TRANSPORT

ROAD

A719

ACC, HwC 3.6.1946, 835 — between Turnberry and Maidens, closed since August 1941. Now open, under permissive use. Air Ministry want to keep full Closing Order in force, opposed by ACC.

BRIDGES

AA 4.3.1813 — Conts - 3 bridges on road from Craighead Limeworks to Kirkoswald, 2 near Drummuck and 1 on Dillylung.

DUNNYMUCK

AA 10.10.1889 — New bridge over Dipple at Dinnymuck sanctioned by Ayr County Road Board.

HAMILTON BRIDGE

Hume — 309050. Built 1825. A single segmental arch with dressed stone arch ring and coursed rubble spandrels.

PARK BURN, Bridge over [Littleton Road]

AA, Th 4.7.1861, 1a — Contractors wanted to rebuild bridge over Park Burn, Littleton Road, Kirkoswald.

TURNBERRY BRIDGE (south of junction)

AA, Th 17.2.1876, 1abc — Bridge Money application to rebuild.

TURNBERRY TOLL HOUSE

AA, Th 12.1.1893, 4c — Road Board, 10.1.1893. In poor condition, and disused. Lord Ailsa to be asked to buy in at old valuation, and demolish.

RAIL

BALCHRISTON LEVEL CROSSING

CO3/12/2/3 NBSC 22.11.1905 — 2 semidetached cottages at Balchriston L/C - GSWR

DIPPLE

CO3/12/2/3 NBSC 22.11.1905 — 2 semi-detached cottages, Dipple, for GSWR.

KILKERRAN STATION

Hume — Opened 1860 by the MGR. Formerly a 2 platform through station, with the main offices on the down platform. These were in a 1- and 2- storey rubble building, on an L-plan, incorporating a dwellinghouse, with crow-stepped gables. The rubble goods shed also survives, as does the signal box of typical GSWR wooden pattern.

MAIDENS

CO3/12/2/3 NBSC 22.11.1905 — 2 semidetached cottages at Maidens - GSWR

MAIDENS AND DUNURE LIGHT RAILWAY

E, 11.5.1906, 474a — Maidens & Dunure Light Railway will open on 16th May.

E, 18.5.1906, 507ab — Report of formal opening. Contractors were Morrison & Mason, Glasgow. Steel work subcontracted to Alexander Findlay & Co., Motherwell

RANCLEUGH VIADUCT

E, 18.5.1906, 502 — Photographs.

TURNBERRY STATION

E, 27.4.1906, 423a — Hotel and line will open 17th May 1906. 19 ½ miles, single track except for three island platform stations, and has 65 bridges, 2 viaducts and 6 culverts along the route.

AA 14.10.1926 — Destroyed by fire, Monday.

AA, Th 8.10.1953, 15e — The first special train from Turnberry since WW2 left on Sunday night (4th October 1953) for London, comprising sleeper coaches carrying a party of Marks & Spencer directors who had been at a conference.

TURNBERRY LIGHTHOUSE

TURNBERRY LIGHTHOUSE, 196072

Sas Minute 1059 of 1871 — 1871 Feu Ch of 1.316A.

AA, Th 9.2.1871, 1a — Contractors wanted. Plans and specifications: **D & T Stevenson**, Edinburgh.

ASH, Sa 27.5.1871, 4f — Lighthouse ... is at length being proceeded with. Cont: Provost Barr, Ardrossan.

ASH, Sa 5.8.1871, 4e — A lighthouse is to be built at Turnberry.

AA 4.9.1873 — Lit for the first time last Saturday.

ASH, F 13.7.1888, 4g — Died, Sunday, Ardrossan, 72, Robert Boyd, builder. Under Provost Barr superintended construction of lighthouses at Turnberry and Island Davaar.

AP, F 4.2.1949, 8f — Postscript column. Jack House's new book, 'How to Clean an Elephant' (Argyll, 3s 6d) has a chapter on 'How to Clean a Lighthouse' (Turnberry). 'There is almost a personal interest as to how it is represented.'

TURNBERRY AIRFIELD

See also Morriston Farm; Lands of Turnberry (under Turnberry Farm)

Margaret Morrell lecture 12.10.2006 — In World War One was a higher training school, specialising in air gunnery. The Hotel was used as the officers' mess. One hangar built. In use by c.1915, but officially from 1917. {James McCallum VC, and book "Flying Fury".] Requisitioned again in 1941: the Hotel was used as a hospital. Torpedo Training, and the three concrete runways, and perimeter track, built at this time. Approximately 5000 stationed there. In 1943 Torpedo training began to run down, and Turnberry also hosted meteorological and air sea rescue training. It was decommissioned in 1945.

ACC, YSSC 29.7.1946, 1116 — Proposed use as Summer Camp. Maidens Community Association also interested in Officers' Mess Hut as a Community Centre. Site Visit. Will consider further "those portions of the R.A.F. Camp adjoining the shore northwards of Maidens village comprising Officers' Mess Hut, Squash Court, Commanding Officer's Quarters, Ablution Block, &c., and approximately 25 Nissen huts with latrine block, &c., to the northwards."

ACC, HC, 3.12.1946, 1651-2 — Report on Site No.9, WAAF Communal Camp, and WAAF Dispersed Site No.1, all with potential as housing. See Ref.

ACC Planning, A957 — May 1949. Proposed change of use of Officers' Mess, RAF, to training centre for Sea Cadets. L/Cmmdr W Kirkwood, RNVR, per W Kirkwood, Pointhouse, Kilmarnock. Blank.

ACC Planning, A1589 — October 1949. Convert WAAF Communal Camp, Maidens, into 16 houses, for Ayr County Council.

CONTROL TOWER

ACC Planning, A4098 — October 1951. Alterations to Control Tower, Turnberry Airfield; Thomas Faulds & Sons (Maidens) Ltd., for Scottish Land Development Corporation.

ACC Planning, A5876 — April 1953. Convert building to house, Turnberry Airport Farm; Hugh M. McLaren, 205 Hope St., Glasgow, for Niall Hodge.

ACC Planning, B1112 — April 1957. Additions and alterations, Control Tower; T.M. Miller, Glasgow, for Niall Hodge. Amended plans approved, April 1958.

INDUSTRY

KILKERRAN ACID WORKS

Hume — 303053. Mid C19. A 2-bay rubble shed, now with asbestos roof, the remains of a pyroligneous acid works owned at one time by Stewart Turnbull & Co [Camlachie] Ltd. Now a store.

D1927 584B 5 — Hugh MacADAM, 80, died 2.7.1927. His father. Maitland MacAdam, also a chemical works manager.

AA, Th 14.7.1955, 14a — Demolished last week. Taken over 15 years ago by Atlas Crucible Co., who went bankrupt about 2 years ago. Being converted into a piggery by H Bennet.

KNOXHILL QUARRY

ACC Planning, A973 — May 1949. Working and winning minerals, Knoxhill Quarry, for Ayr County Council

LADYBURN MILL

AA, Th 31.1.1839, 1f — For sale, with machinery, stones, &c.

MAIDENS HARBOUR

Hume — Probably C18 in origin. An irregular masonry pier, repaired in concrete, with a low concrete breakwater on the east, c.1950. At the landward end are 4 cast-iron pots in brick settings, with chimneys, used for boiling fishing nets in preservatives.

AA 24.5.1883 — 5 bronze axes found during rock excavations at the new shipbuilding work of Lord Ailsa.

ACC, FC 12.2.1948, 265 — Reference to application made by Maidens Fishermen's Harbour Association for Ayr County Council to take over Maidens Harbour in terms of Harbours Piers & Ferries (Scotland) Act, 1937.

AP 20.8.1948 — Maidens fishermen are building a sea-wall with material from the restoration of land at Turnberry used as a airfield. 400 yds by 20 feet wide, and 9 feet high, all approx. Aim is to make Maidens "the main landing point on the Ayrshire coast for ring and seine net fishing".

AA 5.1.1956, p.20 [Review of '55] — In November 1955 ACC approved a £54,000 scheme of improvements to Maidens Harbour.

ATD 62/10 AA 25.9.1958 — Maidens Harbour will be formally opened tomorrow.

AP, F 30.3.2012, 39 — Latest improvement is a picnic/viewing area. Slipway access has been reconfigured, to allow easier trailer manoeuvring. Slipway extended last year by maidens Harbour Trust. New pontoons (2011?) have weathered the winter storms.

BARKER

List 35 — Early C20. A circular cast-iron pot in a common-brick setting, with a short square-section chimney stack abutting the SW corner. There is a fire grate on the N side, and a concrete ramp on the E side, to allow nets to be loaded and unloaded. The top courses of brick in the setting and chimney stack are capped with concrete. This device was used for boiling fishing nets and lines in bark extract to preserve them from decay. The practice ended when nylon replaced cotton and linen as materials for nets, and this is a very rare survival. CS. [Listed August 1990 - K&C 18th Amendment]

RCAHMS, A 57392, dated 1983 — Shows two barking pots and the remains of a third. PHOTOCOPY herewith.

SHIPBUILDING

TT, F 7.7.1899, 4h — In 1883-6 William Fife, junior (Fairlie) was manager of the Marquis of Ailsa's shipyard at Maidens.

AA, Th Th 23.10.1913, 4h — [Obituary of Alexander McCredie] In 1885 McCredie went to Maidens as manager, 'succeeding Mr William Fyfe, the well-known designer of the Shamrocks. Unfortunately, however, the effort of Lord Ailsa to set up a shipbuilding yard at the quiet hamlet of Maidens did not prove successful, principally owing to the inaccessible situation of the place and the high cost of cartage. After a year at the Maidens, Mr McCredie in 1886 formed the Ailsa Shipbuilding Company at Troon.'

NET STORE

ACC Planning, A2271 — May 1950. Net store, MH, for Thomas Rae

SAND EXTRACTION

ACC Planning, A493 — December 1948. Right to take sand from Maybole Shore and Culzean Shore, for David J. Dunabie. Decision: blank.

ACC Planning, A9752 — March 1956. Win and work sand, foreshore, Turnberry, Maidens, maybole, for Cassillis & Culzean Estates. Permitted until 30 April 1957.

SAWMILL, BLAWEARIE ROAD, MAIDENS
Planning application C800 1964, approval in principal.

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