DUNOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Queen's Hall, Dunoon on Monday 12 October 2026

Community Councillors Present

Attendance and apologies

• Gill Robertson (GR) – Convener
• Eric Owen (EO) – Secretary
• Anne Robertson MBE (AR) – Treasurer
• Tom Warren (TW) – Vice Convener
• Yvonne Love (YL)
• David Clough (DC)
• Frauke Thornton (FT)
• Debz Wright (DW)
• Will Morlan (WM)
• Catherine Denman (CD)

Argyll & Bute Councillors Attending

• Cllr Daniel Hampsey (DH)
• Cllr Ross Moreland (RM)

Community Council Representatives and Visitors

• Jackie Bushnell – Sandbank Community Council Convener

Press

• Chris Martin – Dunoon Observer

Members of the Public

• Jack Diamond
• John Patterson

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Apologies

• Cllr Audrey Forrest (AF)

• Tom McCowan (TM)

1. Opening Remarks

The Convener welcomed attendees, asked speakers to identify themselves and avoid speaking over one another, and reminded everyone to sign the appropriate register. She advised that the meeting was being recorded for minute-taking and that the recording would be destroyed once the minutes were approved at the next meeting.

Public questions were taken at the start, as agreed at previous meeting.. Further questions were taken during councillor updates. The minutes group related discussion together.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declaration of interest is captured in the transcript.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes 14 September 2026

The minutes were carried. Proposed: Yvonne Love. Frauke Thornton was initially named as seconder but withdrew because she had not attended the September meeting; Will Morlan then seconded.

Votes for: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2.

4. Membership Update

No new members, appointments or resignations were reported under this item. Education and youth engagement and infrastructure remained vacant specialist remits; members were asked to consider taking them on.

5. Police Scotland Update

PC Michael Cunningham was not present. The written report in Annex A records 234 incidents/calls and 57 crime reports for 4 September to 7 October 2026. Members asked about the increase in crime reports and the value of comparing trends rather than individual monthly snapshots.

DC explained that he had stopped producing trend analysis approximately 12–13 months previously because of capacity. WM agreed to take this forward with DC's help and any previous template.

Action: WM to develop monthly police-report trend analysis; DC to explain his previous approach and provide any available template.

A check on the police liaison contact and attendance was discussed

Action: Convenor to contact re police attendance

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6. Presentation

No presentation was scheduled or given.

7. Updates from Previous Meetings

a. Schools sports day and the Gaelic Mòd

EO had contacted PC Rachel Wells about the police-organised primary-school sports day clashing with the local Mòd in Oban. She would try to avoid a clash, but no definite assurance had been received. EO would continue communicating school rehearsal and event dates.

Action: EO to maintain liaison with PC Wells on the school sports-day and Mòd dates.

b. Sunset ceremony and event toilets

EO had contacted Colin Moulson about fairground music drowning out the lone piper at the sunset ceremony. He reported that the fairground contract was directly with Argyll & Bute Council. Members considered that the concern should be handled as a Community Council representation rather than requiring individual complainants' names.

Members supported writing to Dunoon Presents seeking arrangements to prevent a repeat next year and including the previously raised issue of event toilet accessibility.

Action: EO to continue correspondence with Dunoon Presents and draft the letter covering sunset-ceremony noise coordination and accessible toilets.

c. Procedures and contact with council officers

EO reported that the letter to Melissa Stewart seeking clarification of community councillors' status and contact with officers had been acknowledged as in hand. Permission had been given to share it with the councillor concerned. No substantive reply had been received. The complete letter is included in Annex A.

Outstanding: written clarification from Melissa Stewart. No procedural change was agreed at this meeting.

8. Office Bearers' Reports

a. Convener

No separate Convener's report was presented.

b. Secretary

EO confirmed that the previously contemplated verbatim account of an earlier presentation would not be produced, as DC had advised that it was unnecessary and the material had already been available.

EO and WM had attended a meeting on replacement electricity infrastructure, pylons and a proposed substation. EO found the contractors' representatives knowledgeable. Possible community-benefit funding, particularly for the Sandbank area and subject to development, was noted. No application or project was agreed. The next meeting was stated to be on 12 January; the year was not spoken.

Police had requested publicity for a prostate-screening event but had not provided usable publicity material. Members supported publicising it once the information was supplied. Annex A gives the event date as 30 October 2026 at Queen's Hall.

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Action: EO to request suitable event publicity from Police Scotland for the DCC website.

c. Treasurer

AR reported no expenditure or change from the previous month apart from £0.86 savings-account interest. Proposed: Yvonne Love. Seconded: Will Morlan. The accounts were carried. The initial statement that the vote was unanimous was corrected to one abstention, apparently the Treasurer's.

Votes for: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

9. Members' and Specialist Reports

The complete supplied consolidated report is appended as Annex A. Its existing report titles and dates are preserved, including reports labelled September within the October compilation.

a. Transport and Argyll Rally

DC reported on the recent meeting with Transport Scotland's senior ferries officials, three MSPs, DH and other community councils. His notes had been circulated. He accepted a correction to add Dunoon Community Council explicitly to the attendance list.

DC had written to the three MSPs seeking a meeting with the minister identified in the discussion as Stephen Flynn. The name and ministerial title require verification before further correspondence; the transcript contains inconsistent names and roles.

A CalMac FOI response had arrived that afternoon, superseding the written report's statement that it remained overdue. DC reported that it referred to approximately £400,000 spent on Argyll Flyer maintenance over the preceding 12 months but withheld some detailed costs on commercial grounds. He intended to question the propeller replacement information further. The figure was reported orally and was not a newly approved expenditure.

DC had asked West Coast Motors whether local connecting services, including the 489, could be offset by five minutes to allow a ferry timetable adjustment and reduce instances of a ferry leaving Gourock as a train arrived. School-service commitments could constrain changes.

Following concerns raised by Kay about loss of the 480 route through western Dunoon, DC had discussed alternating hourly between the old and new routes. This was an option under discussion with West Coast Motors; no revised service was confirmed. DH had chased clarification of community-council involvement in the next bus-service specification, with no reply yet.

DC continued seeking the membership of the new-vessels working group. The relationship between vessel selection and shoreside infrastructure was discussed; council-officer attendance at future meetings was suggested. DC requested endorsement of his current approach and this was agreed by the Community Council.

Action: DC to amend the meeting attendance notes and pursue the CalMac follow-up, bus discussions and working-group membership enquiries described in his report. DH to continue seeking clarification of community-council input to bus-service specifications.

Outstanding work listed in Annex A includes rally-survey analysis and circulation, further ferry-survey analysis, a six-monthly community-council liaison meeting, and establishing the bus-tender timetable. These were carried-forward tasks, not new decisions at this meeting.

b. Emergency resilience

The Convener estimated that approximately one-third to one-half of the household emergency leaflets had been delivered. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers were thanked for helping. Members were asked to check TM's WhatsApp list of uncovered areas, collect leaflets from him and complete distribution. Newspaper coverage was also discussed.

Action: All DCC members to check the remaining areas and assist with leaflet distribution, arranging collection with TM.

c. Planning and licensing

YL reported two related Milton House, Milton Avenue entries concerning alterations and guest accommodation, both awaiting decisions. No confirmed Aldi update was available. Members referred to an extended determination date, but the date was unclear and is not recorded as confirmed.

Licensing notifications included off-sales for a Dunoon Market stall on 31 October, Bogleha' Bowling Club on 30 October, and Hogmanay celebrations on 31 December. The final venue/applicant name and the precise event descriptions are unclear in the transcript and require checking against the notifications. No objection or other formal response was agreed.

d. Public health and social care

The Convener expressed concern that walk-in clinics had closed the previous week owing to staffing shortages. The reason and duration were not confirmed. Councillor Hampsey agreed to look into.

Action: GR to follow up the walk-in-clinic closures and establish the position.

e. Environment and community council liaison

DW reported a litter pick with Dunoon Community Development Trust participants and noted a group which regularly litter-picked around Bishop's Glen. A further visit after leaf fall was discussed, with care advised on the steep bank. No additional formal environmental action was agreed. Jackie Bushnell, Chair of Sandbank Community Council, was welcomed.

f. BID liaison

The Convener said that she attended BID meetings when notified but needed to establish future dates with Colin Moulson.Members were encouraged to use the What's On Dunoon website for local events.

Action: GR to contact Colin Moulson about BID meeting notifications and dates.

g. Dunoon Community Development Trust

TW gave an oral update. An AGM at the Burgh Hall was mentioned, provisionally as 8 November, and members were directed to What's On Dunoon for the confirmed details. The next environmentally focused film screening, described as "It'll Never Work", was to be held at the cinema the following Monday, with a participant available for questions. The discussion included uncertainty about which boat was featured.

h. West Bay moorings and play area

The Convener noted continuing work. EO clarified that he did not have a new moorings report and thought the material received might duplicate the previous month's report. No new moorings milestone or decision was confirmed.

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The play-area report in Annex A records KOMPAN Limited as the preferred company following tender review, subject to requested changes and formal acceptance. A revised proposal replacing the small playhouse with a fire truck was awaited. No contract award was made at this meeting. The report's commercial-sensitivity restriction remains attached.

i. Disability accessibility inclusion and resilience

FT proposed taking responsibility for accessibility across DCC's work. She described barriers affecting people with mobility, sensory, learning, neurological, long-term and hidden disabilities, as well as older residents. Her remit would consider streets, buildings, transport, services, information formats, community participation and emergency resilience, with disabled people involved directly in identifying priorities.

FT proposed listening to residents at markets and other community opportunities, feeding access needs into future planning, and potentially developing an accessibility guide. These were intended areas of work, not separately approved funded projects. Census figures were cited in her presentation but were not independently verified at the meeting.

Members expressed agreement that FT should take on the accessibility remit and work with colleagues across related portfolios. Accessibility report will be added to agenda

FT highlighted online sensory-impairment information still referring to Ellis Lodge despite its closure. Councillor Hampsey offered to check the service's present location and the outdated information. Argyll House was mentioned as a possible current base.

Action: FT to lead the accessibility remit and develop the work with residents and relevant DCC colleagues. Councillor undertaking the enquiry, name to confirm, to check the sensory-impairment service location and website information.

10. New Business

a. Remembrance wreath laying

The ceremony was stated to be on 8 November. EO preferred another member to accompany the Convener because of TM's service connections. An alternative volunteer offered if TM was unavailable. No final representative was confirmed.

Action: GR to speak to TM about wreath laying and confirm the representative accompanying her.

b. Vape retail registration

TW reported that a recently opened vape/mini-market premises near Pricewise did not appear in his search of the Scottish tobacco and nicotine retail register. The address, operator, registration position and enforcement responsibility were not established. Members discussed fire safety, recycling and whether planning consent was relevant, without reaching a finding of non-compliance.

Seeking initial advice from the local fire service was supported.

Action: TMcC to approach Harry McCowan for further advice

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11. Councillor Updates and Questions

a. Councillor Moreland

RM reported routine casework and a facilitated meeting between five community councillors and Jonathan Speed about the leisure-centre project. He had not attended that meeting and awaited feedback. Confirmation on lighting up public buildings in support of Orange The World campaign was also awaited.

b. Advertising banners signage and BID

In response to conflicting public statements about advertising on the railings near Ferry Port., RM stated that permission had not been granted and advertising consent had not been applied for. He said the harbourmaster could not give that permission and warned that unauthorised signs could be removed. These were his reported clarifications; DCC made no planning determination.

Members discussed temporary banners for charities and events, a possible improved permanent sign at the bottom of Ferry Brae to assist the Hillfoot St shops, , the digital information board, BID accountability and business engagement. Engaging with the planning department and making an appropriate advertising-consent application were suggested as the route forward.

No DCC signage scheme, spending commitment or application was approved.

RM said moving waterfront-development funding to Argyll Gardens was a contingency if negotiations failed, rather than an agreed transfer.

Loose bunting along Argyll Street was raised as a concern and possible road-safety concern. Responsibility and removal arrangements were not resolved; no clear action owner was assigned.

c. Councillor Hampsey

DH reported ferry-related work, including attendance at Western Ferries' new-vessel event and the recent roundtable. Rising vessel-construction costs were discussed. The Cowal Transport Forum was expected to meet later in the month; no exact date was given.

d. Building near Ashgrove

A member raised the deteriorating building in front of Ashgrove, describing falling materials, broken windows and concerns for nearby residents. Councillor Hampsey undertook to seek follow-up, while explaining that enforcement against private owners could be lengthy. Ownership and the building's formal condition were not confirmed.

Action undertaking: councillor to seek officer follow-up on the Ashgrove-area building. Councillor Hampsey and exact property to be confirmed.

e. Traffic review and accessible parking

In response to a question about making Milton Road one way, members were told that additional officers had been recruited for the wider traffic review. Resizing the former Ladbrokes taxi rank and relocating a sloping disabled parking bay near Church Street were raised. The councillor said consultation would form part of the wider review; no individual traffic change was approved.

f. Hanover Street car park

John Paterson raised long-stay vans and unhitched trailers occupying spaces. A councillor described patrols, notices and removals, noting that vehicles being moved complicated enforcement. Reporting specific vehicles through the council's reporting system was encouraged.

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Royal Mail vans were also said to occupy many spaces overnight and at busy times. A councillor undertook to raise that issue in the traffic review. No exemption or legal right to park was verified.

Action undertaking: Councillor Moreland to raise Royal Mail parking in the traffic review. Individual owner to be confirmed.

g. CCTV

Chris Martin asked about the number of town cameras and the timetable for an upgrade. He reported an understanding that only two of twelve cameras were operating and described difficulty obtaining confirmation from the council. A councillor undertook to check and respond. The totals, operational status, funding and works programme were not verified at the meeting.

DW reported a camera by the swimming pool pointing towards the ground and agreed to photograph and report it the following day.

Action: DW to photograph and report the swimming-pool camera on 13 October. Councillor Moreland, to establish camera status and upgrade timing and respond to him.

h. Waverley berthing

John raised difficulty berthing Waverley at the breakwater and concern about inadequate fendering, missed calls and tourism. A councillor agreed to ask about the position. No engineering finding, funding decision or works commitment was made.

Action undertaking: councillor Hampsey to enquire about Waverley berthing and fendering.

12. Public Questions Taken at the Opening

a. Drainage beside the Morrisons footpath

Jack said drainage problems beside the footpath towards the footbridge remained unresolved despite earlier discussion of a piped culvert. He asked for progress and a timescale. DH agreed to raise the matter and liaise with Jenni Minto's office; Jack was asked to provide details and photographs if available. The earlier commitment and funding were not independently confirmed.

Action: DH to obtain the background from Jack and Jenni Minto's office, raise the drainage issue with the council and update Jack. Jack to provide available details.

b. Memorial cairn in Castle Gardens

Jack asked for directional and explanatory signage for the memorial cairn, saying visitors passed without knowing its significance. DH agreed to discuss it with RM and come back to him. The memorial's date and historical description were not verified and are not stated as findings.

Action: DH to discuss cairn signage with RM and respond to Jack.

c. Dunoon–Gourock ferry service

John Patterson commended DCC's persistence and urged continued pressure for a reliable service. He raised repeated delays to replacement vessels, prolonged single-vessel operation, risk of reduced provision, fares and declining visitor trade. His historical, fare and passenger figures were contributions to the discussion rather than independently verified council findings.

DC said the recent discussions had focused on practical future options. He discussed replacement vessels, accessible shoreside infrastructure, the possible hydrofoil option and a bus service carried on Western Ferries, with frequent Gourock connections and a less frequent Glasgow service. He described the community asset-transfer/private-operator option as having attracted the greatest survey support, followed by the bus option, but said the former had not succeeded.

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John expressed strong concern that pursuing a bus option would undermine the direct passenger-ferry link. DC argued that an interim bus option could offer earlier reliability and said residents would need to be consulted on DCC's eventual position. No decision to replace the passenger ferry, support a single vessel, adopt a hydrofoil or commission a bus service was taken.

DH supported seeking a tangible plan and action from government. DC's estimate that new ferries might be at least five years away, and his remarks about possibly stepping back if there was no progress, were explicitly personal views, not a confirmed programme or resignation. The Convener confirmed that ferries would remain on DCC's agenda.

d. Former Crown/Taylor's premises

John raised the condition of premises described in the transcript as the former Crown/Taylor's. A councillor said an issue with timber boarding and the remaining frame had been reported to planning and would be raised again. The exact premises name and individual councillor should be checked before approval.

Action undertaking: councillor Moreland to re-raise the remaining structure with planning. Individual owner to be confirmed.

13. Diary Dates

• 15 October: Cowal Heritage Group talk at the Argyll Hotel, shortly after 7 pm, as announced; speaker and title require checking against the event notice.
• 19 October: DCDT film screening at the cinema, described as the following Monday; booking details to be checked.
• 30 October: prostate-screening event at Queen's Hall, as stated in Annex A.
• 31 October: Dunoon Market.
• 8 November: wreath-laying ceremony; DCDT AGM also mentioned provisionally for that date, details to confirm.
• 9 November: next DCC meeting, 7 pm, Queen's Hall.
• 12 January: next electricity-infrastructure meeting, year and arrangements to confirm.

14. Meeting Close

The Convener thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 9 pm. The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 9 November 2026 at 7 pm in the same venue.

Action Points for Follow-up

The actions below summarise undertakings captured above. No new deadlines are imposed.

• WM, with DC: establish monthly police-report trend analysis.

• EO: continue school sports-day/Mòd liaison; write to Dunoon Presents on ceremony noise and accessible toilets; request police event publicity.

• DC: correct transport meeting attendance notes; pursue CalMac, bus-service and working-group enquiries. DH: pursue bus-specification engagement.

• All members, with TM: progress remaining resilience-leaflet delivery.

• GR: follow up walk-in clinics, BID meeting notifications and the wreath-laying representative.

• FT: lead accessibility work with residents and colleagues.

• DW: photograph and report the swimming-pool camera on 13 October.

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• DH: follow up Jack’s drainage concern and discuss cairn signage with RM.

Distribution

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Annex A to

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Consolidated Members Reports October 2026

The complete supplied consolidated report follows. Original report text, tables and images are retained.

Commercially sensitive: the West Bay play-area report and tender summary must not be shared outside DCC until the tender has been formally accepted.

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Secretary's Report

Procedural Letter

Councillor Eric Owen

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Ms Melissa Stewart

Argyll & Bute Council

Reference: DCC EO260929Procedure **Date: 29 September 2026**

Dear

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At the most recent meeting of the Dunoon Community Council, a discussion on Community Councillors contacting Argyll & Bute Council officers, raised some issues which caused concern. Argyll & Bute Regional Councillor Ross Moreland was present at the meeting and expressed some procedural comments as follows;

As we understood them, Councillor Moreland stated that *community councillors are not elected, that members of the public are not permitted to contact council officers, and that community councils should contact officers through Argyll and Bute councillors.* These statements appear inconsistent with the provisions below and overlook the distinction between a private individual expressing a personal view and a community councillor acting in an authorised representative capacity. When representing Dunoon Community Council, a community councillor is communicating on behalf of a statutory community body and the community it represents. This representative role is recognised by the Scheme and Best Practice Agreement and should be acknowledged in dealings with Argyll and Bute Council and other public bodies. Councillor Tom McCowan, the retiring Secretary of Dunoon Community Council, who is still the council's best authority on such matters, has reviewed the available 2026 Scheme of Establishment and Best Practice Agreement for community councils and his observations are as follows:

Community councillors are elected

Clause 6.5(1), page 7 of the Scheme, expressly states that where the nomination requirements are met and a contested ballot is unnecessary, candidates "will be declared to be elected and no poll will be held".

Being elected unopposed therefore still means being elected. Some members join through co-option, separately covered by clause 6.8, but this does not justify describing community councillors collectively as unelected.

The Best Practice Agreement also describes community councillors as "elected representatives of their communities" in the Code of Conduct on

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page 17. Community councillors hold a different office from Argyll and Bute councillors, but their elected status should be recognised.

Direct contact with council departments and officers

Clause 2.1 of the Agreement's Code of Guidance for Communications with the Council, page 10, states:

"Routine enquiries should be made to the department directly concerned."

It also states:

"A copy of a routine enquiry need not be sent to an Argyll and Bute councillor unless the community council considers that it is appropriate to do so."

For major enquiries, clause 2.2 directs correspondence to the appropriate service office, signed by the community council secretary or, in their absence, the convener. Major complaints should be copied to local Argyll and Bute councillors. Clauses 5.1–5.3, page 11, also provide for keeping ward councillors informed about more complex enquiries.

These provisions require councillors to be kept informed in specified circumstances. They do not require all contact to pass through them or receive their prior permission.

Clause 10.3 of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, page 11, further directs representations on statutory matters, such as planning or licensing, to the appropriate council official, and responses to service consultations to the appropriate service officer.

The wider statement about members of the public being unable to contact officers is also inconsistent with the council's published Contact Planning guidance, which provides for calls to be passed to appropriate officers and for officer callbacks.

Dunoon Community Council's authorised representatives

Dunoon Community Council elects members to specific representative roles, for example, transport and health and social care, and authorises them to speak on its behalf within those remits. Their contact with relevant officers is therefore undertaken as authorised community council representatives.

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Clause 2.6 of the communications code, page 10, recognises that correspondence from Argyll and Bute Council may go to a previously agreed nominated liaison contact rather than the secretary. It gives planning and licensing contacts as examples.

This appears consistent with arrangements for designated representatives. However, clause 2.6 concerns incoming correspondence, while clause 2.2 expressly names the secretary or, in their absence, the convener as signatory for major enquiries. It would therefore be helpful to clarify that an agreed delegation permits our representatives to sign such enquiries themselves in their designated representative capacity.

That question concerns the community council's correspondence arrangements. It does not establish a requirement to communicate through ward councillors.

As a consequence of the considerable effects which changes in current operational arrangements could make to our efficiency , we would appreciate a written reply to this communication, covering the following points:

- **The recognition of community councillors acting as authorised, elected community representatives, as distinct from individuals expressing personal views.**
- **The arrangements for community councillors and members of the public to contact council officers.**
- **Whether any policy requires community councils to route officer contact through ward councillors and, if so, the exact provision.**
- **How clause 2.2 applies to representatives authorised by Dunoon Community Council to act within specific remits, and how those delegations should be recorded and recognised.**
- **The adoption status and effective dates of the supplied 2026 documents. This matters because the supplied Scheme is marked as a draft and its effective adoption date remains "tbc". Its status should be confirmed before it is described as the operative Scheme.**

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Yours sincerely

Cllr Eric Owen

Secretary

Dunoon Community Council

The email to Dunoon Presents regarding the clash between the Noise of the Fairground and the lone piper is not copied to this place in this report. I will advise om it at the meeting.

Transport Report

Dunoon Community Council

Transport Report – September 2026

Tasks that have been undertaken since the last meeting.

1. **Meeting held with Transport Scotland - Chris Wilcock Director of Ferries and Ports, Paul Linhart-MacAskill – Head of New Vessels, Laurence Kenny Head of Policy, MSP's Jenni Minto, Stuart McMillan and Tim Eagle,**

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Daniel Hampsey as Chair of the Cowal Transport Forum, Strachur, S Cowal, Gourock and ColGlen CC's. See attached meeting notes. Note the point raised about having a new single reliable fit for purpose vessel.

2. **FOI request to CalMac about extension of life works expedited – now overdue.**
3. **Meeting with Chris Wilcock to discuss how to progress investigations into the feasibility of the Bus Service replacing the current CalMac service at least for the period of time up to the arrival of fit for purpose vessels. He has recommended that I approach Jenni Minto formally in the first instance. He did confirm that the Business Case for new Ferries will cover all options from getting from Dunoon Town Centre to Gourock.**

4. **Ref the issue of ferries departing Gourock just as trains arrive (although my argument is they are not connecting services) highlighted last month – I've now formally written to West Coast Motos to see if all bus connecting services could be offset by 5 minutes which is to meet the connections at Dunoon with the 489 and other services.**

5. **Ref local Bus Services to ensure that the Community Council is involved in drawing up the specification. Daniel Hampsery chased a response on 20th September**

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– still nothing heard from ABC about the clarification of CC engagement.

6. **Following discussion with Kay in her role with the Senior Citizens Club I have formally written to West Coast Motors to ask if the 480 service could alternate hourly between the old timetable and the new, i.e. the 480 would run along Cromwell Street / Mary Street / Edward Street / Auchamore Road every 2 hours, and along Alexander Parade every 2 hours, but leaving the Dunoon to upper Kirn route unaffected.**
7. **Pursuing names of persons involved in New Vessels Working Group with both Ross Moreland and Paul Linhart- MacAskill.**

***Items requiring discussion/approval from members*.**

New Ferries – confirmation that my current proposed course of action is agreed by DCC

Items requiring further action by Transport Lead member (all as per last report due to time constraints).

1. **Analyse the positive and negative responses to the Rally survey (will be using AI again as this is still o/s)**
2. **Circulate each individual CC with their results.**
3. **Further analyse the Ferry Survey responses.**
4. **6 monthly all CC's liaison meeting to ensure we are all together on Transport issues (agreed from penultimate report – still to be actioned).**

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5. **Further investigation as to what constitutes an official ABC Committee to get recognition of the Cowal Transport Forum (no action – Daniel dealing?).**
6. **Need to establish timetable for ABC tendering bus services in Cowal and ensure we get Community engagement in the specification.**
7. **Discussions with West Coast Motors as to how we best resolve the connectivity with the CalMac service by adjusting the 489/486/484/478 timetables. Consultation with the Community will be required.**

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Police Report and Update

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Community Council Debrief	
Dates Between: 04/09/2026 – 07/10/2026	
Location & Beat: Dunoon LB46	
Reporting Officer: PC Claire Hendry	
Between the dates above the number of Incidents and Crime Reports respectively are 234 & 57	
	**Possession of Drugs A/B/C** **1 x detected**

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	**Theft** **1 x undetected** **Theft by housebreaking** **1 x detected** **Theft by shoplifting** **1 x detected** **1 x undetected** **Fraud**

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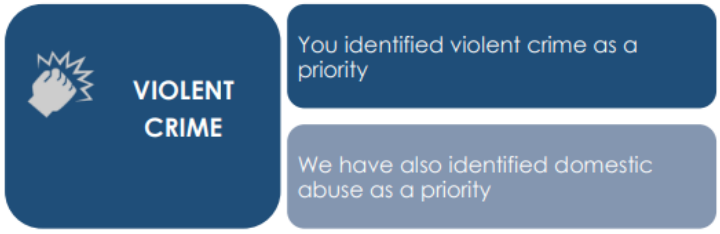
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	2 x undetected **Embezzlement** **1 x undetected**
	**Careless cycling** **1 x detected** **Drive whilst unfit** **1 x undetected** **No Insurance** **2 x undetected** **No MOT** **1 x detected** **Fail to stop/fail to report**

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	2 x undetected **Other driving offences** **1 x detected** **1 x undetected**
	**Serious assault** **3 x detected** **Assault** **8 x detected** **Police assault** **2 x detected**
	**Breach of the Peace** **1 x detected** **Threatening and abusive behaviour**

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	9 x detected **Culpable and Reckless Conduct** **1 x undetected** **Vandalism** **2 x detected** **5 x undetected** **Communications Act** **2 x detected** **2 x undetected** **Sexual offences act** **1 x detected**

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	Dangerous Dogs Act **2 x detected** **Operate a short term let without a licence** **1 x undetected** **Fail to comply with police conditions** **1 x detected**
Useful Links/Contacts	**Crimestoppers – Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org)** **Distress Brief Intervention - Distress Brief Intervention - Connected Compassionate Support | DBI.scot** **Scottish Partnership against Rural Crime - Scottish Partnership**

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	Against Rural Crime | Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (scottishparc.co.uk) **Women's Aid - Home - Women's Aid (womensaid.org.uk)** **Citizens Advice – 08081646000** **Trading Standards - 08081646000**

Community Policing Update: October

Good evening, everyone. We continue with our community engagement and proactive initiatives aimed at keeping our area safe. Our focus remains on visibility, strong partnerships, and effective crime prevention strategies.

Monthly Activity Summary

For this reporting period, Police Scotland received 234 calls within our local area, reflecting a very active month for our teams. Notably, we recorded 57 crime reports, which is an increase on last month. We will continue our targeted enforcement, visible patrols, and preventative work to manage these trends and support the community.

Upcoming Initiatives & Community Events

Our focus is now towards autumn engagement. The prostate cancer screening event is scheduled to take place at the Queens Hall with a date confirmed for 30th October 2026. PC Cunningham has been working directly alongside Prostate Scotland to bring this vital free testing and awareness event to our local area.

A Note for the Local Council: We would greatly appreciate any continued support from the local council in helping us promote this event to ensure we

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reach as many residents as possible and maximise its impact. More details on how to get involved will be shared as the date approaches.

Priority Focus Areas Our targeted work continues to address key community priorities in collaboration with our partners:

- **Antisocial Behaviour Prevention: We are proactively patrolling the streets on foot when resources allow to help reduce ASB.**
- **Road Safety: Static speed checks continue to be carried out within Dunoon and the surrounding area to promote safer driving. Additionally, planning is currently underway for road safety inputs at the fire station, with dates still to be confirmed shortly.**

West Bay Play Area Report

Dunoon Community Council

West Bay Play Area Report.

September 2026

New tasks that have been undertaken since last meeting:

On Friday 2 October 2026, I met with Hugh O'Neill (Argyll and Bute Council), Pauline Serley (Secretary, Sandbank Community Council) and John Parker (Sandbank Community Development Trust) to review the tenders from KOMPAN Limited and Wicksteed Leisure Limited.

The meeting was positive and the tenders informative. KOMPAN Limited was the preferred company, subject to requested changes and formal acceptance.

Ongoing Project Updates:

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The proposed small playhouse was considered unsuitable due to concerns about roof climbing, young people gathering inside to drink or smoke, and resulting damage. KOMPAN Limited has been asked to propose a fire truck from its catalogue instead.

Proposals:

Await KOMPAN Limited's revised proposal for consideration.

New Projects:

No new projects reported this month.

Further Updates requiring Dunoon Community Council attention:

Commercially sensitive: this report and the tender summary must not be shared outside DCC until the tender has been formally accepted.

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