



Girvan and District Community Council Minutes  
Tuesday, the 07<sup>th</sup> of April 2026, 06.30 pm, Carrick  
Buildings, Girvan.



*(The meeting started at 18:36)*

**Present:** Rhona Walker (Chair), Jane Willis, Andrew Sinclair, Karen McCartney, Eilidh Ingram, David Girvan, Catherine Maguire, Pete Cheetham, Sconaid Clark, Sean McMillan.

**In Attendance:** John Young (Member of the public), Lucy O'Donnell (Girvan Youth Trust), Declan Griffin (Youth representative), David Bone (Secretariat).

**Apologies:** John McCreath, Cllr Lamont, Stephen Galloway and Karen McCartney.

**Declaration of Interests**

None.

**Guest Speaker**

None.

**Youth Participation**

Declan reported that South Ayrshire Council held the Saltire Youth Awards last Thursday. He noted that 68% of the nominees in attendance were from Girvan, representing GYT, Duff Street and Glendoune.

Lucy commented that this was a great achievement, as did the community council members. She added that they are currently in the midst of Easter activities, with a number of trips planned. She also reported that the first phase of the P7 to secondary school transition programme has now been completed and that a Girvan Youth Trust awards ceremony is scheduled to take place in June.

Lucy further noted that there were only two reports of youth disorder last month. However, some of the surrounding villages are now experiencing issues, and resources are being redirected to those areas. There was also a discussion regarding bus passes.

**Police Report**

It was noted that information has been circulated to Community Councillors. Rhona advised that any issues should be emailed to her and she will pass them on to the Police.

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Proposed for accuracy by Pete and seconded by Sconaid.

**Matters arising**

It was noted that the motion or written question regarding the dog policy has been delayed.

Cath reported that the water drains were marked a few weeks ago.

David G advised that beach cleaning work has now commenced.

Rhona stated that she has emailed Pauline Bradley regarding her views on the shelter. Cath raised concerns about the Rose Garden shelter, noting that it appears to be scheduled for demolition, and that only verbal reports have been provided to date.

### **Public Participation**

John Young commented that it is easy to suggest that structures should be demolished, but highlighted the Promenade at Troon as a good example of how developments can be made more aesthetically pleasing. He added that, given the national profile of Parkrun, the current shelter leaves a poor impression. He further noted that this is particularly important for visitors arriving by coach to the town.

A discussion took place regarding the "Girvan Story," including its links to the town's identity as a coach destination, the Town House and the wider South area. Cath suggested there may be an opportunity for a more coordinated approach to promotion. John added that South Ayrshire Council should be involved in this.

Cllr Clark advised that the shelter project has progressed to the design and tender stage, but was unable to provide a specific timeline. John emphasised that a clear date is needed to demonstrate progress.

John also stated that public toilets should be accessible and free. Cllr Clark responded that charging for toilets is in line with the majority of other local authorities.

Cath noted that most modern coaches have onboard toilet facilities and added that efforts are being made to introduce a chemical disposal point at the Harbour.

John reiterated that it is important for the public to have reassurance that improvements are in progress and that the area will be enhanced.

Rhona advised that both South Ayrshire Council (SAC) and Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) are involved and are collaborating at the design stage. She added that Girvan Community Council has requested to see the plans.

John Young raised concerns regarding the black bins located behind the fencing at the Harbour. He reported that it took over a week for the bins to be cleared and that the area was not properly tidied afterwards. He also noted that he did not receive a follow-up phone call regarding the issue and that another individual had also contacted South Ayrshire Council. Cllr Clark stated that if he is provided with the relevant department or contact name, he will follow this up.

### **Matters arising from any group meeting at the moment**

#### **GoGirvan**

It was reported that architects will be visiting the Town House shortly, as the project moves closer to completing the feasibility studies.

A Scottish parliamentary election hustings event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 15th at 7:15 pm in the school theatre.

Corren is in the process of arranging a meeting for the Girvan Story panel.

#### **Harbour Users Group**

It was noted that dredging is due to commence in June due to considerations around migratory fish. Discussions have taken place with Moray Council regarding the potential use of their dredger for the work. It was highlighted that there will be a cost associated with removing the dredged material, as it is contaminated. Cllr Clark advised that the source of the contamination will need to be traced, and SEPA were investigating this.

### **Chairpersons Report**

There was a discussion regarding the Food Pantry and Connect service moving to Nursery Court.

It was the general opinion that South Ayrshire Council had gone against a “bottom-up” approach. It was noted that the fridges were transported to Nursery Court today. Concerns were raised that there are existing preconceptions about Nursery Court, and that its non-central location could present challenges for those looking to access the food pantry.

It was noted that South Ayrshire Council may not fully appreciate the level of effort required to run a food pantry, and that both the workload and electricity costs may have been underestimated.

It was noted that there had been a lack of community consultation.

It was agreed that the Community Council is not against the Food Pantry or Connect service; however, there was a consensus that Nursery Court is not the appropriate venue for it.

Related to this, there is a proposal to introduce charges of £15 per day or £30 per week for day care services. It was noted that the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) needs to achieve savings of £2 million.

Rhona advised that another meeting has been scheduled for 22 April to discuss the situation with the food pantry and nursery court. She asked if there were any objections to her raising these issues discussed at the current meeting; none were raised.

#### **Treasurers’ Report**

Sent to all members.

#### **Planning applications**

Sent to all members.

#### **Licensing applications**

Sent to all members

#### **Correspondence**

All noted

#### **Update from Local Councillors**

Cllr Clark advised that he will follow up on the height restriction issue with Kevin Braidwood.

There is no update on the viewing platform at the Harbour, which is still expected to be completed by mid-June. Cllr Clark stated that he will seek an updated timeframe. Discussion over the condition of the platform and whether the June deadline is feasible.

The installation of a bike rack for the library has been delegated to Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA).

It was noted that seeds from a Ginkgo tree that survived the bombing of Hiroshima have been planted near the Garden of Remembrance in Girvan.

#### **A.O.C.B.**

It was noted that Carrick Futures is seeking new members. Cath asked whether applying for funding would create a conflict of interest. It was agreed that a conflict would only arise if an individual were part of the funding decision panel. Cath, Andrew and Pete expressed interest. Rhona agreed to send the application form to them.

It was noted that Girvan Primary held a movie night at the new theatre, organised by IRIS. It was reported that IRIS is willing to return to deliver further events. Cath added that they will be bringing a silent disco to the Tattie Festival.

Cllr Clark advised that remedial work will be carried out at Hadyard Hill, which will have an impact on local roads.

It was noted that Duff Street will return to serving full three-course meals on Mondays and Fridays, starting this Friday.

It was noted that the AGM will take place next month.

It was noted that Ken has retired from the Community Council. All those present thanked him for his dedication and work over the years.

*[Meeting ended at 20:08]*

Next meeting - Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 at 18:30