

PORT WILLIAM and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 29th April 2026

7.30 p.m. at Maxwell Hall, Port William

PRESENT:- Community Councillors - Mr R Sheppard (Chair), Mr D Ballantyne (Treasurer), Mr J McMaster, Mr J Adams, Mrs B Mellor, Mrs L McNaught

Members of the Public – Mrs R Christie

Apologies - Mrs S McLelland

1. Declarations of Interest: None
2. Police Report – Received via email – no real detail in the report
3. Minutes of the last meeting -
 - a. Proposer – Mr J Adams
 - b. Seconded - Mr J McMaster
4. Matters Arising from previous meeting:
None
5. Treasurer's Report -
 - a. Total money in bank : £3050.10. This is made up of---Admin.fund-£1,280.20, Village Improvements-£635.91- LPP fund-£455.09 and Scamp project--£670.90.
 - b. Payments in month : Maxwell hall-£10.00.
 - c. Signed off accounts for 31/3/2026 have been audited and forwarded to the secretary for the May AGM. My thanks, once again, to Mrs Audrey Kevan for examining the accounts.
6. Correspondence - none
7. Kilgallioch and Carscreugh updates – Carscreugh will be making us an offer in July, but Kilgallioch will now be making payments to individual groups
8. Planning Applications – None
9. Place Planning – Sea pool feasibility study now underway. 3 sites visited. Awaiting response from Chris Churns re : EV chargers. Machars Mermaids now have SCIO status and the SCAMP funds can now be transferred to them
10. Website/Social Media Update -
R Sheppard & J Adams to liaise with Andy the IT specialist
11. A.O.C.B. –
Mr D Ballantyne expressed an opinion that there are many issues within the Parish that are being raised with the Council but not addressed

The raised paving where the Xmas tree stands to be referred to the Community Association

Shabby toilet block – Community Association advised that paint has been purchased but no one has volunteered to do the work – perhaps the Payback Team could be asked to do the painting ?

The lane at High Killantrae is gradually falling apart. Has been reported to Council, but no action

Doctor's surgery – Chair to contact surgery regarding perceived lack of doctors and an issue with one of the doctors and their attitude to patients

Mrs R Christie attended the meeting and expressed her concern that the road outside her property (near the old creamery) was almost 100% flooded during the winter months and this is impacting on her garden

She has had frustrating encounters with the Council. Prior to the meeting, Chair raised the issue via the CCES, and the response was for a completely different location. Subsequent response was also inadequate. Chair will visit the site and take photos of the issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30pm

Date and Time of the Next Meeting – 3rd June 2026 - AGM 7.00pm with monthly meeting following.