

Craigie Community Council

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Craigie Village Hall

Present: **Chair** **Gavin Morton**
 Treasure **Raymond Crerar**
 Minute Taker **Margaret Drummond**
 Diane Bowler
 Hannah Lloyd
 Karen Raeburn

Link Officer: **William McMahon**

Apologies: **Allister Todd**

Visitors: **7**

1. Chair Welcome

Gavin welcomed all those present.

2. Meeting held in open forum

3. Minutes of previous meeting on 12 November 2025

Approval of minutes proposed by Diane Bowler and seconded by Margaret Drummond

4. Police Report

Sgt Stewart Slaven from the Community Police reported the following crimes have been reported in the Craigie area during December.

14 Road Traffic offences

2 Crimes of violence

1 Crime of dishonesty

2 Crimes against society

It was noted that the numbers relate to individual crimes reported and not the number of criminal incidents. ie several crimes may be recorded from one incident

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported an opening balance on 13 Nov 2025 of £689.29. Added to this is a £100 donation from Alan Gemmell MP in support of our Christmas community event, Jingle & Mingle, held on 7 December 2025.

The Treasurer has also applied for a grant of £400 from Destination South Ayrshire to offset the cost of the Jingle & Mingle event but it hasn't come in yet. An additional £165 was raised by a raffle in aid of the Village Hall. After expenditure for the Jingle & Mingle and bank charges, the closing balance on 14 January 2026 is £244.00

6. Planning

No planning to report

7. Jingle & Mingle and Village Hall update

The Jingle & Mingle event held in the village hall on Sunday 7 December, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. As well as hospitality, everyone participated in a fun game of Bingo, and a raffle raised £165 for the Village Hall. This was our second Jingle & Mingle and could have been better supported by members of the community. On a positive note, six of our new residents to the area came along and it was great to meet them.

One of our new residents made the observation that there didn't appear to be many people from the village itself and asked if events in the hall need to be promoted more. He remarked on the good number of people who attended the laying of the wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday. There followed a discussion about how we can promote events in the community, especially when there are people new to the area. Participating in community life is an important part of integration with existing residents and leads to stronger communities. The following suggestions were put forward:

- Promote community events: Does everyone know about the Craigie Parish Community WhatsApp?
- More community events such as a Halloween Party.
- Hold joint events with the existing groups who use the hall eg the Folk Club.

- Hold another Scarecrow Trail in the summer. The Community Council agreed to have this event again and details will be posted on the Parish WhatsApp in due course.
- More promotion of the hall user groups and activities.

Jodie McFarlane, Senior Communities Officer with South Ayrshire Council, was able to assure us that we are not alone in finding this a problem. Other villages in the area are experiencing the same reluctance to participate in community life.

8. **Ditch and Signage**

There are plans in hand to dig out the ditch

The sign has been replaced

9. **Community Council Elections**

The Community Link Officer introduced Jodie McFarlane, Senior Communities Officer, who provided us with information regarding the procedures in place for the forthcoming Community Council Elections. This included the recruitment of new members, supply of posters, and proposed changes and refinements to the process as shown in the consultative document, the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils

10. **Correspondence**

The Chair received a Christmas card from our local MP Alan Gemmell

It was suggested that the Community Council should write to Hayes Garden Centre to express our best wishes and hope that they will soon be able to get their business re-established following their recent fire.

11. **AOCB**

The complaint raised at the previous meeting will not be reviewed as it was received outwith the 14 day timescale.

A second complaint has been received and the members of the Community Council held a closed meeting immediately following this meeting to discuss the matter.

Craigie residents are urged to report the deplorable state of the roads in our area and the failure of Ayrshire Roads Alliance to carry out much needed repairs. Councillor Dettbarn will arrange for a representative of Ayrshire Roads Alliance to attend a future meeting of the Community Council.

Rubbish dumping and fly tipping continue to be a huge problem. A member of the public asked Councillor Dettbarn if the council prosecute the people who are found to have carried out these offences and if so, why are they not being named and shamed. Councillor Dettbarn assured the council that offenders are prosecuted.

Councillor Dettbarn was also asked about the outcome of the Feasibility Study that was carried out by Audrey Gatt in the spring of 2025, concerning parking for the Village Hall. She reported that it is unlikely to proceed as the landowner was unwilling to sell the land. This came as a surprise to the landowner, who was present at the meeting and said that he has not been approached by the council asking about the purchase of any land.

A member of the public had asked the council to place a dog poo bin at the Exchange road junction but was told that as this is a 60mph road, the bin lorry would not be able to stop to empty it. Councillor Dettbarn reported that dog poo bins are no longer being placed anywhere and that dog poo should be disposed of by placing in a general waste bin.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11 March 2026