

Draft Glencairn Community Council Minute of meeting held in Glencairn Memorial Institute at 7:30 pm on Monday 7th September 2026

PRESENT: Matthew Cook (Vice Chair), Iain Steedman (Treasurer), Sam Godridge (Secretary), Scott McMillan, Gordon Donald, Sara Shackleton, Kevan Neill, Wendy Beautyman

APOLOGIES: Gill Dykes (Chair), Jan Burgess

Vice Chair, Matthew Cook chaired the meeting.

5 Members of the public present at start of meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 2026 Meeting: Proposed/Seconded IS/WB

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PUBLIC FORUM

Advised that Dunreggan road repairs had been extended to include another area in need of urgent repair.

Website – Defibrillator locator map not working. Bowling Club defibrillator registration awaiting guardian input. IS is already trying to get the locations of others correctly located on this external website.

Query regarding August Financial report availability, August version should be on website.

POLICE REPORT

July/Aug Police report – Moniaive 1 Road Traffic Offence and 1 Drug Related

TREASURERS REPORT

Date of report: 7th September, 2026.

Glencairn Community Council Windfarm Fund

Opening Balance: £67,977.92

Closing balance: £67,973.67

Glencairn Community Council General Fund

Opening Balance: £6,689.44

Closing balance: £6,805.19

Treasurers report will be made available on website in due course

New bank account signatories nearing conclusion.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Windfarm Updates

Extensive discussion on windfarms and the need for progressing activities:

How to best establish public opinion & reliable consultation data

Ensuring maximum income/benefit from Windfarms

Providing fact based info, data and maps

It was agreed to hold regular GCC working party meetings to map out a plan of actions and progress.

First meeting to be 21st September.

Cross Repairs – Not yet undertaken

Signpost Repairs - Kirkland – Signpost has been taken away to wayside depot in Dumfries for repairs. GCC has written to DGC again reminding them of insurer's detailed following on from residents correspondence to DGC.

Cross Signpost – CCES to DGC will be sent

Bench Repairs & Replacements – GDo proposed Hardwood slats for repairing existing metal framed benches. Plastic slats would be too thin and warp to easily and Larch or other softwood there are issues with longevity and splinters.

Grass verges – Write to CCES again as many of the B & C roads still not done, request timeline.

Kirkland Graveyards – Handrail fixed. Tap not yet fixed. GDo requested put on the Agenda for next meeting issue around graveyard capacity.

Playcare AGM – Playcare have suggested that people willing to potentially support Playcare may wish to attend the next ordinary meeting date TBC

Planters- GDo suggests 8 x 90 litre whisky barrel tubs, to price up for DGC funding application form if funding is still available.

Kirkland Road Safety Concerns– Response from D&G Council to Kirkland road safety concerns raised was not very helpful or productive. Proposed to respond to Council re-emphasising the concerns with further detail and specific questions.

Dunreggan Road Repairs – There was clearly not enough notice given or information provided by the Council or the Contractors including communication of arrangements in advance of the roadworks. GCC was formally advise of road works two working days before hand, although they had already raised numerous issues based on residents concerns. DGC did finally make contact and agree to move closure time from 8 to 9am and provided direct DGC contact details for residents to contact during the works, clearly this did not address all the concerns.

Scottish Water also appeared to have applied for a road closure at the bottom of the Brae however details, arrangements and comms are lacking again.

Timber Lorry route – Issues raised regarding Timber Lorries using Dunreggan instead of designated route along the back road (residents noting that often this is in the early hours of the morning). One of the reasons previously provided by Haulage Contractors is that parking at and around the junction of High St/Chapel St sometime prevents longer vehicles from turning. GCC seeks feedback from residents regarding the possibility of preventing parking at pinch points.

GDo suggested that DGC could also be requested to monitor traffic in Dunreggan.

Flooding - GDo advised that the Moniaive Flood study has not been issued to GCC. Resilience team has had meetings but it appears that there has been no action by either SEPA or DGC Environment and Infrastructure.

Bonfire Night/Fireworks – IS to contact DCC and find out about licencing and compliance and whether this can be put in place by Bonfire Night.

COMPLAINT

MC stated that complaints should not be discussed in detail during the meeting. SG advised that further correspondence had recently been received from the complainant. GCC members are aware of the correspondence received and responses issued to date. A volunteer CC member is still being sought to progress the matter.

It was noted that GCC has received no further communication from Dumfries and Galloway Council since GCC's last email to them requesting support (dated 27 July 2026), and that a follow-up with the Council would be sensible.

CORRESPONDENCE

Consultation – Moniaive Initiative suggested that there might be an opportunity to put out a Survey (in the next Gazette) to quantify or Consult on, for example, Dalmacallan Wind Farm. To be discussed at next meeting (Note the welcomed return of the Glencairn Gazette.)

Clock Tower Handrail - MC to speak to Moniaive Initiative regarding potential funding routes for Clock tower handrail repairs,

Storage of Resilience Equipment – Resilience team had requested input from GCC on where to store two pumps and other equipment. Suggestions being The George, the Bowling Club, the Institute. No particular preference although it was thought sensible to have one at each end of Dunreggan. One issue was raised in terms of fuel and storage limitations for quantities required especially if as happened previously the fuel pumps at the garage were also affected.

AOCB

Related to storage – there was a query regarding the Garages in Ayr Street and who owns the land and or operates the leases.

Windfarm Funding Allocation –Dates:

14th September – Application Submission Deadline

5th October – Pre allocation Meeting

12th October - Allocation Meeting time TBC

Next meeting – GMI Monday 5th October 2026 @ 19:30hrs

Minutes taken by S. Godridge