

Kilmun Community Council – Annual General Meeting 2026

Minutes

Date:	9 th June 2026	Time:	7.30pm	Location	Blairmore Hall, Blairmore
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Attendance		
Present (KCC committee):	Diane Nicholson (Acting Convenor) Janet Holm (Secretary)	Lachlan MacQuarrie Nicola Stewart
Present (Other):	Councillor William Sinclair Gordon Holm (Geology) Andrew Rodgers Ann Rodgers Graham Thompson	Councillor Gordon Blair David Peak Malcom Bird June McDonald Jean Thompson
Apologies:	Russell Humphries Mandy Grout Iain Shonny Paterson (LLTNP Rep)	

Minutes of Previous Meeting		
The minutes of Kilmun Community Council's meeting, held on the 13th of May 2025 were circulated and accepted and a true and accurate record of events.	Proposed:	Gordon Holm
	Seconded	Diane Nicholson
	Result:	carried

Convenor's Annual Report
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Thank you to Councillor William Sinclair who has agreed to Chair the AGM</p> <p>Due to previous years' experience I have been asked to take the AGM due to the lack of a Convenor and Vice-Convenor. This is unusual but acceptable to Melissa Stewart at Argyll & Bute Council in matters relating to Community Council Governance. This will be my last contribution to Kilmun Community Council as I will not be seeking re-election.</p> <p>FLS Forestry</p> <p>We receive an update from Forestry land Scotland at most meetings informing us of their latest plans are for felling etc. This year, because of several extreme weather events, FLS have had to let us know that the iconic path Puck's Glen has been closed. This continues to be ongoing, but KCC is in touch with not only FLS but also Argyll and Bute Council and Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to see what can be done to improve this issue, not just for KCC but for the whole of the Cowal Area. Over the months, work has been done to clear this area which has also had a major impact on the electricity grid for Blairmore and Ardentinnny.</p> <p>Flooding</p> <p>Flooding continues to be a problem for several areas along the shore villages. KCC have been communication with FLS to try and improve the situation of the water coming off the hills especially in</p>

storm and high rain conditions. This is work needs to continue especially at the drainage situation at the culvert at Strone Brae which has continued for over 10 years and is beset with landownership issues.

Strone Primary School

In this year Strone Primary unfortunately has closed with all remaining pupils being moved to schools in Sandbank and Dunoon. KCC had worked with ABC to try and alleviate this, but it was not possible because the school roll had fallen so much due to parents' choice of placement to other schools. Strone Primary has now been mothballed by Argyll and Bute Council.

Cowal Hills

As reported at KCC's last AGM in 2025, a community public meeting was held in Younger Hall the community expressed their desire that KCC object to Statkraft's plan to build a windfarm at Giant's Burn on the Cowal Hills which overlooks Kilmun and Strone. An objection from KCC has been logged with Energy Consents Scotland. However, Statkraft has submitted a planning application to Argyll and Bute planning for a 120-metre metrological weather mast on the proposed site of the Giant's Burn windfarm. KCC objected to these plans as there was concern that it could be seen as a precursor for the fuller acceptance of a full windfarm. Argyll and Bute did pass the planning for the metrological mast but with the caveat that it wasn't to be seen as their approval of a proposed wind farm. The planning for Giant's Burn windfarm is still sitting with Energy Consents for a decision.

A couple of our community councillors joined an online discussion with many community councils in the highlands who are concerned about the development of windfarms and high pylons traversing though the countryside.

Defibrillators

The area now has quite a range of defibrillators throughout the area which continue to be maintained. The latest one was recently installed in Dunselma Court. Heartstart continues to offer first aid training in the local halls.

Access

Early 2026 'The Stables' building at Dunselma was condemned by Argyll and Bute Council as an unsafe building. The owner erected scaffolding round the building and the adjected road which blocked access for pedestrians and vehicular traffic for access to another existing property and the Golf Course. This is an ongoing issue between the owner, Argyll and Bute Council and Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and considerable concern to the other residential property and Blairmore & Strone Golf Course.

Resilience Group

Some local residents and KCC representatives decided to form a group to look at resilience issues for the area. They are working to create an outline plan for householders' accessibility to assistance during storm conditions and electricity outages. This work will continue along with applications to funding applications. Kilmun Community Council will welcome monthly updates.

Bus timetables

The bus timetables continue to be of concern and KCC has identified these concerns to the Argyll and Bute Councillors and the Transport Forum.

KCC Members

There have been several resignations from KCC throughout the year but, unfortunately, because we had our allocation of co-opted members, we could not replace the vacancies. We thank those members that for their input and wish them well. With the upcoming election hopefully, KCC will have full membership again.

To conclude as I did last year Kilmun Community Council is only successful if the community involvement continues.


Finally, a big thank you to the Office Bearers and Community Councillors and the community that attends the meetings.

Diane Nicholson
Kilmun Community Council
June 2026

Questions from the floor: None at this point

Committee Notes none

Kilmun Community Council Financial Statement for 2025/2026

Line Item	Value (£)	Notes			
Balance brought forward 1 st April 2025	£2515.10				
Income for the year	£1570.40				
Expenditure for the year	£1127.20				
Balance as of 3 st March 2026	£1909.80				
Signed	 G.R. Humphries Haldur Blairmore PA2	Date:	30 th April 2026	Address:	Russell Humphries Haldur, Blairmore, PA23 8TL
Notes					
The treasurer's report was presented as above by Diane Nicholson and was accepted as a true and accurate record.				Proposed	Diane Nicholson
				Seconded	Nicci Stewart
				Result	

Election of Officers

At this point the Annual General Meeting was taken over by Councillor

Kilmun Community Council have had resignations from

- Steve Abbott
- Katrina Said

As the KCC is about to go into elections for a new Community Council committee the following residents are proposed for a short term appointment to KCC

Role	Member	Proposed by	Seconded By	Result
Convenor	Diane Nicholson	Janet Holm	Lachie MacQuarrie	
Vice Convenor				
Secretary	Janet Holm	Nicci Stewart	Diane Nicholson	
Treasurer	Russell Humphries	Nicci Stewart	Diane Nicholson	

Meeting Closure

As there was no other business raised thanks was again given to. For kindly chairing and the meeting was closed. The next Annual General Meeting for Kilmun Community Council will take place in the date and location below.

Date: Tuesday 11th May 2027 **Location:** Younger Hall, Kilmun