TRANSPORT

RAIL

AYR - DALMELLINGTON
EG 5478, Tu 28.10.1845, 362c363a
Bill. Ayrshire and Galloway Railway. Line from Ayr to Castle Douglas, with branches from near Castle Douglas to Kirkcudbright, and from the terminus to Balcary Point.

LANARK, DUMFRIES, AYR & GALLOWAY JUNCTION RAILWAY
EG 5482, Tu 11.11.1845, 531b532a
Proposed line from Crawford via Sanquhar to Dalmellington, with a branch from Sanquhar to New Cumnock

DALMELLINGTON STATION
3SA, 1951, 732 — Railway completed to Ayr, 1858.
AA, CO 3/10/5/29, GPC 14.2.1969 — On 15th July 1966 County Council agreed to acquire Dalmellington Station site (for £4850), and to re-sell part to Jersey-Kapwood Ltd., for the erection of a factory, retaining the rest as a potential site for Dalmellington High School replacement. Site was cleared in February 1967, and the factory site sold to Jersey-Kapwood Ltd for £3200.

WATERSIDE STATION
KWP 20.6.1857: ASH 20.6.1857 — In course of erection. Masons: Young & Co., Glasgow. Joiner: McFadzean, Ayr. Dunaskin stone - see ref in KWP file. Similar to stations at Dalmellington, Stevenston and Milliken Park.

AA, Th 10.7.1975, 17ei — Photo, &c., of steam locomotives at Dunaskin.

ROAD

Bellsbank Access Road
ACC, HwysC 7.7.1947, 827 — New access to Bellsbank to be built from McClymont's Bridge through Town's Common to north end of the schame, at a cost of c. £8000.

Bridge, Dalmellington
2SA [9/1837], 1845, p.319 — Bridge over Muck, 60 years old.
AA 3.5.1838 — Contractors - bridge over Water of Muck, Dalmellington Village - James Campbell, road surveyor, Ayr.

BRIDGE, Water of Muck, SE of Dalmellington
AA, Th 17.2.1876, 1abc — Bridge Money application to rebuild. £550 additional to grant of 1875.

BRIDGE, Water of Muick, on Straiton road (at boundary)
CO 3/12/1/1, ADC 1893-1899 — 16.10.1894, Surveyor - Allan Stevenson - to prepare plans
15.1.1895. Plans approved.
CO3/8/1/2, 486, County Council, 7.5.1895
Approve of Ayr District Committee proposal to spend £300 on rebuilding this bridge.
CO 3/12/1/1, ADC 1893-1899 — 16.7.1895. Contractor, R Stevenson, builder, Ayr. Steel work from Bladen & Co., iron merchants, Glasgow.

Bridge [over Doon], Dalmellington Parish
2Sa [9/1837], 1845, p.319 — 116 years old [i.e. of c.1721]

Buchan's Bridge

List 12 — Low flat single arch, railed parapet; carries main road across Cumnock Burn. C.

AA 8.7.1847 — Contractors - bridge over Cumnock Water, Ayr Dalmellington Road - James Campbell, road surveyor.

Patna Bridge, PATNA

List 20 — Wide single stone span across River Doon; low pointed stone parapet. B.

Revised description — Early C19. Single segmental span bridge, with set-back ashlar voussoirs rising from plinth. Low parapet splayed at both ends, terminal piers with low pyramidal caps (concreted at E). Flat ashlar coping. B.

Sillyhole Bridge

List 13 — Low flat single arch; high stone parapet. C.

AA, Th 6.3.1851, 1a — Bridge Money applications include bridge over Sillyhole Burn on parish road.

Tollhouse

CO3/12/1/3 BBC 7.6.1904 — Additions to Tollhouse, for T M-----; J J Aitken.

WATER

LOCH DOON

Pigot, 1837, 253-54 — 'Besides the trading importance enjoyed by the town, it derives some advantage from the resort of parties of pleasure and for fishing; those who intend to partake of the latter amusement will find on the banks of Loch Doon neat boats, furnished by the proprietors of the two good [254] inns at this place, the Cross Keys and the Black Bull.'

FERRY — Across Doon south east of Waterside, with 'Boathouse' slightly downriver on Straiton side. On 1909 OS.

INDUSTRY
EXCLUDING DUNASKIN

COAL

Hume, SVBWG, Excur.Ayr, 1988 — In 1755 the inhabitants of Dalmellington financed sinking of pit for local coal supplies. Expanded in late C18 to meet wider needs.

Pigot, 1837, 253 — 'The manufacture of carpets, blankets and plaiding, and the weaving of cotton goods, together with the coal-mines in the neighbourhood, furnish employment to many of the industrious class. These mines are at present leased to Mr Wm. Sloss, of the Cross Keys, a very comfortable inn here; the coal, which is obtained by an exceedingly simple method, is sold at the low price of 2s 4d per ton.'

NSA, (1837) 1845, p.312 — Collieries at Camlarg, and 5 miles from southern boundary.

Groome, 1884, 339 — "Excellent" coal - numerous pits.

ADVANCED FACTORY, Doonview

AA, Th 10.7.1975, 15dg — 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.

ADVANCE FACTORY, Patna

AP, F 18.11.1977, 7ad — To be taken by Falmers.

BENBAIN No.4

ACC, Police & law C 4.3.1946 — Reported that this mine has been abandoned, and the two walk-in entrances secured.

BENBAIN OPENCAST

AA, Th 4.12.1975, 2gh — NCB. Notice in terms of Opencast Coal Act, 1968. Benbain (010801) Application. 666 acres, about 3 miles NE of Dalmellington, and c ¾ m north of New Cumnock Road, and an 11 acre site, for screening, loading, &c., which was site of Pennyvenie No.1.

BEOCH COLLIERY

ACC Planning, A5834 — March 1953. Pit Head Baths, Canteen, &c., Beoch Colliery, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A6797 — January 1954. Sanitary Accommodation, Beoch Mine, for National Coal Board.

AA, Th 1.7.1954, 4c — Pit Head Baths were formally opened last Saturday (26th June 1954). [Photo in AA, 8.7.1954, 9]

ACC Planning, B541 — October 1956. Extension of offices, for National Coal Board.

BOGTON COLLIERY

ACC Planning, A6885 — February 1954. sanitary accommodation, Bogton Mine, for National Coal Board

AA, Th 8.7.1954, 1d — To close on 16th July 1954.

EAC, Cumnock — According to a photograph of it in Mining 2, the aerial transport between Bogton and the Craigmark washer operated from 1931 until July 1956. It was dismantled in 1957 and re-erected as a chair-lift at Butlins.

ACC Planning, B1527 — July 1957. Offices taken down, and re-erected at Ayr Road, Dalmellington, for Doon Harriers.

CAMLARG - COLLIERY

AA, Th 30.4.1840, 1f — Contractors wanted for 300 yards of road to the new pit at Camlarg. Details: William Sloss, Dalmellington.

AA, Th 18.7.1861, 5d — The Camlarg Coal Pit, which had been in operation for some 20-30 years, closed in November 1860.

CARPET FACTORY

AA, Th 24.9.1840, 4d — "A Carpet manufactory has been erected some time ago, and the business has been very successfully prosecuted by Mr Wight, the sole partner in the concern, who employs a considerable number of hands, and whose carpets, for colour and quality, have acquired no small share of celebrity, both in the home and English markets."

CHALMERSTON COLLIERY

AA, Th 8.7.1954, 1d — Opened in 1924.

ACC Planning, A3463 — April 1951. Lavatory Accommodation, for National Coal Board.

AA, Th 8.7.1954, 1d — Now has about 4 years life left. Will be replaced by proposed new mine at Minnivey.

JERSEY-KAPWOOD

AP, F 7.10.1966, 5abc — The Nottingham firm of Jersey-Kapwood Ltd are to establish a lingerie factory in Dalmellington on the site of the old Dalmellington Station.

10,000 sq ft, and costing £30,000; It is scheduled for completion in Spring 1967. It the meantime the company have leased Waterside Church Hall and are to begin training in a few weeks. The factory manager is Hugh McCrorie.

AA, CO 3/10/5/29, GPC 14.2.1969 — On 15th July 1966 County Council agreed to acquire Dalmellington Station site (for £4850), and to re-sell part to Jersey-Kapwood Ltd., for the erection of a factory, retaining the rest as a potential site for Dalmellington High School replacement. Site was cleared in February 1967, and the factory site sold to Jersey-Kapwood Ltd for £3200.

AA,. Th 15.8.1968, 8de — (Discussing Maybole). Dalmellington opened in November 1967.

AP, F 20.9.1968, 16ab — A new factory is to be built in Maybole for Jersey-Kapwood Ltd. The architects are Eberlin & Partners, Nottingham, and the contractors, John Laing Construction Ltd., Glasgow. Earlier this year (1968) Laings completed an extension (Doubling the size of the factory) of Jersey-Kapwood's factory in Dalmellington, completed in 1967.

MINNIVEY COLLIERY, 475072 (Craigmark)

ACC Planning, A7608 — August 1954. Approval in principle for Minnievey Colliery layout, for National Coal Board.

AA, Th 5.8.1954, 1a — Construction operations are to begin soon. These will take 4 years, and cost £540,000. It is planned that this colliery will replace Chalmerston Colliery.

ACC Planning, A8016 — November 1954. Explosives Store, Minnievey Mine, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, B831 — January 1957. Haulage House, &c., Minnievey Mine, for National Coal Board

ACC Planning, B1277 — May 1957. Pit Head Baths, Minnievey Colliery, for National Coal Board.

AP, F 12.12.1975, 3 — Opened in 1958.

AP, F 3.10.1975, 2 — To close.

AA, Th 2.10.1975, 1eg — To close next month.

AA, Th 4.12.1975, 17ei — Photo, last shift leaving.

AP, F 12.12.1975, 3 — Has closed.

SRC, B&P 29.8.1978, 1031 — Pit Heads Baths, &c., leased from NCB by Strathclyde RC (Education and Industrial Development) for 5 years from 11.9.78 at £750 p.a.

PENNYVENIE COLLIERY

ACC Planning, 3018 — April 1945. Extension to screening plant, for Bairds & Dalmellington Ltd.

ACC Planning, A904 — April 1949. Parking point, Pennyvenie 2 & 3, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A1189 — June 1949. Temporary Pump House, Pit Head Baths, Pennyvenie, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A6798 — January 1954. Sanitary Accommodation, Pennyvenie no.4, for National Coal Board

ACC Planning, A7515 — July 1954. Pit Head Baths, Canteen, &c., Pennyvenie no.4, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A7618 — August 1954. Additional sanitary accommodation, Pennyvenie no.4, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A9064 — September 1955. Office Block, Pennyvenie No.4, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, B454 — September 1956. Bus Turning Circle, Pennyvenie No.4, for National Coal Board.

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SLOANSTON TILEWORK
C1851 586-3-35 Robert MUIR, m30, tilemaker, b Templebridge, Co Cork. Wife, 26, b Holywood; 3 daughters, 6-2, b Dalmellington

THREAD MILL, DOWNIESTON
AA, Th 17.1.1839, 4e Ref to Mr Emerson, and his Dounieston Thread Mill.

WOOLLEN MANUFACTURE
AA, Th 8.10.1807, 1b Article extolling virtues of tarred paper roofs; suggests that 'the woollen cloth made in many parts of Ayrshire, particularly at Dalmellington, which costs about eight pence per Scots ell, and is ell wide, will be found a valuable substitute for paper.'

UTILITIES

DRAINAGE
CO 3/12/1/1, ADC 10.4.1894 Scheme of H V Eaglesham under consideration.
CO 3/8/1/2, ACC 1893-95, 202, County Council 1.5.1894
Approve £1250 expenditure by Ayr DC on Dalmellington Drainage.
CO 3/8/1/3, 233-234 County Council 6.10.1896
Dalmellington Drainage Scheme has been completed

DOON VALLEY DRAINAGE
CONTRACT 3, SECTION A. OUTFALL SEWER, PATNA to site of Purification Works
ACC, WDC 13.10.1952, 20 Kings & Co Ltd., Glasgow, £34184 1s 0d.

GAS WORKS
CO 3/10/3/8 7.4.1926 Noted (in discussion of heating at Dalmellington HG School) that Dalmellington Gas Works has closed.

LETHANHILL, ITC RELAY STATION
AA, Th 23.1.1969, 19 Will go into service, 31st January 1969. Map of projected coverage.

MOSSDALE, 495042
FILTERS
ACC Planning, A1769 November 1949. Filter Station, Mossdale, for Ayr County Council.

WATER
1876 First gravitational supply
1887 Improved supply
19.7.1892 SWD.
CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-98, 25, County Council 1.10.1895
Expenditure of £450 on Dalmellington Water by ADC approved.

MULLWHARCHAR

SRC, P&D 15.3.1978, 350 Application KC/78/P72, by UKAEA, for test bores, called in by SRC for determination.
SRC, P&D 21.6.1978, 840 Call-in appealed against by KCDC, and appeal sustained by Secretary of State.

WINDFARMS

SOUTH KYLE

AP, F 20.8.2013, 70 — Notice. Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd, application to Scottish Government for a 50 turbine wind farm at South Kyle Forest. Site centre, NS 550043. 149.5m, to blade tip, turbines.

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