

KILMAURS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE MASONIC LOUNGE ON

7TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 7PM.

PRESENT: John Bolton Iain Bower Rose-Ann Cuninghame Gerry Duffy
Helen Haggarty Mark McLaughlin Janette Stevenson.
Cllr. Freel Cllr. Canning.
Arlene Hodgart EAL – Place Co-Ordinator.

CO-OPTED MEM: Irene McSevney

ASSOC. MEMBER: Ian Ness Liz Ness.

VISITOR: Stuart Findlay Chairman of British Legion, Kilmarnock Branch.

MEM. of PUBLIC: Phil Moon Carol Richardson.

APOLOGIES: Alan Cameron Ann Cameron Margaret McCorrison
Wendy Robertson Roan Rutherford Colin Wilks.
Cllr. McFadzean Cllr. McGhee.

In the Chairman's absence, Vice-Chair John Bolton chaired the meeting. He thanked everyone for coming and opened the meeting.

JB introduced Stuart Findlay from the British Legion, Kilmarnock Branch.

He was here to address the KCC to record their work on upgrading Kilmaurs War Memorial for which they have been given an award for.

- Nick Kelly had helped to paint the railings and had scrubbed the memorial so that all the names were visible.
- Bob Newlands had cleaned the banking, with the residents of 'The Place' providing water.

Stuart had said they had received the award for the best kept war memorial. Three areas were in the running for an award:

Kilmaurs, Hurlford and Crookedholm.

Kilmaurs had received a highly recommended 2nd place.

Stuart Findlay then made a presentation to Kilmaurs Community Council

Saying:

**“For those who died off mortal world
Their names will not be forgotten”.**

John Bolton accepted the award from Stuart Findlay.

Thanks and congratulations was given for work done.

**Two photographs were taken, of John Bolton and Stuart Findlay,
with the second photograph for the British Royal Legion.**

POLICE REPORT:

There was no report or police in attendance.

AH will chase it up.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

AMENDMENTS NEEDED:

- Typing error on date
- Comment from RR
- Comment from Mr. Moon

With these amendments, the minutes will be re-circulated.

The minutes were approved.

Proposed by: Irene McSevney. Seconded by: John Bolton.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Clark Gardens** – needs a tidy up.
- **Raised was Gin Distillery** but that will be discussed under planning report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Status of Kilmaurs Community Council Bank Accounts for Meeting on 7th October 2025.

Treasurer's Account:

Current Balance **£405.88**

Notes on Treasurer's Account:

£30 paid to Kilmaurs Masonic Club for meeting in September 2025.

Documentation for 2024/2025 submitted to Galbraith & Pritchard for the preparation of Kilmaurs Community Council Accounts.

EAC requested additional documentation providing members' details following our four yearly election on 5th August 2025, this documentation has been submitted.

Upon approval, these accounts should trigger payment of operating costs for 2025/2026.

REGENERATION ACCOUNT:

Current Balance **£4937.20**

Monies held in the Regeneration Account relating to specific projects:

Christmas Lights **£ 485.16**

Christmas Lights Replacement **£1682.40**

Shop Local **£ 93.00**

Penny Bridge Repair **£ 0.00**

Selected Local Projects **£2674.64**

Total **£4937.20**

Notes on Regeneration Account:

Penny Bridge:

£367.60 remaining for the Penny Bridge repair has been transferred to the Selected Local Projects Fund.

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- **IN has applied for Re-energiser to EAC for a grant of £500 for the Christmas Lights.**
 - **28/11/25 Fuses due to be put in , removing in the beginning of January 2026.**
 - **G39 Key Certificate App, Electrician**
 - **PS. Lighting Department, Scottish Power.**
 - **We need to find a way of fundraising for this in the future.**
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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

There was no report.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

CLLR. MCGHEE:

- No update from SEPA.
 - An interesting item raised at Cabinet:
Kilmaurs, Crookedholm, New Cumnock and Mauchline could be a pilot scheme for the introduction of 20mph throughout the villages.
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- **RETAILERS AGAINST CRIME OCTOBER 2025 ON 14/10/25 at various venues:**
 - 10am – 11am: County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.
 - 12.30 pm – 1.30pm Ayrshire College, Hill Street, Kilmarnock.
 - 2.30pm – 3.30pm Town Hall, Saltcoats

- Invites you to attend these events. Upcoming Intelligence Briefings aimed at supporting our ongoing efforts in retail crime. Police Scotland will be attending.
 - Profile active suspects.
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COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS CONT'D:

CLLR. MCGHEE:

- Current crime trends.
 - Real CCTV footage.
 - Criminal methods.
 - Shoplifting tools & props display
 - Sentry SIS
 - Crime Intelligence Sharing Platform.
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CLLR. CANNING:

- Visitor Levy is not being implemented and will be looked at again in 2027.
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AGENDA ITEM:

CLLR. CANNING:

Heritage Boards:

Permission has been given from the Brethen to attach a board to their fence.
EAC Planning Department
St. Maurs assisted
'The Jougs' RR has been dealing with.

Local Place Plan:

The Local Place Plan – it is important and it kick started two weeks ago.
Arlene Hodgart of EAL spoke at length about the importance of it and all communities are to have a say in it.

There has been a change in Legislation – LDP 3 >2026 finalised in 2028. All Community Councils to produce a place plan.

- The map shows community areas, listed as:
- **Green Space**
- **Roads**
- **Traffic**
- **Housing**

To enable every Community Council boundary to be supported by Vibrant Communities.

LDP 2 and Kilmaurs Community Action Plan has been lifted onto the map.

Once Kilmaurs Community Council have had a chance to decide upon what is important, then and only then it would be open to the wider community.

- **It will be online for a 4 week period from January of next year.**
- **It sets out how services is set in East Ayrshire in the future.**
- **Looking to a 3rd tier plan,
Lodge the 3rd tier plan
EAC have to look at it:**
- **What your community wants?**
- **The farming community?**

LDP 2 & 3 – future potential of this area.

Question was asked if the process is led by EAC?

- **EAC are pre-populating information templates.**
- **It is time constrained.**

The initial proposal is for community councils to look at the maps and discuss and add their ideas.

- **There will be a private extra-ordinary meeting for community councillors to attend and view the maps, to put forward their ideas on 21st October 2025 at 7pm.**
 - **There will be an open event for the village to attend, in November 2025, Date and time to be announced in various forms of media.**
 - **EAC have to go back to the Scottish Government. Giving clarity on the information if still relevant.**
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PLANNING REPORT:

Gin Distillery at Altonhill Farm, this was minuted last month but a query has been made. Basically, Altonhill Farm, falls within the boundary of Kilmaurs Community Council That's why it was in Kilmaurs Community Council minutes.

While the Community Council doesn't have any objections to it, as it's far enough away from us, there may be a pollution issue but maybe neighbours closer to Altonhill Farm may have some objections.

HH would like KKC Planning Group to submit the Planning page for the minutes. The actual page gives a lot more information than what I am receiving.

TRAFFIC PLAN:

KILMAURS ROAD SAFETY SURVEY 2017 - Included within Kilmaurs Action Plan.

Public Meeting was well attended.

Thanks was given to JB for collating responses from ARA's meeting and people's comments.

This will be discussed at a later date by KCC.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS:

Committee Comments:

- o Traffic Lights disputed.
- o Mini roundabouts work, give and take.
- o One way system
- o Traffic speeds
- o Pedestrians are the most important
- o The mini roundabouts need to be removed, in Kilmaurs they do not serve the purpose they were intended.
Vehicles are on them before they know they are there, exceedingly difficult for visitors to manage when not familiar with village.
Total nightmare for pedestrians, seeing the roundabouts not being used properly and they still have to cross the road.
Elderly, infirm & disabled, mothers with children and prams, don't stand a chance.
- o No consideration is in place for cyclists either at mini roundabouts.

Some of these comments were followed by an extremely heated discussion.

As not everyone agreed. Person unwilling to see things from someone else's perspective. And at the end of the day, these are peoples' opinions. Some may agree and others may differ.

ARA had taken everything on board that the village had said in our previous road survey comments.

They had sent out a report of the things they were going to do, they are not looking for any more ideas.

ARA has sent out two proposals for KCC to deliberate on before allowing the village to have their say.

JB said copies have been put in Kilmaurs Community Centre and on Kilmaurs Chat.

AH stated KCC represents the community and information from ARA is readily available.

In order to take this forward we should be choosing either:

Is it Road Map A or Road Map B?

A member of the public is assisting Kilmaurs Community Council regarding a QR code for getting information out to the community.

A.O.C.B.:

- ❖ A complaint has been received from a Mrs. Tannock, stating the bus shelter outside Morrisons has some panels missing.
- ❖ Poppy Wreath – cost is £45 plus postage.
- ❖ GD will lay poppy wreath. This was an unanimous decision by the committee.
- ❖ Youth in Morrisons stole items on 2/9/25 and 9/9/25.
- ❖ Clark gardens at Irvine Road tidy up on Sunday 19/10/25, this has since been delayed due to inclement weather.
- ❖ Member of public had commented her car has been hit twice while on Irvine Rd.
- ❖ Flooding at Midgie Lane with tree branches overgrown and greenery coming from Midgie Lane.

As there was no further business, JB closed the meeting.

**The next Kilmaurs Community Council available to the Public will be on 4/11/25 at 7pm
in Kilmaurs Masonic Lounge.**