



# Community Council NEWS

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## 50 Years of Community Councils

Community Councils are celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2023, having been established in the early seventies, with the introduction of the 1973 Local Government Act. In that time, local authorities have undergone a massive reorganisation from 9 regions, 53 districts and 3 Island Councils into 32 unitary councils, referred to as the 32 Local Authorities of Scotland.

Recently, Community Councils were on the agenda at Holyrood and you can pick up on the conversation at Blog: Community Councils on the agenda at Holyrood | Community Council

There are around 1200 active Community Councils in Scotland with provision for 106 in Dumfries and Galloway alone. This means we have a potential for 1,250 Community Councillors in D&G volunteering on behalf of their local community, covering an area stretching from Gretna and District Community Council in the east to Stranraer, Ochtreure and Belmont in the west to Kirkconnel and Kelloholm in the north.



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### Police Scotland Community Policing Team

are available to attend any events or meetings which are taking place across the Division that could provide reassurance and support to local communities and partners. Contact the relevant area at

[NithsdaleCPT@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:NithsdaleCPT@Scotland.police.uk)

[AnnandaleandEskdaleCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AnnandaleandEskdaleCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

[StewartryCPT@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:StewartryCPT@Scotland.police.uk)

[WigtownCPT@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:WigtownCPT@Scotland.police.uk)

Some examples of good Community Council practice include:

**Supporting the Local Economy** - Gretna and Rigg Community Council launching a dedicated website entitled LOVE GRETNA project to help local businesses

**Setting up a Trust** - Upper Nithsdale Community Trust A Deed of Trust was set up and signed on 6th July 2007 and agreed between the two Community Councils of Kelloholm and Kirkconnel and the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District. The purpose of the Trust is to support and promote community projects.

**Maintaining War Memorials** – local winners of national competitions have been Gretna Green and Springfield and Lochmaben and District Community Councils.

**Improving local assets** - renovating local bus shelters was undertaken by Colvend and Southwick Community Council. Balmaghie Community Council and Cree Valley Community Council were just two of the many Community Councils providing planters and floral displays across the region to improve their local areas.

**Hosting local galas** in Colvend with Colvend and Southwick Community Councils and supporting Christmas Celebrations across the region in Stranraer, Lockerbie and Gretna.

**Ensuring Road Safety** in Kirkpatrick Fleming by installing 3 Speed Indicator Devices and Kirkcolm Community Council set up a repair system for cyclists with emergency repairs.

More information about examples of good practice can be found in the newsletter section of [www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils) webpage

### TSDG Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

are offering FREE training – click on the link to the right to sign up for this exciting opportunity.



# 50 Years of Community Councils - How Time Flies!

Alex Whannel, current member of Stoneykirk Community Council and recently elected chairperson of Ward 1 Federation of Community Councils is still an active member of his local community and he was there, 50 years ago. What were his memories of it all?

'I was a young man of 25, living with my wife and two small children in the Lochans when Community Councils first started. The first meeting calling for volunteers was probably a bit before that, as a constitution had to be prepared and agreed.

Anyway, I went to the first meeting called by the Council, to hear what it was all about. When it came to the part when they called for volunteers, I raised my hand, along with a few others. Then if I remember rightly, the volunteers were taken into a small room to form a steering committee to work on a constitution for the Lochans Community Council. I was surprised that I was elected Chairman. My Vice Chair was Mr Crammond, an ex-teacher of mine. I can't remember his first name, and it did take a wee while for me to stop calling him Sir. He was a great help, and together, we personally delivered leaflets to all in the catchment area about what Community Councils do and imploring the people to get involved. It was surprising how many people, especially in the countryside, were unaware of 'their Community Council'.

Why did I volunteer? With a wife and young family of two girls, I had plenty on my plate. Lochans had the usual problems and complaints, street lighting, potholes and of course speeding cars through the village. I volunteered to listen to the community and be able to do something on their and my behalf, or at least try. The Community Council can also play a big role in supporting local organisations, organising events, encouraging people to volunteer to help, enriching the community spirit. In closing, I would like to thank my wife, and all the family for their forbearance and putting up with my moods when things are not going right. But most of all, for their support, without which I could and would not have done it'.



## FEDERATIONS continue to move forward across the region

There are now 3 Community Council Federations established in the region, Annandale and Eskdale, Ward 2 and Ward 1 with an additional federation in the early stages of interest. The Stewartry Community Council Network (SCNN) continue to operate a collective of Community Councils with membership open to all established Community Councils in the Stewartry area. Constitutions have been adopted, office bearers proposed and seconded and timetables of meetings agreed.

## Casual Vacancy Election - Update

**Under the terms of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway, a Casual Vacancy Election is a method whereby Community Councils can fill vacancies between Ordinary Elections, without disruption to Community Council business. Community Councillors elected as a result of this process will form part of the quorum. Here is the latest update on Casual Vacancy Elections across the region.**

### Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council

A Casual Vacancy Election was held recently for the Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council area. The process has resulted in three new Community Councillors having been validly nominated to serve as Community Councillors for the area bringing the total number of elected Community Councillors to 8.

### Cree Valley Community Council

A Casual Vacancy Election was held recently for the Cree Valley Community Council area. The process has resulted in six new Community Councillors having been validly nominated to serve as Community Councillors for the area bringing the total number of elected Community Councillors to 13.

### Ae Community Council

A By Election was held recently for the Ae Community Council area. The process has resulted in eight new Community Councillors having been validly nominated to serve as Community Councillors for the area.

20 Signatures - two further petitions have been received for the re-establishment of Community Councils for the areas of Heathhall and Kirkmaiden and DGC are in the process of finalising the timetables and paperwork for both.

### Community Council Ordinary Elections October 2024 - Date for the Diary

Scheme section 7.2 provides the process to follow for Community Council Ordinary Elections and these take place every 5 years, that being the same frequency as Local Government Elections but not necessarily taking place in the same year. The most recent Community Council Ordinary Election occurred in October 2019 and the next scheduled Community Council Ordinary Election will take place in October 2024.

# Armed Forces Parade

Saturday 24 June was Armed Forces Day 2023. A parade was held in Dumfries High Street and started at 11.40am, marching to the Plainstones. The parade was led by a band of local musicians, followed by marching retired and serving armed forces personnel. An Armed Forces Day parade has also taken place in the Wigtownshire Club Rugby Field, Stranraer on Saturday, 1 July 2023. Stalls and Displays were on show between 10.00am and 4.00pm including food stalls, arts and crafts stalls, military display vehicles, highland and country dancing, live music and a car boot arena. This free event was enjoyed by all ages of the community and there was a fantastic turn-out in Dumfries and Stranraer for those who put their country before themselves to protect our way of life.



## British Legion Scotland Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2023

Kirkpatrick Fleming Village Hall are delighted to share some great news regarding the Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2023... their War Memorial has won the National All category and the Champion of Champions! They will now progress onto the Scotland wide competition. On winning the Champion of Champions, the judges said, 'fantastic work by the community, a war memorial fit for its accolade. It just made us smile with the different flower holders representing the three different branches of the armed forces represented'.

The following war memorials in our region were also winners and will be presented with a Commended certificate

**Annan** – Large Community Without Gardens Category

**Kirkcunneil** – National All Category

**Maxwelltown** – Large Community with Gardens Category

**Closeburn** – National All Category

**Lochmaben** – National All Category

**Gretna Parish** – National All Category

**Sanquhar** – National All Category

**Small Community With Gardens**

Winner – Dalbeattie

**Small Community Without Gardens**

Moffat

**National All**

Winner – Kirkpatrick Fleming

Certificates will be presented at the annual Area Conference on 29th July 2023, being held at Cumbernauld Club in Cumbernauld.

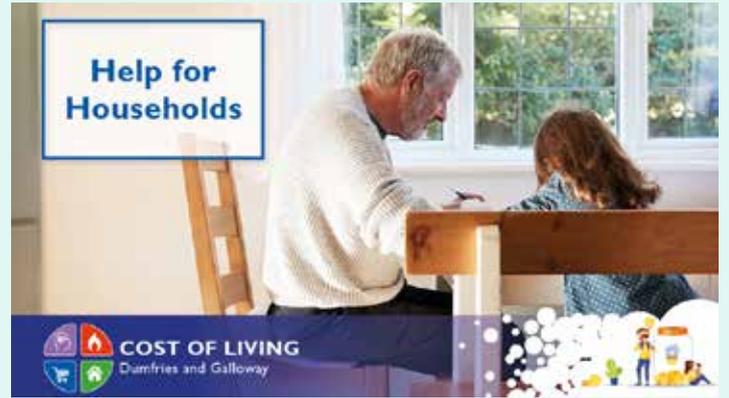


# Support to Communities with the Cost of Living

You may be aware that we have recently launched a new Cost of Living DG website – [www.costofliving.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.costofliving.dumgal.gov.uk)

The Cost of Living DG website is a one-stop shop detailing help with money and benefits, household bills, finding work, health and wellbeing, as well as support for families, young people, the elderly and disabled.

Cost-of-living increases are now affecting everyone living and working in Dumfries and Galloway, but many residents remain unaware of what help is available to them.



## Celebrating across the region the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla on 6 of May 2023



Communities across Dumfries and Galloway commemorated the recent Coronation with many holding community celebrations over the weekend period. One of those communities, in the east of the region, brought their whole community together to ensure everyone could take part. Springfield and Gretna Green Community Council Chairperson, Isabell Tranter commented 'We had a lovely event on Friday evening outside in the seating area at Stormont Hall. We were entertained by Springfield Primary School pupils and Brooke Council, a pupil from the school, lit the beacon. Local resident, Janette Seamen sang God Save the King and this was followed by a toast to the King.

Next day, Lisa Mitchell planted a commemorative tree in Springfield playing field and all the children had free ice cream. An afternoon tea was provided in Stormont Hall and everyone commented on how much they had enjoyed the various Coronation celebrations'.



## UCI Cycling World Championships

From 3 to 13 August, the inaugural UCI Cycling World Championships will be hosted in Glasgow and across Scotland.

It will be the single biggest cycling event in history, bringing together 13 existing UCI World Championships into one mega event to celebrate the #PowerOfTheBike.

Here in Dumfries and Galloway we host the UCI Paracycling World Road Championships from 9 to 12 August. This is where the rubber meets the road for the world's fastest and most fearless para-cyclists. For the races to use public roads and meet safety standards, there will be temporary road closures throughout the event. This means there will be some changes to the way Dumfries operates around the event period in terms of street access, on-street parking and service delivery including public transport. This won't be a normal week in Dumfries. The Local Organising Committee is working closely together with emergency services and traffic management experts to minimise the impact so the community and visitors can continue to enjoy Dumfries and the event. Find out more UCI Cycling World Championships - [\*\*Dumfries and Galloway Council \(dumgal.gov.uk\)\*\*](http://Dumfries and Galloway Council (dumgal.gov.uk))

**Dumfries and Galloway Council** also have Facebook and Twitter pages which are updated regularly with news, information and contact details.

Click on the icons Facebook and Twitter.





## PLANNING NEWS UPDATE

[www.eplanning.scot](http://www.eplanning.scot)

### Planning Act Implementation: Development Planning

Continuing the exciting year for Scotland's stronger, plan-led planning system, today we have published guidance on preparing new-style local development plans. The guidance supports the implementation of new regulations which came into force on 19 May 2023.

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 made significant changes to reform the system of local development planning. The new regulations and guidance mean that planning authorities can build on work underway, to progress new place-based plans for the future of their areas. These will work alongside the ground-breaking National Planning Framework 4, adopted earlier this year. The comprehensive guidance we have published today will make sure authorities can plan with confidence.

### Regulations

[The Town and Country Planning \(Development Planning\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) include procedures for the preparation of local development plans (LDPs).

The [Policy Note](#) provides details of the regulations' provisions, the consultation to inform the Regulations and of the [impact assessments](#) carried out.

[The Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 12 and Saving and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2023](#) bring into effect the new arrangements for producing LDPs and provide saving and transitional arrangements for LDPs that started under the previous LDP system.

The [Policy Note](#) sets out the policy objectives, explains the provisions commenced and provides detail about the transitional arrangements.

[The Town and Country Planning \(Play Sufficiency Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) also came into force on 19 May. Planning authorities must assess the sufficiency of play opportunities in their area for children in preparing an evidence report, for their LDP. These regulations cover the form and content of a play sufficiency assessment (PSA), who the planning authority must consult in the preparation of the PSA and how they must be published.

### Guidance

The new [Local Development Planning Guidance](#) sets out the Scottish Ministers' expectations of new style LDPs - plans which are place-based, people-centred and delivery-focused.

The guidance brings together the various legislative requirements on the process, and provides advice on how planning authorities should fulfil their statutory duty to take National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) into account, with advice on each of NPF4's 33 policy areas.

The guidance replaces and repeals Scottish Government Planning Circular 6/2013.

### Consultation - Effective Community Engagement in Local Development Planning Guidance

Community voices ought to be at the heart of local development planning in Scotland, which is why new rights and responsibilities for engagement were included in the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.

Draft guidance has been published that aims to clarify the level of engagement that may be sought at different stages in the development planning process. This will act as a sense check for planning authorities and can assist communities in understanding when their engagement will be most influential or effective in the preparation of local development plans. The consultation paper invites views on the clarity and helpfulness of the guidance in informing people when engagement will be most effective. The closing date for responses is 13 September 2023. [Read the draft guidance document.](#)

**Local Place Plans** continue to be a feature in planning across the region and if you require any information or support, please contact the Community Council mailbox, [Community.Councils@dumgl.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgl.gov.uk) or Local Place Plans - Dumfries and Galloway Council ([dumgal.gov.uk](http://dumgal.gov.uk)) Check out the link below to find out more about populations in your locale Population around a point ([tomforth.co.uk](http://tomforth.co.uk))

### How to keep up to date

Follow Scottish Government Planning and Architecture Division

Web: [Scottish Government website](#) and [Transforming Planning](#)

Twitter: [@scotgovplanning](#) E-alerts: [Planning and Architecture news updates](#)

Follow our [blog](#) for news and stories from Planning and Architecture

Online application service: [eDevelopment.scot](http://eDevelopment.scot)

View the most recent meeting of the DGC Planning Committee on 28 June 2023 and follow the discussion at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/dgclive](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/dgclive)

# Transport Improvement Study A75 A77

Dumfries and Galloway Council, South Ayrshire Council and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council have launched an important report and are calling for urgent action from the Scottish and UK Government to improve the A75 and A77 trunk roads.

You can download the report by independent transport consultancy Sweco, and a supporting video, from the Council website at: <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/A75-A77>

The main Strategic and Economic Impacts Report is supplemented by detailed appendices and a complementary Economic and Location Impacts Report, also published today, which describes what effect A75/77 transport investment would have on jobs and income. The Economic and Location Impacts Report focusses on south west Scotland, outlining the advantages to specific areas and particular communities, while also acknowledging the wider strategic impacts such investment would bring to Scotland.

Find out [more](#)

## 10,000 Voices Consultation 2023 (dumgal.gov.uk)

The '10,000 Voices' consultation was first carried out in Dumfries and Galloway in 2018 as part of Dumfries and Galloway's Year of Young People plan. The 2023 research involved 10,828 young people aged between 10 and 25 years old, which is 51.7% of the young people living, working and studying in Dumfries and Galloway, and is a slight increase in the number of young people that participated in the original study in 2018. The findings will be used to inform a wide range of strategic and operational plans for Community Planning Partners across Dumfries and Galloway, with a commitment that Dumfries and Galloway Council's Youth Work Service will develop a 5-year plan based on the findings, that will aim to tackle the key issues identified. Click on the link above to access the report and view the latest DGC full council meeting on 27 June 2023 on Youtube to follow the discussion [www.dumgal.gov.uk/dgclive](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/dgclive)

### Find your Community Council

[www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils) - Are your Community Council details up to date on the dumgal.gov website? Check out the information available to the public about your Community Council. Send any updates to the Community Council mailbox on [Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk) and we will make the necessary changes.

# SOSE South of Scotland Enterprise SUMMER TOUR

We are visiting locations across the South of Scotland this summer to speak to communities, businesses and social enterprises. Our summer tour is an opportunity for you to come and talk to us to find out more about your economic and community development agency. Ask our Chair and CEO your questions and a chance to discuss new opportunities the region faces, as well as discuss our new Five Year Plan. Find out more at [Summer tour offers latest chance to find out about South of Scotland Enterprise's plans](#)

## SUMMER EVENTS 2023

The holidays have begun for many, and there are lots of activities to get involved with! Check out what our Lifelong Learning, Dumfries & Galloway Council Team are offering over the holidays and get in touch with them if you want to get involved!

[Customer Service Centres - Dumfries and Galloway Council \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](#)

[Dumfries and Galloway Council | Facebook](#)

## Free Tree Planting in Dumfries and Galloway

South of Scotland Tree Planting Grants are available up to a maximum of £1,000 per applicant to cover material costs. Further information is available by contacting Tweed Forum on 01896 849723, the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership on 07469 571806 or Borders Forest Trust on 07399 275973. Grants are available across the entirety of Dumfries & Galloway. Full info here: [South of Scotland Tree Planting Grant Scheme - The Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership](#)

## Licensing News Update

For more information [www.dumgal.gov.uk/licensing](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/licensing)

Dumfries and Galloway Divisional Licensing Boards are seeking views on their current Licensing Policy Statement. A Statement of Licensing Policy sets out the terms by which each Divisional Licensing Board will consider applications for premises (alcohol) licences in their area and other alcohol related matters. A new Statement of Licensing Policy must be agreed and published by November 2023. Follow the licencing discussion across the region by viewing our recorded meetings at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/dgclive](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/dgclive)

# Useful Information



**90** Community Councils are now established across the 12 Wards within Dumfries and Galloway. We would appreciate each Community Council ensuring their main contact details are up to date. Please check out the list of main contacts on the [dumgal.gov.uk](http://dumgal.gov.uk) website, [www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils) and if any changes are required, we would be grateful if you could notify us on [Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

**Ward Officers** can provide support with community engagement, community empowerment, community development and community planning. Click on [www.dumgal.gov.uk/wardworking](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/wardworking) to access more information about Ward Working across Dumfries and Galloway. You can also use our find my nearest tool to find out which ward you live in and contact the relevant ward worker – enter your address or postcode then find your ward under ‘Council and democracy’.

## Information Commissioner’s Office

Has your Community Council registered with the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) yet? Signed up for the free newsletter? Need more information on this? Visit the Information Commissioners Office [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

**Additional Information** for Community Councillors on [dumgal.gov.uk](http://dumgal.gov.uk) website including Insurance, Discretionary Grants and Data Protection Registration is available on [www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils/information](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils/information)

## The Voluntary Sector

TSDG Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Community Councils are eligible to become Members of Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Interface. The detailed website provides regular updates on Funding Opportunities, free subscription to the funding newsletter, training opportunities, volunteering opportunities and a great deal of useful information which is updated on a regular basis. [www.tdsg.org.uk](http://www.tdsg.org.uk)



## Where can you find more Information?



[www.communitycouncils.scot](http://www.communitycouncils.scot) Scottish Government Community Council website. This website is for anyone interested in community councils. The site has up to date information on news, events, guidance and grants as well as advice on how to be a Community Councillor. Check out the help and support section [www.communitycouncils.scot](http://www.communitycouncils.scot)

LOCAL – [www.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk) Information based Dumfries and Galloway Council website features the services and functions of Dumfries and Galloway Council. Keep up to date on current consultations by going to the Get Involved page.

[www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils)

Community Council Webpages – Useful information for Community Councils including Find my Community Council. Check out the Information for Community Councils section here Keep your Community Council information on the webpage up to date. Send DGC any changes to membership or individual contact details to ensure all information sent out by DGC is being received correctly.

[CCESCommunities@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:CCESCommunities@dumgal.gov.uk) A Dumfries and Galloway Council operated enquiry service. Send your request to the CCES mailbox direct. Need more information on CCES, investigate on the website [www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils)

Find out more helpful tips on how to get the most out of the enquiry systems available with DGC [here](#)

[Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk) The Community Council mailbox administered by Dumfries and Galloway personnel. Send in your Agendas and Minutes to comply with the scheme – Role of Secretary, section 6.5 or just get in touch with us and we will ensure a prompt response.

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## Scottish Community Council Newsletter

Access the free subscription newsletter from the Scottish Government Improvement service. Packed with information, news and funding opportunities [Scottish Community Councils Website](http://ScottishCommunityCouncilsWebsite)

[Scottishccs@improvementservice.org.uk](mailto:Scottishccs@improvementservice.org.uk)



## Would you like to speak to someone about local issues?

You can contact your local Councillor to speak about any Council matter. Click here for more information. [www.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk)

## Community Activators

coming to a town near you!

Over the past year Dumfries and Galloway Council's Active Communities team have been working in collaboration with the Health and Social Care Partnership to increase the delivery of region-wide older adult physical activity opportunities.

The Community Activator classes will be delivered in a fun and inclusive manner and aim to improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing of participants. The programmes also aim to prevent de-conditioning and contribute to Health and Social Care priorities including healthy ageing.

Thanks to funding from the Health and Social Care Partnership, Community Activator staff have undertaken a range of training in evidenced based physical activity delivery to ensure programmes are age and stage specific while being delivered in a safe and inclusive environment.

Participants can enjoy a range of activities including bocchia (similar to French boules), indoor curling, chi-me (based on tai-chi), seated exercises and quizzes/games. A hot cuppa is also offered at most classes. The feedback has been really good so far and will hopefully lead to participants increasing their physical activity and joining more activities in their local area. Email [Active.Communities@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Active.Communities@dumgal.gov.uk) to find out what is happening in your area.

## Funding Available for Community Councils, Local Charities and Community Groups

Funding Support – Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway ([tsdg.org.uk](http://tsdg.org.uk)) Our council also has a range of funding available from our area committees' discretionary fund and tackling poverty and inequalities fund. For more information, application, and deadlines check out Funding from [Area Committees - Dumfries and Galloway Council \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](http://AreaCommittees-DumfriesandGallowayCouncil.dumgal.gov.uk)

Scottish Community Councils Website [Community Council \(communitycouncils.scot\)](http://CommunityCouncils.scot)

## Circulation List/Newsletter Editions

The circulation list continues to expand with new subscribers in 2023 and back editions of the Community Council newsletter available on the Community Council webpage. If you are reading back editions from the webpage, why not send your email address to the mailbox and receive a copy to your mailbox [Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk) Check out back editions on [www.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk)

## COVID UPDATE

Contact NHS Dumfries and Galloway for the latest information on Covid 19 [COVID-19 – NHS Dumfries & Galloway](http://COVID-19-NHSDumfriesandGalloway)

## Consultations and Engagements

[Consultations and Engagement - Dumfries and Galloway Council](http://ConsultationsandEngagement-DumfriesandGallowayCouncil) Click

on the link to find out more about all things consultation, including the active consultations taking place across the region.



## YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

### Working with young people in Dumfries and Galloway

Why not take the opportunity to invite your Youth Councillors along to your Community Council meeting to find out how you can work in partnership. Click on the link below and make that connection with your Youth Councillors. To view a list of Youth Councillors visit: <https://youthwork.dumgal.gov.uk/article/21194/Find-My-Youth-Councillor>

# Windfarm Funding

## News with James Parker

There are now many windfarms across the region providing community benefits to local communities. Over the coming newsletters, we'll be profiling a few of these and highlighting some of the work delivered by local groups in receipt of these funds. [James.Parker@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:James.Parker@dumgal.gov.uk)

### Application deadlines to be aware of:

- ANCBC main fund 4th August 2023 (Annandale & Nithsdale)
- Kilgallioch Fund 16th October 2023 (West of region)
- Ewe Hill Fund 31st July 2023 (Annandale & Eskdale)



## Windfarm Profile – Kilgallioch

Kilgallioch was completed in 2017, becoming one of Scotland's largest windfarms. It is located in and around the Kilgallioch and Purgatory Forests, near New Luce in D&G. The windfarm is made up of 96 turbines, with a total capacity of 239MW – enough to power over 100,000 average homes. Kilgallioch Community Fund is available all across the West of the region, as well as crossing the border into South Ayrshire, and has supported many local activities over the past 6 years.

## Sharing Good Practice across the Region

**Wanlockhead Community Council** recently formalised their resilience plan with DGC and also secured external funding from Clyde Windfarm to support their plan, ensuring resources are available to meet any forthcoming need for support with an emergency situation.

Following the devastating flooding in their community in December 2022, **Kirkmahoe Community Council** Affiliated Community Resilience Team are delighted to have recently received external funding from the National Lottery Community Fund. The money will enable the group to purchase equipment and resources to help in case of an emergency, including supplies to enable people to access Kirkton Hall as a short term base.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** access the webpage for all things Community Council [here](#)

## RESILIENCE TEAMS UPDATE

Thank you to those who have recently updated their Community Resilience Plans.

Any Community Council who would like support with their resilience plan or to update their existing plan can contact [James.Richardson@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:James.Richardson@dumgal.gov.uk), Senior Resilience Adviser who will be able to assist or contact your local [Ward Officer](#) who will also be happy to assist. If you haven't already done so, please take time to revise and send through to us at [Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk/resilience](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk/resilience)

## CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES ACROSS D&G

[Customer Service Centres - Dumfries and Galloway Council \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](#) Customer Services continue to be delivered across the region with an additional 2 locations in Dumfries - North West Community Campus and Kirkland House. Changes to services in Lockerbie due to refurbishment, extended hours at Lochmaben and FREE holiday activities at Lochthorn Customer Service Centre ensures we continue to support our communities. Click on the link to find out more.