COYLTON

TRANSPORT AND INDUSTRY

TRANSPORT

ROAD

A70

AA, Th 19.5.1808, 1a — Contractor wanted for the upkeep of the Ayr-Cumnock turnpike in the parish of Coylton.

SRC, HTC 6.7.1983 — CPO for Beeches realignment discussed.

ROAD FROM WALLSTON (Tarbolton) TO BELSTON (Coylton) [B744 through Annbank]

AA, Th 24.7.1806, 1a — Contractors wanted for a new road from Bogend to Wallston, to be open by 20 November 1806. Details: Paul Helm at Auchincruive.

AA, Th 18.8.1808, 1b — Contractors wanted to uphold the Coylton-Galston road over the stretch between its junction in Coylton and its junction with the Ayr-Mauchline Road..

ROAD AT SOUTH CRAIG

AA, 9.4.1840 — To be added from AA file

AA, Th 7.5.1840, 4e [added to list] — Closure approved.

CO 3/12/1/1, ADC 1893-1899 — ADC 16.7.1895. Petition to make road from South Craig Quarry by Kerse Old Tilework to the Littlemill Road into a public highway. "The petition correctly states the road from Coylton to Dalmacaa by Shalloch at Dalmacaa Brae is practically of no public use on account of the steepness of the braes on both sides of the burn below Dalmacaa. It is also correct that the great bulk of the traffic of the district passes over the private or semi-private road desired to be placed on the list of highways. This District Committee and their predecessors have used this road for many years for the cartage of metal from South Craig Quarry to the Littlemill road, and onwards to Waterside - this has been a convenience; and have also been accustomed to apply metal to keep it in repair in respect of such traffic. The road is not a bottomed one but it is in this respect as good as adjoining roads and with a little attention would soon be in satisfactory surface. There is a pen over a small stream in the hollow which is covered with sleepers at present but is in good order. The road is fenced on both sides about half the length. The length is about half a mile. There are two gates on it. The proprietors are R A Oswald of Auchincruive and a very small part the Drumsuie estate.

CO 3/12/1/1, 363, ADC 20.10.1896 — Added to list of highways by County Council, 6th October 1896.

SPRINGS ROAD

AA, Th 24.4.1806, 1c — Contractors wanted from road from [B730] at Stair Bridge via Dalmore and the Old Bridge of Kyle to the [A70]

AA, Th 14.9.1809, 1d — Contractor wanted to maintain road from near Stair Bridge by Dalmore and Old Bridge of Kyle to the Ayr-Cumnock road.

BARBIESTON BRIDGE

AA, 15.5.1879 — Contractors wanted for the iron and mason work of a bridge over the Coyle at Barbieston. Allan Stevenson.

BRIDGE OF COYLE

List 15 — Single arch strengthened with tie rods; stone parapet widening out at ends. Spanning Water of Coyle in Potterhill Glen. C.

AA, 10.4.1845 — Contractors wanted to rebuild Old Bridge of Coil on Coylton-Lawersbridge Road. James Campbell, road surveyor.

CRAIGENS OF KYLE ROADS

CO 3/12/1/1 — Name used in 1894

DALMACA TOLLBAR

AO, Tu 12.3.1833, 1a — Proposed.

DYKENEUK, ROADMAN'S COTTAGE
AA, Th 5.11.1953, 15b — Will be demolished shortly

GADGIRTH BRIDGE
AA, Th 5.3.1840, 1a — Gadgirth Bridge, on Coylton/Lawersbridge road. Application for Bridge Money.
AA, Th 17.2.1881, 1c — Bridge Money application. £815 1s 11d, including £650 already approved, for repair and partial rebuild.
AA, 22.7.1909 — The bridge is to be rebuilt as part of the Troon (Loch Bradan) water scheme.
Web — 1909 Plate Girder Bridge, by Alexander Findlay & Co Ltd., Motherwell, replacing bridge of 1879.

GALLOCH BURN
AA, 5.6.1856 — Contractors wanted for a bridge over Galloch Burn near Joppa. John Murdoch.

LITTLEMILL BRIDGE
3SA, 747 [1946-50] — Old hump-backed bridge replaced by a modern structure in 1927
CO 3/8/2/150 County Road Board, 17.1.1928 — Ministry of Transport have agreed a grant of £348 towards the £1393 cost of a new bridge over the Water of Coyle at Littlemill.

OLD BRIDGE OF COYLE, B742, on boundary, crossing Coyle, 42442087

OSWALD'S BRIDGE
List 14 — Spanning River Ayr. 3 arches, splayed cutwaters carried up as round refuges; coursed stone patched with cement, later parapet addition in ashlar. B.
AA, Th 25.4.1822, 1a — Notice that Coylton - Monkton road via Auchencruive (sic) Bridge will be partly shut up from 1st May 1822 while the bridge is repaired.
CO 3/12/1/1, 419, ADC 20.4.1897 — Oswald objects to proposed closure of Gadgirth and Tarholm Bridges to engines or motor cars as this will increase such traffic on the bridge at Auchincruive.
SAC, ACC Roads Committee 3.9.1962 — Agree to seek Order imposing 12 ton weight limit.
SAC, ACC Roads C 5.11.1962 — Order to be made by CoCo 27.11.1962.
ACC, Roads Committee 4.2.1963 — Order confirmed by Secretary of State, 22nd January 1963.

PIGGERY AT
See ACC, TPC 15.5.1945

SUNDRUM, Bridge near
AA, Th 21.8.1806, 4b — "A bridge being built near Sundrum collapsed last week."

TOLLHOUSE, DALMACA
ACC, HhC 3.6.1948, 836 — Demolition Order made. Property of Robert & Thomas Lambie, Dalmaca.

RAIL

GADGIRTH VIADUCT
AA, 14.10.1869 — Contractors wanted for a viaduct over the river Ayr at Enterkine. GSWR Engineers.
ASH, Sa 16.10.1869, 1a — Contractors wanted for iron and timber work of viaduct over the river Ayr at Enterkine, for GSWR. Will involve about 677 tons of wrought iron and about 88 tons of cast iron.

RANKINSTON LINES
AA, Th 1.1.1874, 1d — For sale, "those large wooden houses at Sinclairston and Ashentree, near Littlemill, erected by Messrs Brand & Son for the accommodation of the workmen employed on the construction of the Railway."

CROSSINGS

AA, Th 17.2.1876, 1c — Application made by DICo for a level crossing just east of Crbieston Burn Bridge, and for an underbridge between Corsehill Toll and the parish church.

INDUSTRY

BARNHILL QUARRY, Rankinston
CO 3/12/1/1, 391-2, ADC 19.1.1897 — Referred to as Ayr District Committee road stone quarry in report on them by Allan Stevenson.

BRIDGEND COLLIERY
AP, F 7.7.1933, 11d — To close, and to be dismantled.

CLOQUHAIRNAN COLLIERY
CO 3/12/1/1, 391-2, ADC 19.1.1897 — Referred to as Ayr District Committee road stone quarry in report on them by Allan Stevenson.

COAL, generally
Census, 1821, 496 — says collieries in the parish have increased since 1811.

GADGIRTH HOLM COALWORKS
McClelland Diary — Visited, 9.9.1792, to see new fire engine (Cornish beam engine, I assume).

HOLE TILE WORK
OSNB — Has 16h.p. steam engine.

HONESTONES
NSA, 652 — Used to be raised at Knockshoggle.

KERSE OLD TILE WORK
n.r — On South Craig Quarry road, and so called (i.e., Old) in 1890s

LITTLEMILL COLLIERY, 444143
ACC Planning, A2810 — October 1950. Explosives store, Littlemill Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A2961 — November 1950. New shaft, &c., Littlemill Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A2996 — November 1950. Workshops, &c., Littlemill Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A3064 — December 1950. New access road, Littlemill Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A3069 — December 1950. Permanent Sidings, Littlemill Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A3805 — July 1951. Winding Engine House, and Sub-station, Littlemill Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A6432 — September 1953. Coal Preparation Plant and Car Circulation Surface Plant, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A8521 — May 1955. Weigh Houses, Littlemill Colliery, for National Coal Board.
AP, F 18.3.1966, 17b — [Obit]. The engineer for the modernisation of Littlemill Colliery was Alfred Ernest Wilber, NCB. [Cf Killoch]
ACC Planning, A9768 — March 1956. Baths, &c., LC, for N.C.B. Phase I completed; remainder superseded by B1805.
ACC Planning, B1546 — July 1957. Alterations, LC, for National Coal Board. Superseded by B2611.
ACC Planning, B1805 — October 1957. Canteen, &c., for National Coal Board.
Anon, Coylton, 5 — Closed in 1974

PITHEAD BATHS
ACC Planning, 3457 — March 1946. Pithead Baths, LC, for Miners Welfare Commission.

FACTORY
AA, Th 10.7.1975, 15dg — The advanced factory at Doonview, Patna is to be taken, when completed, by Sunderland Sportswear Ltd., of Glasgow, who have a temporary factory at Littlemill Colliery. M.D. is Philip Sunderland; spo, Ida.

McLEAN & ADAIR, builders

AA, Th 3.6.1954, 16b — Dissolved 31st May 1954, partnership of (James F) McLean and (Hans) Adair, joiners and builders, Hillhead. McLean is retiring due to ill-health: Adair continues at same premises, but under his own name.

MEADOWHEAD DEPOT
ACC, RC 4.10.1948, 1272 — Agree to acquire site of Sundrum Colliery, which operated until about 15 years ago, and, after exhausting materials on site, convert into a Departmental Depot. See Ref.
ACC, RC 18.6.1951, 47 — To be acquired - cost £110.
ACC Planning, A8774 — June 1955. Highways store, Meadowhead Depot, for Ayr County Council.

MILLMANNOCH MILL
MILL
Hume — Rebuilt in C20. A 2 and 3 storey stone building on an L-plan, extended in brick. The stone portion is dated 1788. The machinery, consisting of three pairs of stones and an oat bruiser, was originally driven by an overshot wheel, now removed, more recently by a turbine, still in position, and now, occasionally, by a tractor.
EG, F 15.7.1938, 606b — Dissolved, James Wilson & Sons, corn millers at Privick Mill and Millmannoch. See Ref: Alexander D Wilson continues, on own account, at Millmannoch.
AP, 21.4.1944 — Rebuilt in 1884 and 1902, with Hercules turbine. 3 pairs of stones: Kameshill, French Burr, and an Eversharp for provender. 1902 date stone.
AA, Th 15.4.1954, 1dc — Photograph. "The present mill is still water-driven, but there is a water turbine instead of the old mill wheel."
HOUSE
ACC Planning, A3686 — June 1951. Alterations, Millmannoch mill House, for Alexander D. Wilson.

PLUMBAGO
NSA, p.652 — 1808-1815, worked at Laigh Dalmore, and sold in London and Bristol markets. Tried again, without success, in 1835.

SOUTH CRAIG QUARRY
CO 3/12/1/1, 391-2, ADC 19.1.1897 — Referred to as Ayr District Committee road stone quarry in report on them by Allan Stevenson. "This is an excellent quarry."

SPRINGS MINE, Annbank
ACC Planning, A5295 — November 1952. Electricity Supply.
ACC Planning, A5473 — January 1953. Electricity Supply
ACC Planning, A5869 — April 1953. Sub-station, for National Coal Board.

SUNDRUM COLLIERY [1] — see MEADOWHEAD DEPOT

SUNDRUM COLLIERY [2]
ACC Planning, A4615 — April 1952. New colliery, to be called Sundrum Colliery, for National Coal Board.
AA, Th 26.6.1952, 1d — Ayr County Council have approved work on a new colliery to be called Sundrum Colliery. "This is a further development in the Ayrshire coalfield, and is one of many shallow collieries which will be developed for the extraction of near-surface coal.
ACC Planning, A4797 — June 1952. Electricity Supply.
ACC Planning, A4994 — August 1952. Haulage House, and Sub-station, for N.C.B.
ACC Planning, A7557 — July 1954. Manager's Office, &c., Sundrum Mine, for National Coal Board.

WILSON, JOHN, & SON (COYLTON) LTD
Company website, seen April 2003 Founded in 1957, and became part of Crouch Group in 1990.

© Rob Close 2026