

SCCC MEETING 12 November 2025

Present

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

Apologies

Linda Murry, Cllrs Audrey Forrest & Ross Moreland

Welcome to Evelyn and Rachael

Alan outlined the role of the community council and welcomed Evelyn and Rachel.

In attendance

Cllrs Daniel Hampsey, Evelyn Jones and Rachel Campbell

Declarations of interest.

None at start of meeting

Police Report

The police report was read out and noted, with thanks.

Co-option of Evelyn Jones and Rachael Campbell

This was agreed unanimously, with Alan proposing and MB seconding. Evelyn and Rachael are now members of SCCC.

Minutes of last meeting dated 10 September 2025

The minutes were proposed Cathy by and seconded by Joyce .

Matters arising

- Sewage leak is fixed.
- Pavement parking: council officer had simply replied by pointing us to a pro forma which MB had said he would not complete.
- Daniel to chase up the double yellow line just past Dunoon boundary.
- Bus timetables in bus stops is necessary as and when timetables change.
- Toward triangle maintenance still to be carried out.

Treasurer's Report

Balance: £9,9936.87 including hydro funds

Planning Issues

No planning applications in past 2 months.

Attendance of ACT Climate Change Project Manager at a future meeting

MB to ask ACT if they will do a joint session with Dunoon CC and other community councils.

Storm Amy Feedback

MB to reply to this but there was little to say as few problems had been encountered.

Inspiring Innellan/War Memorial Ground

Congratulations to Inspiring Innellan on yet another award for the excellent work carried out. Cllr Moreland is trying to get some agreement to renovate the upper part of the war memorial grounds.

Burnamakiman Hydro update

MB said there had been a last minute flurry of applications. One of them was for an organisation based in Dunoon so the applicant was asked how many members came from Innellan or Toward. There had been no reply as yet but if the information was not forthcoming, it was agreed the application could not be processed. The owners of the hydro scheme had agreed in principle to allow up to £500 from the fund to be used by SCCC for web costs etc. Joyce will work out how much is needed in due course. It was agreed that no cheque would be issued where there was doubt about other sources of funding and applicants would be give 6 months to secure or the offer would lapse. Innellan PS to be written to again.

Roads and Amenity Services

Bin uplift at Toward Bus Stop had been carried out but without lifting the excess material.

Council budget planning

It was agreed to support a fair level of funding for councils in Scotland. Alan agreed to respond.

Powers and budgets for community councils

There was support for more powers and budgets for community councils although there was doubt it Alan to respond.

AOCB

- Joyce raised the difficulty of accepting cheques. We agreed to get on line banking and MB will liaise with the council over how we counter authorise payments.
- Kyle remains in hospital and his condition cannot be treated. Alan Laverock is in a similar position.
- Jack gave examples of speeding in Innellan which he considers is excessive. This will be pointed out to the police when they get this minute.
- South Cowal Trust: Alan encouraged membership and the information on the trust is below.

Information on the trust is to be found at <https://southcowal.scot/community/south-cowal-trust/>

Every community council member was encouraged to take out free membership. Email trust@southcowal.scot with name and address and ask to be a member. Everyone welcome.