

Southend Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 29th April 2026

Attendance:	
Community Councillors	General public
John Bakes, Convener Lorna Bell, Sec Jimmy Umpherston Chris Cox Cllr John Armour	George Hannah Jo Hill Malcolm Ronald Inez Ronald
Apologies	
Elizabeth Barber, Treasurer John Coffield Pat Healey Grace Charlton Linda Brannigan	

1	Welcome Convener
	The Convener welcomed all in attendance. The minutes of the March 2026 meeting were read, amended and proposed for acceptance by CC and seconded by JU. They were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.
2	Update and Actions from Last Minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic Benches at Keil Car Park. JB to order a bench – awaiting delivery costs. • LB put posters together for the Gardening Group which will go out tonight. She has also costed some eqt and has put together a draft list of tasks for discussion. • With the retirement of Willie MacMillan a volunteer is required to mow the Sports Field during the spring/summer. JB and Malcolm Ronald are liaising regarding this matter. MR has asked David MacBrayne to put it to the Golf Cttee to try and arrange it to be cut regularly. MR suggested that Community Council, Dunaverty Hall and the Highland Games cttees all chip in to cover costs. Ongoing. Campbell MacBrayne has very kindly cut the grass this week as a stop-gap until arrangements can be made.
3	Matters Arising
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council and Dunaverty Hall thanked Willie MacMillan for his 20 years service in looking after the Sports Field. JB presented Willie and his wife Margaret with a gift as a mark of thanks for his long years of voluntary service. • Mowi have requested suggestions for community benefits for Southend. The cttee and attending public all suggested they buy Dunaverty Shop and open it as a community shop & café. CC also suggested Mowi take on the toilets at Dunaverty Beach. The pontoon was discussed and whilst agreeing it would be of benefit to some, concerns were raised over the infrastructure and access requirements for a pontoon. Another suggestion was funding for Solar panels on the roof of Dunaverty Hall – this would help keep running costs down, thus lessening hall hire-fees for the community. NB. Post meeting suggestions of speed display signs at start of village, and solar panels for the beach toilets. • LB has drafted a Spring newsletter – cttee members to deliver round the Southend area. • Netting replaced on the play park – JB passed thanks to George, Jo, and Malcolm for all their help in putting the net up.
4	Treasurers' Report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community council - £ • Playpark - £ • Tangy2 Funding. £ • Playpark: All replacement parts now in place.
5	Police Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CC have received the local police report. Nothing significant for Southend.
6	Councillors Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road from Stewarton to Auchencorvie has no centre lines, the area manager for the roads will investigate and hopefully put them in. The lines on the side could do with repainting as the quality is not the best. • Regarding the sand build-up at the corner on the southern end of the village – JA requested the council to have a look and remove if possible. • Roads Capital Programme: £150K to be spent on the edges of the Dalsmeran road. Ditches to be cleared at the same time as any roads are being resurfaced. There is £12M available next year for local roads – so we can feed in any concerns that need addressed. • £900K to be allocated to this years budget. To be divided 4-ways. Suggestions welcome. • £20K fund for Community Councils; each one will get an additional £357 per year in their admin fund. • JB mentioned that the cross in Campbeltown is covered in moss and can no longer see the patterns on the cross. JA to raise with council. • IR asked for an update on the War Memorial wall issue. This is ongoing. JA will chase.
7	Correspondence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Scotland are holding an on-line recruitment event. LB to put on socials. • Campbeltown Hospital are holding a Worker Bee event in the hospital grounds on 16th May and are looking for volunteers to help out. • Mowi sent across the minutes from the last liaison mtg; EIA continuing and they've requested community benefit suggestions.
8	Events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunaverty Hall held a Bowls evening on 28th March. It was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all. • Southend Parish Church held a very successful Spring Coffee Morning – on 4 April with an Easter Egg Hunt, raising £1800 for local good causes. • Dunaverty Hall are holding a Family Quiz night Fri 26 Jun and a Ceilidh on Sat 27 Jun to celebrate the hall's 10th Anniversary. • 18th Jul – Highland Games
9	Any other Community business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR thanked Community Council for their Tangy allocation to the Dunaverty Hall 10th Anniversary celebrations and the Badminton club, which will benefit the community greatly. • Cllr Armour reminded all that the Tangy Fund is open for applications until 15th May. • GH suggested that funding applicants for the Tangy 2 fund should declare any other funding received. Community Council to take this into consideration.
10	200 Club
	April 2026 – to be drawn in May, as the applications are still being processed.
11	Date of Next Meeting
	27 th May at 8pm
12	Meeting closed at 2100hrs.