



ROYAL BURGH of WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held in County Buildings Wigtown

Monday 10 August 2026

PRESENT: Paul Tarling (convenor), Anne Barclay, Nicole Court, Grace Crichton, David McAdam, Jock McDowall, Ian Lovell, Tracey Warman, Cora Sharp, Dawn Revie.

APOLOGIES: Shona Herries, Andrew Pym.

In attendance: Two members of the public.

1. Welcome: The meeting opened with apologies, recorded above.

2. Notification of AOCB and Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

4. Minutes of 13 July 2026: These were approved by Grace Crichton and Nicole Court with the following amendments - Present: Grace Crichton and Andrew Pym; Apologies: Dawn Revie and Cora Sharp; Not present: Richard Marsh.

5. Matters arising: A714 Kilquhirk Junction.

6a. Finance: nothing to report.

6b. Planning: nothing to report.

6c. Police Matters: Two members of the public were present to raise the issue around accidents on A714. PT had attended Police Matters on 28 July and raised the issue. Police cannot do anything and maintain that the issue sits with the council. Council and police response advises accidents are a result of driver error. There has been no response yet regarding follow up email requesting change to signage. IL has contacted the Police. Radar has been investigated under the 'Community Speed Watch Initiative' which costs £2, 500 and has to be community funded and community-led. Police have requested a mobile speed van on that road. An enquiry for 50 mph speed limit has been sent to Dumfries and Galloway Council. Those present were reminded that they can report dangerous driving and that it is important to report everything.

There was a suggestion for bollards on junction. It was unanimously agreed that the current response from Council and Police is not good enough. An independent road survey was suggested. PT suggested a petition from the community to get action from DGC and Police. Agreed. Tracey to progress. Press via Councillors to deal with potholes and re-marking lines. Investigate rumour of camera on lamp post and whether data is accessible.

6d. Town Maintenance: Volunteers continue to weed and weed-kill within town. Pruning at Wigtown Primary School. The Council have also done some work on Lochancroft.

6e. Communications: Suggestion that the A714 forms the basis of the next blog.

6f. Roads and pavements: nothing further to report.

6g. Christmas Lights: WDCC has taken possession of several donated lights from Newton Stewart Christmas Lights Group. Thanks to the group was noted for their generosity.

6h. Community Fridge: TW met with Creetown community fridge representative. The general feeling was it would not need to be open daily in Wigtown. The Council's response about health and safety was deemed not relevant as the Community Fridge would stock Best Before not Use By. Only requirement is a certificate in Food Hygiene. Any leftover food would go to piggery.

6i. Neighbourhood Watch: Regular bulletins on the WhatsApp group. It had been established that the vehicle parked (presumed abandoned) at the Martyrs Stake, cannot be towed until it has been abandoned for 3 months. It was agreed to invite local Police to a future meeting - ACTION PT.

7. Correspondence / Consultations: There are no changes to the Common Good in Wigtown. PT to follow up for confirmation with Melinda Dolan, Ward Officer.

Three communications offering to give short talks to Community Council had been received from Galloway Rivers Trust; Woodland Trust; and Care Call. Agreed - AB and PT to liaise on dates and invite.

8. Councillors Report: None.

9. Any Other Notified Business: Tree at Southfield Park dead and a concern of falling. It was also noted that 3b construction have advised via their website that they plan to begin work in November.

10. Public Forum: nothing further raised.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14 September 2026 at 7.30pm in The Hub. Apologies noted: Anne Barclay, Ian Lovell, Tracey Warman.