



Dalbeattie Community Council Meeting

Monday 8th December 2025 @ 7pm Dalbeattie Town Hall Draft Minutes

Community Council Elected Members Present :

Linda Ashton (LA) Chair, May Donaldson (MD) Vice Chair, Edward Palmer (ED), Lynn Gibson (LG) Pauline Paterson (PP) Secretary, John Neilson (JN) James Carnochan (JC)

Councillors : Davie Stitt (DS)

Dumfries and Galloway Council: Jim McCrossan

Royal British Legion: Willie Watson (WW) Robert Kirk (RK) Jim Dingwall (JD)

Dalbeattie Initiative:

Public: John White, Margaret Copp, Kate Caldow

1 Welcome and Introduction

LA opened the Meeting

2 Apologies

Ron Smith (RS) Treasurer, Robert Widdowson

3 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 10th November 2025

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes and Agenda

Public WCs on Water Street

The Public WCs on Water Street are being Vandalised between the hours of 3.15pm and 4pm. The Toilets now going to be opened between the hours of

Monday to Thursday 8am and 3.30pm

Friday 8am and 2pm

At the moment the WCs will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays while D&GC are advertising a post for weekend cleaning.

If any one in the town is interested in taking on this weekend role please get in touch with Dumfries and Galloway Council.

In the meantime your Community Council is working with D&GC to have the WCs open on a weekend for events taking place. Event organisers will be able to fill in a form applying for the keys for them to open and close the WCs. This does not include the Events needing to clean the WCs.

5 Actions from the Previous Minutes

Painting the interior of the Town Hall

LA has carried out an inspection of the Town Hall with a D&GC Representative, there is too much work to be carried out by the Clean u Group.

The Leak on the Town Hall roof has not yet been organised for full repair.

6 Membership such as co-option of New Members

Aaron Gibson is retiring from the Community Council. The Council thanks him for his time.

7 Police Report

LA informed the meeting that at a meeting with Police Scotland it was announced that there is going to be a re-structuring in the area. The community safety officers are going to be reduced from 12 to 8 - if people could write to the police with their views then something different may happen.

LA read out the crime Statistics below:

Summary of crimes in the local area 8th December 2025, relevant to public meetings.

- 1 x Possession of Drugs Person Charged
- 1x Report of theft by Housebreaking ongoing enquiries
- 3 x Reports of threatening and abusive behaviour 3 people charged
- 4 x Reports of Careless Driving
- 1 x Breach of the Peace person Charged
- 1 x Assault Person Charged
- 1 x Assault enquiries ongoing
- 1 x Threatening and abusive behaviour enquires ongoing
- 1 x Possession of drugs, recorded police warning
- 1 x Assault Person charged

Neighbourhood watch Scotland

Sign up and get alerts regarding the following:

- Local crimes and Trends
- Guidance on online safety and doorstep scams
- Advice on how to secure your belongings
- Information on safety, resilience and Community wellbeing
- Approved “Secure by Design” products and Recommendations
- Sharing best practice to protect you, your family and the community

www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

8 Treasurer's Report

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Additional Details

OPENING BALANCE £40,583.15

Income £38,099.18 ringfenced for pond

deposit 21/05/2025 £8,424.00 from Dunn Foundation for bandstand

interest 27/6/2025 £123.77

deposit 30/7/2025 £3,535.50

interest 29/9/2025 £121.88

TOTAL INCOME £12,205.15

Expenditure

14/04/2025 cheque 130 £72.00 Birchvale theatre rent for meeting

02/05/2025 direct debit ICO £47.00

03/07/2025 cheque 131 £1,221.60 Michael Kirkpatrick Joinery/Bandstand repairs

27/6/2025 cheque 132 £1,260.00 Darren McGimpsey/Bandstand Repairs

27/6/2025 cheque 133 £2,400.00 Patterson Engineering/Bandstand Sand Blasting

27/6/2025 cheque 134 £166.72 Hall rental for fundraiser

21/8/2025 cheque 138 £3,542.40 M. Gaffney & Sons Bandstand Repairs

04/8/2025 cheque 136 £1,671.60 SW Audio PA Rental for fundraiser

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £10,381.32

Opening Balance £40,583.15

Income £12,205.15

Opening Balance plus Income £52,788.30

Expenditure £10,381.32

Closing Balance £42,406.98

9 Lead Roles / Working Parties Report / Sub Group Reports

Pond Group Regeneration

Update on Phase 1

Only one contractor has tendered (Parc Construction) who can do it within the budget. The tender is £36,227.06.

Resilience Group

It was discussed setting up a Neighbourhood Watch group.

Clean up Dalbeattie Group

Clean up side of the burn in the New Year

Community Engagement including Local Place Plan

Newsletter EP asked if people still wanted him to produce the quarterly newsletter. If so he would need contributions to it as he cannot do it by himself.

December Newsletter to go out.

Placeplan has now gone to D&GC for Consultation until 15th December and to be submitted January 2026.

Band Stand

The New Plaque has not gone up yet.

The Steps on the Bandstand are not defined for Visual impaired persons. It was discussed that Dumfries and Galloway Council will do this. Not done to date.

10 Community Organisation Reports

Dalbeattie Initiative: Rocks and Wheels are on track for the handover of the keys for 2026, this is excellent news for the town and congratulations to everyone involved for your hard work.

11 Regional (D&G) Council Report to the Council

None

12 Planning Application that need Community Council comment

None

13 Dalbeattie Scouts

EP informed the group that an application for a 99 year lease for the Dalbeattie Police Station has been sent in but to date nothing has been heard.

14 Other Projects

Race Night

Was a great success although there were only about 30 people £1,129.60p was raised.

Thanks go to Davie Stitt, Margaret Copp and Compere Willie McFadyn

20mph Implementation

No update from D&GC on this.

Safe Guarding

RS is dealing with getting a Safe Guarding policy into place as you need one to apply for a grant which is taking place for phase 2 of the pond.

Bank Account

It was agreed that the existing bank account would be changed from RSB to Virgin Money as not getting service from RBS.

15 Public Feedback

MC Discussed how the drop in Flu and COVID van had just turned up at the Birchvale centre?

RK Discussed Illegal parking, advised to go onto Police Scotland website and report it will get a phone call back from the Police.

Dates and times of Meeting 2026 in Dalbeattie Town Hall 7pm

9th February 2026

13th April 2026

Annual General Meeting 11th May 2026

8th June 2026

10th August 2026

12th October 2026

14th December 2026