



Girvan and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday, the 03rd of March 2026, 06.30 pm, Carrick
Buildings, Girvan.



(The meeting started at 18:32)

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

In Attendance: Susanne Milne (Scottish Power Networks), Cllr Clark, Ainslie McCrindle (South Ayrshire Council), Amy Bissett and Lucy O'Donnell (Girvan Youth Trust), Declan Griffin (Youth representative), David Bone (Secretariat).

Apologies: John McCreath and Stephen Galloway.

Declaration of Interests

None.

Guest Speaker - Susanne Milne from Scottish Power Energy Networks to discuss new funding

Susanne said she was present to answer any questions about the fund and noted that Girvan is one of the most active communities when it comes to submitting applications.

Amy said that GYT is looking for funding to refurbish their toilets and help with salary costs. Susanne outlined the different funding streams: Grassroots Fund, Local Fund Grant, and the Strategic Grant. She noted that £530,000 has been allocated to Girvan, which will be split into two funding rounds. In this case, the project would likely fit within the Local Fund grants.

Amy said that the first deadline is the 13th of March, with the 8th of May for the second round. She outlined the review timeline, noting that there will likely be a few months between the closure of the funding round and decisions being made. She added that expressions of interest (EoI) are expected to be reviewed within around a week, although it could possibly take longer.

Cath asked whether the funding would be multi-year. Amy replied that the Grassroots Fund covers six months, while Local Fund grants depend on the project timeline. Cath asked about continuous projects, and Amy said these would be considered on a case-by-case basis, with applicants needing to clearly detail what the funding is for.

Cllr Clark asked what would happen if the fund was oversubscribed. Susanne said that applications may be declined, but where possible, they may be moved to later rounds.

David G said he had heard that the application process was quite onerous. Susanne said she would feed this back, although it would not be changed before this round.

Susanne noted that there have already been a large number of expressions of interest submitted.

David G asked whether a panel had been chosen. Susanne said that no local people are on the panel, despite her raising this previously. Cllr Clark expressed concerns about this and asked whether applicants would be

able to speak to the judges. Susanne replied that fund managers would be speaking with applicants themselves.

Cath noted that the EoI document sets out priorities, but said that the themes listed in the expression of interest appear somewhat random. Susanne said she would try to circulate further information by Friday and added that applicants should not place too much weight on the themes at this stage.

David G suggested that the Foundation Scotland and Carrick Futures funding models could potentially be used as examples of good practice for the Scottish Power Fund.

Susanne said that Scottish Power does not want to act as a barrier and wants to ensure that the funds are spent effectively, adding that they are there to help applicants through the process.

Cath asked when the Strategic Fund would open. Susanne said that this is for applications over £500,000, but it is not currently open as there is not enough money available. She added that the fund will be open to all areas once available.

Rhona asked whether any damage and potholes in the area, which could be caused by the heavy traffic for the works, would be repaired. Susanne said that the project team would deal with this.

Susanne encouraged all interested parties to get in touch with her.

[Susanne left at 19:08]

[Amy Bisset left at 19:08]

Youth Participation

Declan said that a full Youth Council meeting took place. Puddin, TQZ and the train station Kiosk were each awarded £1,000, and this will enable these businesses to provide 10% discounts to young people as part of the initiative.

Ainslie reported that there were no community safety issues this month, which demonstrates the importance of early intervention. She added that they are currently in the middle of village transition work.

Ainslie also reported that the MCMC (More Choices, More Chances) programme has provided funding to support 40 young people in completing their provisional licence and theory driving tests.

Lucy, reported that the Campus Cop has been taken around the villages as part of community engagement.

Preparations are already underway for Easter and summer activities. Recruitment for the Boating Lake is currently in progress, and it is scheduled to open on Friday, the 3rd of April and operate until the September weekend.

Police Report

[Police Report.pdf](#)

Sent out to all members after the meeting.

Minutes of the February 2026 Meeting

Proposed for accuracy by Cath and seconded by Sconaid.

Matters arising

The boundary fence at Assel Park was repaired, but has since been vandalised again. Ken reported that three planks have been kicked out, as people are using the area as a shortcut out of habit. Cllr Clark noted that it is not a legal right-of-way.

It was noted that the metal memorial tree at Knockcushan Gardens will be a hedge.

A response has been submitted to SEPA.

Issues with Scottish Water drains on Dalrymple Street have been raised with Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA). Cath noted that the situation appears to be getting worse.

The pupil crossing at Wesley Road was raised. Eilidh said that the crossing patroller is currently unable to cross the road at the former post office. It was discussed that it may be better for the crossing to be located on the school side of the road. Eilidh also asked whether insurance cover for the school crossing person could include all roads rather than only the two currently designated. Rhona said she will raise this at the meeting with ARA next week. Cllr Clark added that the locations are determined by ARA.

It was noted that there will be a joint group meeting this week.

Chairpersons Report

A meeting with Jane Corrie from ARA is scheduled for next week.

Images of the proposed shelter for the Rose Garden have been requested from Pauline Bradley. Concerns were raised about the sturdiness of the structure. Cllr Clark said that it would be hardened to deal with inclement weather.

It was noted that it would be good to have some seating within the shelter. Cllr Clark said that seats can sometimes attract vandalism. It was also noted that lighting would be needed.

Cath asked whether the current shelter could be salvaged. Cllr Clark said that the current shelters were beyond repair.

Reports from community Councillors

[LPP.pdf](#)

Treasurers' Report

[Treasurer Report.pdf](#)

Sent to all councillors. No issues.

Planning applications

[Planning - Applied.pdf](#)

[Planning - Decided.pdf](#)

Sent to all councillors. Nothing of note.

Licensing applications

None received.

Correspondence

[Correspondence - Secretary Report.pdf](#)

Sent out to all members.

Update from Local Councillors

Cllr Clark spoke about the recent SAC budget, noting that there was originally a £19 million funding gap. He added that all local authorities must present a balanced budget.

Work at Knockcushan Gardens is ongoing.

A contractor for the Harbour Stores has been appointed, and work is expected to be completed by mid-July.

The Harbour car park layout is being modified.

A feasibility study is being carried out regarding new public toilets.

The foundations at the new primary school have been poured.

Temporary CCTV is to be installed at the 3G pitch.

Flooding at the Rose Garden is being investigated, with drainage issues currently being examined.

Eilidh asked about the location of the nursery once the new school is built but before the new nursery is built. Cllr Clark said that he did not have information on this at this stage.

Andrew noted that a dredger was in the Harbour.

Jane asked about the name for the site of the former Bingo Hall. Cllr Clark said they were considering "Picture House Square." It was noted that this name was not included in the public consultation.

Pete asked about the 20mph speed limit on Dalrymple Street. It was noted that the limit should apply to the entire length of Dalrymple Street.

A.O.C.B.

Syringes found on the beach

Cllr Clark advised that the police were informed. The matter was dealt with by Environmental Health, and the syringes were disposed of at the hospital. There was some confusion regarding which authority dealt with the syringes found at Nobles. The possibility of this being linked to recent Police raids was discussed.

Incident involving a missing girl

An email received noted that a young girl managed to leave from Girvan Primary, which raised concerns that an adult could potentially gain entry. It was mentioned that fire doors are easier to exit than to enter. Cllr Clark stated that the Director of Education has confirmed that an investigation will take place. Members noted the strong turnout from the community, and the Community Council commended residents for their efforts.

Shelter and tree at the Golf Course

It was noted that the shelter and tree, which were taken down approximately a year ago, are still lying in place at the Golf Course and have yet to be removed.

Golf Course Road verges

Verges on Golf Course Road are being damaged by HGVs, and there is currently no safe space for pedestrians. Councillors noted that it may not be possible to prevent HGVs from using the road.

Harbour height barriers

Noted that signage for the height barriers at the harbour has still not been installed.

Henrietta Street crossing

The crossing timings on Henrietta Street are out of sync and delayed. It was noted that the crossing is frequently used by children.

[Eilidh left the meeting at 20:05]

HGV parking issues

Cath reported that more HGVs are parking on the pavements at the old cemetery before the flushes. It was noted that this issue is widespread across Girvan.

Girvan Story Lottery Award

David G congratulated Girvan's Story on their £2.5 million National Heritage Lottery award.

Beach cleaning

Sean asked whether the tractor that clears the beach during the summer could be used ahead of the Easter weekend. Cllr Clark said he would look into this.

Banking Hub / Bank of Scotland

Pete noted that the banking hub for the Bank of Scotland no longer accepts cheques. David G added that charities are now being charged for paying in cash and cheques as well

[Meeting ended at 20:15]

Next meeting - Tuesday, the 7th of April 2026 at 18:30

Action Point from June 2025 Meeting	Responsible
To submit a motion for SAC to change their dog policy at full council	Cllr Alan Lamont

Action Point from February 2026 Meeting	Responsible
Ask the service lead about the access path through the boundary fence	Cllr Alec Clark
Highlight the issues of pupils crossing at Wesley Road	Cllr Alec Clark
Raised the issue of Scottish Water drains on Dalrymple Street	Cllr Alec Clark
Feedback view on the two proposed shelters	Rhona Walker
Find out the location of the nurse	Cllr Alec Clark
Ask service lead to remove shelter and tree from golf course	Cllr Alec Clark
Ask for the beach to be cleaned for Easter holidays	Cllr Alec Clark