

## STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the open to the public meeting held on April 13th 2026.

### ATTENDEES.

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| J Frew      | SCC Chair               |
| D Campbell  | SCC Secretary/Treasurer |
| R Wilson    | SCC Member              |
| D Devoy     | SCC Member              |
| N Clarke    | SCC Advisor             |
| J Sweeney   | Elected Member          |
| C Inglis    | Elected Member          |
| A Finlayson | NAC                     |
| K O'Neill   | NAC                     |

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed all attending.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from D McTiernan and D Young

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Acceptance was Proposed by D Devoy and Seconded by R Wilson

### MATTERS OUTSTANDING

There were no matters outstanding.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Ratification of N Clarke as the SCC Disability Advisor (non voting) was proposed by J Frew and seconded by D Devoy.

The Secretary reported that only routine correspondence had been received and passed on as required.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The following balances were reported:

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| Community A/C | £9211.91 |
| Business A/C  | £1375.14 |

### POLICE REPORT

An Official Police Report for March 2026 had been received and circulated to all on the SCC mailing list.

Comments on the report were asked for.

There were no comments.

## NAC PLANNING SERVICES

[NB.On](#) April 14th 2026 a response from Mr Allan Finlayson (Senior Manager Planning) to questions asked of him at our meeting on April 13th, was received. This response was circulated to all on our mailing list.

A Finlayson of NAC gave a report of the functions of a Planning Department in the carrying out of its duties.

The following points were noted:

His department has 15 employees, a Chief Planning Officer, 10 Planners and 4 Support Staff. (This is the smallest Planning Department pro rata of all the 32 Planning Authorities in Scotland).

The department is split into two teams, Development Management and Strategic Planning. There is no Planning Enforcement Manager.

The staff deal with a diverse range of planning applications including land use, new domestic and commercial applications, consultations and enforcements where required.

Retrospective Planning Decisions were discussed.

NAC Planning goes to great lengths to encourage applicants to engage with them in order for "disputes" to be resolved.

Better and faster engagements with the public and community groups is now in its remit.

A lengthy Q and A session ensued.

(NB. the Questions and Answers are detailed in the email sent to all on April 14th 2026)

The chair thanked Mr Finlayson for his input to the meeting.

## ARDEER PENINSULA. AN ORAL HISTORY.

SCC has been approached by SMEDDUM, a Scottish based, volunteer led community research organisation. (This request has been passed on to all on our mailing list.)

They ask for a letter of support ( on our headed notepaper). The Chair asked all voting members of SCC present if we should do this. The answer was yes.

SCC understands that two ELECTED MEMBERS, J McClung and J Sweeney have already sent letters of support.

A Finlayson of NAC Planning is interested in this project. His department can supply older maps of the Peninsula if so required.

K O'Neill of NAC is interested in this project. She can put SMEDDUM into contact with local groups that she works with.

A letter of support will be sent to SMEDDUM and this will be circulated to all.

## LITTER BINS UPDATE.

A new Black Litter Bin will be sited at Mayfield Road w/c April 20th 2026.  
A new bin for outside Hayocks Community Centre is still under consideration.

## ROAD SIGNS. REPLACEMENT COSTS.

All costs for the 20mph road signs to replace the 30mph road signs across North Ayrshire have been met by the Scottish Government. There is no cost to North Ayrshire Council. Detailed costings have been sent to all on the SCC mailing list.

## TRUSTEE UPDATE

R Wilson reported the following:

SCC is in receipt Annually of funds from the Sorbie Road Windfarm Project via the Sorbie Road Community Benefit Fund for the benefit of the Community in Stevenston.

The Annual amount paid is currently £21,000.

To ensure clarity, accountability and independence of decision making, regarding the Distribution of Funds, SCC formed a sub-committee, of which I am currently the Chair. Sadly, due to the passing of Gerrard Pollock, our sub-committee members have dropped to four.

To be Quorate and Representative, our sub-committee would like to invite “notes of interest” to join from other members of the Community of Stevenston, who would assist in the evaluation of applications to the fund and the legal adherence to the fund rules, as laid down by the fund’s solicitors HARPER MACLEOD LLP.

Information and guidance will be offered to any potential applicants.

The application window for this year's fund is due to open on May 1st 2026 and close at midnight on July 31st 2026.

The sub-committee will meet between May and September 2026 at times and dates that will suit the majority of members, and will consider the Competence and Value of any Grant Application to the Community of Stevenston

Please chat with Don Campbell or myself for more information.

After this update from R Wilson, Elected Member J Sweeney asked that he, and Elected Member C Inglis meet with the sub-committee.  
No reason for the meeting was given.

## VIEWING PLATFORM

There has been no progress on this matter since July 2025.

C Inglis will meet with L Forsyth of NAC to ascertain where this Project is going and report back.

#### GARDENING UPDATE

The first tidy up of this year will take place at the Cross on Sunday May 3rd 2026 between 11am and 1pm.

Volunteers will be required.

Coffee and tea, courtesy of the Champion Shell, will be available after we have finished.

#### MATTERS OF CONCERN

Parking on Glencairn St is still problematic.

Parking on Moor Park Road West is still problematic.

It was noted that SCC has not had an update from NAC on the Rankin situation or the bin situation at the Glebe St/Boglemart St gable end.

C Inglis will report on this at our May 2026 meeting.

It was also noted that the locks on the bins are broken and the bins are overflowing. With the bad weather we have had, rubbish is blowing about in this area.

A.O.C.B.

The following points were noted:

The barrier at the Hub at Stevenston Shore is still to be repaired

The cost of the clean up, for Stevenston alone, for Operation Moonbeam after Bonfire Night, was £3,000. Multiply this with every site in North Ayrshire!

A Gaelic Chat event will take place in Stevenston Library on April 25th 2026. ( Question. Does anyone know when did the Library stop being called the "Beattie Library" .?).

Pride of Place Funding. What we know so far.

The "Three Towns" have been allocated £20 million from the Westminster Government.

This will be spread over 10 years at £2 million per year.

Five "sites" have been identified in the Three towns, one in Ardrossan, one in Saltcoats and three in Stevenston.

NAC and our MP (Irene Campbell) will appoint a Chair, but as yet, this has not happened.

SCC has still to see the remit of this Chair whenever He or She is appointed.

SCC is of the opinion that this matter will engender much debate in the following months, once a Chair has been appointed.

This topic will be an Agenda item on the SCC May 2026 meeting.

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday May 11th 2026 at 7.00pm in the Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre.

