

SCCC AGM 11 JUNE 2025

1. Present

Linda Murry, Michael Breslin, Joyce McEwan, Moira MacInnes, Ian McEwan, Cathy Fagan, Alan Stewart, Glenda McLaren, Jack Hutcheon, Jan McCormack, Eleanor Stevenson.

2. Apologies

Cllr Forest, Margie MacDonald-Atkin

In attendance

Alistair Lennie, Kyle Armstrong, Cllrs Ross Moreland & Daniel Hampsey.

3. Declarations of interest.

None

4. Minutes of 2024 AGM

Proposed by Joyce McEwan seconded by Eleanor Stevenson.

5. Matters arising

None

6. Adoption of accounts to end March 2025

Proposed by Ian McEwan, seconded by Jan McCormack.

7. Convener's Report

Sadly, as with last year there are a number of items that still have not been resolved. Buses still struggle to align themselves with what we the consumers want, and the recent issue with North Campbell Road and parking have just made things worse. None of this is helped though, by having some council officers that refuse to consult with our community, and who claim work has been completed in items we have raised, even though nothing has happened. Repeated requests for officers to attend our meetings have been ignored.

The 20mph lights at Toward School have not functioned properly in all the time they have been there, despite many complaints having been made. This is compromising the safety of the children and failure to address this is putting them at risk.

With the help of the Community Council we have now set up the South Cowal Trust, it initially was done so that we could become part of Cowal Community Energy, but now it

can start to look for projects that may benefit the area. As part of Cowal Community Energy we are in a position to maximise any potential community benefit from the Giants Burn wind farm should it go ahead and are trying to get benefit from the Cruach Mhor one in Glendaruel.

As before, though we have recently had a couple of additions, we still need to persuade more members of the community to come on board the Community Council. We have been very lucky in being able to keep this going, other larger areas in Cowal have at times struggled to get enough members. We are a strong Community Council and we are good at fighting for what is needed for our community. This will continue but would be made easier if we had more members.

8. Co-option of members

None, but Margie will be asked.

9. Election of office bearers

Convener	Alan Stewart was nominated Eleanor and seconded by Jan.
Vice Convener	Eleanor Stevenson was nominated Alan and seconded by Linda
Treasurer	Joyce McEwan was nominated by Jan and seconded by Jack.
Secretary	Michael Breslin was nominated by Jan and seconded by Eleanor.

10. AOCB

The report from this convener (and previous ones too), demonstrates an ongoing issue with the performance of Roads and Amenity Services. SCCC is disappointed this is the case. There was discussion on the overall performance of the council, which was deemed as poor.

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2 Apologies

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The resignation of Liz Seabrook was noted, with thanks to Liz for her contribution over the years.

3 In attendance

Kyle Armstrong, Alistair Lennie, Cllrs Ross Moreland & Daniel Hampsey.

4 Declarations of interest.

None at start of meeting

5 Police Report

The report, circulated earlier, was noted with thanks. There were some comments on the report as there was more crime than is usual.

6 Minutes of last meeting held on 14 May 2025

These were proposed by Jan and seconded by Cathy.

7 Matters arising

- The old fence has been removed by the landowner allowing the work at Toward triangle to be started.
- Alan gave an update on Dunoon Harbour and possible asset transfer.
- Michael and Joyce will have a chat with the vehicle owner parking on the white line in front of the bus shelter at Toward.
- Alistair has again written about the non working speed signs at Toward Primary. Daniel will raise this again.

8 Planning: Nothing of note to report

9 Treasurer's report inc Hydro Funds

- a. Bank balances are approximately £5,880

10 Pavement Parking

The poor reply from the officer concerned was discussed and it is hoped his boss will attend the August meeting. Ross said a permanent replacement has been recruited.

11 Overflowing sewage opposite Trinity Lane

Joyce updated the meeting on the sewage issue opposite her house. MB to let Scottish Water know.

12 Star Garage

Jan told the meeting of the issue which again needs raised with the council, as does the wall of the old Royal Hotel which appears in danger of collapse.

13 Sandy Beach Toilets

Inspiring Innellan was asked to paint the building. No more payment meters are planned in A&B. An asset transfer was a potential long term solution.

14 AOCB

- Alan noted that Cowal Community Energy had failed in the bid to do the repowering of the Glendaruel windfarm, however buying a share may still be an option. There was significant potential income from the StatKraft proposal above Dunoon, if agreed by the Scottish Government.
- There was discussion on the continuing issues with the passenger ferry and related issues.
- Fire hydrants in Wyndham Rd/No Campbell Rd have been tarred over.
- There was a strong smell of chlorine in drinking water. Michael will contact Scottish Water about this and about benzine from boats in Loch Eck.
- Thanks from Jan re blocked drain at Wyndham Rd. Drain at Knockamillie Rd is still needing fixed.
- It was agreed that the council could benefit from an asset transfer department which other councils have.
- Hydro Funds for this year have not yet been received. Michael will contact Lisa re the grant given to the school as part of the previous awards.

There is no meeting in July. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 August at 1930.