

SOUTH KNAPDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

South Knapdale Community Council Annual General Meeting

Kilberry 1821 (The Kilberry Church)

13th May 2026

18:00

Minutes

1. Welcome and Housekeeping

Record attendees - Archie McArthur, Mary Ray, Jarl Van Den Berg (Treasurer), Agnes Wilkie, Stephen Hayward, Amanda Minshall, Peter Minshall, Chris Wolfe, Katie Sheldrick, Liza Stolton (Cncllr), John Campbell (Cncllr), Katharine Wier, Bruce Wier and Kara Paschalides (Chair).

Apologies for absence - Ed Tyler (Secretary), Carina Spink (Cncllr), Brian Steven (Cncllr), Lucinda Byatt, Andrew Russell and Patricia Russell.

Declarations of Interest: No conflicts of interest were declared for the current agenda.

Minutes of the last meeting on 11th February 2026 were approved.

The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday 9th September 2026, venue to be confirmed.

2. Convener's report

Last year, the SKCC added four new members and launched a website to improve local governance and communication. Key efforts focused on planning applications (High Brenfield and Loch Stornoway Hill), road safety, and internet connectivity. A major current initiative is the Community Action Plan (CAP), which uses a community survey to establish a strategic vision for the area. Looking ahead, the SKCC will focus on the CAP and joining a Mid Argyll funding group to streamline income from renewable energy for community projects.

3. Treasurer's report

The SKCC received a £2,000 donation from the filming company in addition to its £500 annual grant from Argyll and Bute Council. Funds were spent on a new website, a notice board, meeting hardware and data protection compliance.

Year-End Balance: As of March 31, 2026, the balance was £5,958.86.

Approval: The annual accounts were approved by Kara Paschalides and Liza Stolton.

Note: The current treasurer has moved to Oban but will remain as acting treasurer until a replacement is found.

Next steps:

- *Any community member interested in becoming involved with the Community Council please get in touch via info@skcc.scot there are currently 2 spaces to bring up to the maximum of 8.*

4. Land at Loch Stornoway Hill reference 25/01506/PP

Argyll & Bute Council refused planning for Loch Stornoway Hill on 23rd April 2026. The decision was based on unsustainable development in an isolated area, negative coastal landscape impacts, and outdated ecological data. Furthermore, historic ruins on the site were deemed insufficient to justify redevelopment.

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5. Brenfield Windfarm

Argyll & Bute Council has formally objected to the High Brenfield Windfarm to the Scottish Government, citing concerns over landscape impact, aviation safety, and biodiversity. Though still at the consultation stage, a recent court ruling necessitates that the Scottish Government address whether the wind farm and grid connection (proposed for Craig Murrail substation) should be environmentally assessed together. The developer confirmed the current assessment lacks these grid details. There is no indication of a scheduled determination date.

6. Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme & R100 update

The SKCC has spoken to a new broadband supplier, Voove, because the previous partner is no longer participating in the Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme. Voove, based in the Outer Hebrides, specialises in rural connectivity via satellite (E.g., Starlink) and fixed mobile (E.g., EE) internet.

Many properties along the B8024 not scheduled for fibre rollout via BT/R100 before 2030 are eligible for vouchers worth up to £5,000 are available to cover hardware and installation costs. Households remain responsible for their own monthly internet subscription fees. Voove's plans and pricing are available on their website: <https://www.voove.com/plans-pricing>.

A list of eligible houses on the B8024 was shared. Anyone interested can either register their interest with the SKCC or contact Voove directly. Once a clearer idea of the level of interest locally is known, the SKCC can report back to Voove and ask them to advise on the most suitable next steps for the area, including which properties may be best suited to satellite or fixed mobile options.

Next steps:

- *If a property is missing from the list, please get in touch with the SKCC or on info@skcc.scot or Angus at Voove directly on angus@voove.com.*

7. Scottish Water activity at the Kilberry water supply

Scottish Water have confirmed that the current works at Kilberry are a like-for-like replacement of the permanent tanks. They have clarified that there is no increase to the overall capacity of the Kilberry supply, and the scope and sizing of the tank project are already fixed.

They have also made clear that any new connections must go through Scottish Water's normal Development Services process. Each application will be considered individually through their online portal, and potential new connections will not affect the current tank installation. Portal:

<https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/business-and-developers/development-services>

Ongoing Issues: Water is currently being tankered in as an interim solution. Concerns were raised regarding potential contamination of the supply during future timber harvesting.

8. Community Action Plan / Survey

The SKCC is developing a Community Action Plan (CAP) based on a survey to establish a clear "mission and vision" for the area. The aim is to secure funding from renewable energy projects and give the community a stronger voice in the 2028 Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan. The Treasurer noted that the lack of a shared plan has historically been a "roadblock" to attracting investment.

While 30 responses have been collected so far, further participation is encouraged to ensure the plan is representative. The survey deadline is towards the end of Summer 2026 and initial findings will be shared at the next meeting on September 9th.

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- *The community is encouraged to fill in the survey by the end of July 2026. Survey link [here](#).*

9. Scottish Forestry

There are currently two active forestry consultations relating to the South Knapdale area.

1. Airigh Long Term Forest Plan (LTFP) Consultation

An overview was shared of the Airigh Long Term Forest Plan consultation relating to Airigh Forest, a privately owned commercial forestry plantation located inland from the B8024 around the Loch Racadal area. The proposal covers approximately 172 hectares and includes phased felling, replanting, internal road upgrades and timber haulage operations over a 20-year period extending to 2045. Timber extraction is proposed via the Forestry & Land Scotland haul road, the B8024 consultation route and onward to the A83 approved timber transport route. Environmental measures within the plan include protection of watercourses and wildlife habitats. The formal consultation issued by Scottish Forestry commenced on 8 May 2026 and closes on 7 June 2026.

Community members were invited to submit any comments to SKCC on info@skcc.scot by 31 May 2026 to allow time for collation of any Community Council response.

Individuals wishing to comment directly on the Airigh Long Term Forest Plan consultation may do so by contacting Scottish Forestry before the consultation closing date of 7 June 2026. Documentation attached to these minutes.

Scottish Forestry – Perth & Argyll Conservancy

Email: panda.cons@forestry.gov.scot

Telephone: 0300 067 6005

Reference: Airigh Long Term Forest Plan – Ref: 25FGS84079.

2. Carse Complex Forestry Consultation – Scottish Woodlands

An overview was shared of a separate forestry stakeholder engagement exercise issued by Scottish Woodlands on behalf of multiple private landowners relating to the “Carse Complex”, comprising South Carse, West Carse and Cuildrynoch/Racadal forests southwest of Tarbert. The consultation concerns long-term forestry restructuring proposals over approximately 1,000 hectares, including phased felling, replanting, biodiversity enhancement and timber haulage considerations over the next 20 years.

The consultation documents reference use of the B8024 timber transport consultation route and possible consideration of haulage on sections south of Torinturk, where parts of the road are classified as severely restricted routes. The stakeholder engagement consultation commenced on 27 April 2026 and closes on 26 May 2026.

Individuals wishing to comment directly on the Carse Complex stakeholder engagement consultation may do so by contacting Scottish Woodlands before the consultation closing date of 26 May 2026.

Paul Clavey – Forest Planner, Scottish Woodlands

Email: paul.clavey@scottishwoodlands.co.uk

Post: Scottish Woodlands, 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilphead, PA31 8TA.

Details and documents online: <https://www.scottishwoodlands.co.uk/public-consultations/>

Concerns from the community:

- **Strategic Connectivity:** A strategic goal was proposed to revisit a 20-year-old plan that would link internal forestry roads to a central point. This would allow timber to be extracted off-road toward Ardrishaig, bypassing the B8024 entirely.

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- **Water Quality:** There are concerns that timber harvesting could compromise any local water supplies.

Next steps:

- *The Carse Complex: The community are asked to provide their feedback by the **21st May 2026**.*
- *Airigh Long Term Forest Plan: The community are asked to provide their feedback by the **31st May 2026**.*
- *The SKCC intends to follow up with Scottish Water and Forest Enterprise to ensure harvesting doesn't interfere with the treatment plant or supply lines.*

10. Police report

Full report is available on the SKCC website.

11. Any other business

- **Noticeboards:** Encouraging the community to use the noticeboards at Kilberry, Achahoish, Torinturk and Ardpatrik.
- **Defibrillator placement funding:** The SKCC have applied for the Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund for support with the defibrillator project. SKCC has been gifted a defibrillator and needs funds to install it in the Ardpatrik telephone box, replace the battery and pads, add signage and a cabinet, and carry out necessary repairs to the telephone box. There is currently no public defibrillator between Kilberry and Tarbert, so this would improve emergency cover through the area.
- **First Aid:** A few members of the community have expressed interest in improving first aid knowledge. The SKCC reached out to a paramedic (Sally Logue) who is part of a first aid training group and has previously offered sessions to the Achnamara community. The SKCC are exploring whether similar training could be offered, depending on local interest and available funding.

It was requested that future SKCC meetings are pushed back to have a start time of 7.30pm.

Attachments:

1. SKCC Annual Accounts
2. B8024 Addresses Eligible for Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme

South Knapdale Community Council
Income & Expenditure (Bank Account)
Year To 31 March 2026
Summary

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Receipts

CC Grant	£418.80
Cashback	£0.45
Donation for Filming	£2,000.00
Cashback	£0.35
Cashback	£0.24

Total **2419.84**

Payments

Hosting Website & Email	£84.00
Notice Board	£288.84
Website Design	£118.89
	£9.95
Data Protection Registration	£47.00
Wireless Microphone	£69.99

Total **618.67**

Net Income/(Expenditure) **1801.17**

Balance b/fwd @ 1st April 2026 **4157.49**

Balance c/fwd @ 31st March 2026 **5958.66**

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance @ 31st March 2026 **5958.42**
Accountability **-0.24**

Checked & Confirmed BY:

Name Laura Currie

Signature [Signature]

Date 05/05/2026

South Knapdale Community Council
Bank Account
Year To 31 March 2026
Payments

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Date	Ref:	To	Description/Detail	Total	Meeting Room Hire	Donations	Data Protection	IT	Others
06-Oct-25	123153905	Krystal Hosting Lt	Hosting Website & Email	84.00				84.00	
06-Oct-25	7586	Notice Board Company	Notice Board	288.84					288.84
23-Jan-25		Fiverreu	Website Design	118.89				118.89	
20-Oct-25		Amazon UK		9.95					9.95
26-Jan-26	ZA036143	Information Commissione	Data Protection Registration	47.00			47.00		
03-Feb-26		Amazon UK	Wireless Microphone	69.99					69.99
TOTAL BANK PAYMENTS				618.67	0.00	0.00	47.00	202.89	368.78
				0.00					

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Bank Account

Year To 31 March 2026

Receipts

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Date	Ref:	From	Description/Detail	Total	Council Grant	Cash Back	Others
05-Nov-25	BGC	Argyll & Bute Council	CC Grant	418.80	418.80		
03-Nov-25	CB	Cashback	Cashback	0.45		0.45	
22-Sep-25	Filming	Banquet of Consequence	Donation for Filming	2000.00			2000.00
04-Aug-25	CB	Cashback	Cashback	0.35		0.35	
03-Mar-26	CB	Cashback	Cashback	0.24		0.24	
TOTAL BANK RECEIPTS				2419.84	418.80	1.04	2000.00
				0.00			
				0.00			

B8024 Addresses Eligible for Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme

	Postcode
1 Dalacharn, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
1 Lothead Chalets, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
2 Dalacharn, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
2 Lothead Chalets, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
3 Lothead Chalets, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Achadh Chaorunn, Ardpatrik Ferry Road, Ardpatrik	PA29 6YA
Achahoish Primary School, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Allt Dail A Chairn, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
An Darach, Ardpatrik Ferry Road, Ardpatrik	PA29 6YA
Ard Darach Cottage, Carse	PA29 6YB
Ard Na Mhuilin, Barr Na Criche Estate Road, Ardpatrik	PA29 6YA
Ardpatrik Estate Partnership, Keepers Cottage	PA29 6YA
Ardpatrik Home Farm	PA29 6YA
Ardpatrik House	PA29 6YA
Ballyourigan, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Balure Caravan, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Barnlongart House, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Barnlongart Keepers Cottage, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Barnlongart New Bungalow, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Barr Na Criche House	PA29 6YA
Barr-Na-Criche Cottage	PA29 6YA
Burnfold, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Burnside, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Caisealrag, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Caretakers Cottage, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Carse Farm, Kilberry	PA29 6YB
Carse House, Carse	PA29 6YB
Chapel Bay, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Church, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PD
Claigionannach Cottage, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PD
Coal Na Mara, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD

Corran Cottage, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Corrarie Cottage Lergnahension, Kilberry	PA29 6YB
Coulaghaitro Farmhouse, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Cove Cottage, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Craiglonnach, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PD
Creagansollier, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Crear, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Cretshengan Farmhouse, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Cretshengan Millhouse, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Cretshengan, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Cuildrynoch House, Carse	PA29 6YB
Cul A Bharr, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Drimdrishaig East, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Drimdrishaig West, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Druimdrishaig Farmhouse, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Druimnamuclach, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Ellary Bungalow, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Ellary Cottage, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Ellary Farm, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Ellary Lodge, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Ellary, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PB
Field House, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Garden Cottage, Carse	PA29 6YB
Gigha View 1 Dalachairn, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Gighas Peace, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Gorten Cottage, Carse	PA29 6YB
Gorten, Carse	PA29 6YB
Haagwood Cottage, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
High Carse, Carse	PA29 6YB
Home Farm, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Hut On Kilberry Road, Ardpatrik	PA29 6YA
Islay Cottage, Carse	PA29 6YB
Ivy Cottage, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD

Kennels Cottage, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
Keppoch Farm Cottage, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Keppoch Farm, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Kilberry Castle, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Kilberry Inn New House, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Kilberry Inn Public House, Kilberry Inn, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd, Ormsary Fish Farm, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Laundry Cottage, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Leargnahension, Kilberry	PA29 6YB
Lochview, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Longhouse, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Malabar, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
North Lodge, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Old Manse, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Old Schoolhouse, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Ordha Coille, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Roadmans House, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Rose Cottage, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Sea Pool Cottage, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Seaview, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Shuna Van 10, Port Ban Holiday Park, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Shuna Van 11, Port Ban Holiday Park, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Shuna Van 12, Port Ban Holiday Park, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Shuna Van 13, Port Ban Holiday Park, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Shuna Van 8, Port Ban Holiday Park, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Shuna Van 9, Port Ban Holiday Park, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Smithy Cottage, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Smithy Cottage, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
South Lodge, Ardpatrik Ferry Road	PA29 6YA
South Lodge, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PE
Stable Cottage, Ardpatrik Ferry Road	PA29 6YA
Store At Claigionannach Cottage, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PD
Taigh Dearg, Barr Na Criche Estate Road	PA29 6YA

Taobhnamara, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
The Anchorage, Ardpatrik	PA29 6YA
The Gables, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
The Garage Flat, Ardpatrik Ferry Road	PA29 6YA
The Garden Room, Barr Na Criche House	PA29 6YA
The Greenhouse, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PD
The Lodge, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
The Manse, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
The Old Post Office, Ardpatrik Ferry Road	PA29 6YA
The Old Schoolhouse, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PD
The Studio, Ardpatrik Ferry Road	PA29 6YA
The Turbine House, Achahoish To Ellary Road From Access To Achahoish Lodge To Ellary, Achahoish, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8PA
The Wheelhouse, Ardpatrik	PA29 6YA
Tigh Ban, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Tigh Beag, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Tigh Gheata, Ardpatrik	PA29 6YA
Tigh Na Heron, Ormsary, Argyll And Bute	PA31 8NZ
Tiretigan Cottage, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Tiretigan Farm Cottage, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD
Tiretigan, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute	PA29 6YD