local Police Plan for South Ayrshire. 	<p>Police Report available on request.</p>

<p><u>Elected Members –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Dettbarnsaid SAC Budget is released on 01/03/26. <p><u>SAC Link Officer –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC Members for Future –As it is election year for MCC members, some are standing down, therefore, unless new members come on board, then no MCC. As per constitution we need 5 members for a quorum. Outgoing members will help with transition of new members for 6 months. • Planters –Need SAC assistance to move 3rd planter and get flowers – Harry asked Prestwick CC what happened with their planters, they don't do anything – SAC does it for them! • It was intimated that Monkton is now a town. 	<p>Allan Manson to discuss with Dougie Boyle, Brown Brothers for Village Flyer to be made and distributed throughout village.</p> <p>Cllr Dettbarn to ask if SAC can do Monkton as well. To report back at next meeting.</p>
<p>Closing thanks from the Chair and thank you for attending. Next meeting Thursday 19thFebruary 2026 at 7.00pm.</p>	