TRANSPORT

ROAD

GENERAL

AO, Tu 15.10.1833, 1d — Notice of application to close the road from the Cumnock Road, at Killoch, through Creoch and Tenpoundland, to houses at Plotcock, 'where the said Bye Road and a road lately made from Moat to Mauchline merge into one'. The road is 'in such a state of disrepair as to be quite impassable, and moreover, of no further use to the public'.

AA. Th 8.2.1838, 4e — County Road Trustees yesterday agreed to advertise for contractors for improvements to Ochiltree road from the 10-mile stone to beyond Ochiltree bridge.

AA, Th 15.2.1838, 1a — Contractors wanted for **1 mile 1649 yards of road**, and a Bridge over the Burnock, 'on the road from Air to Cumnock, from the 10-mile stone from Air on the south of the present road by the village of Ochiltree, terminating about 55 yards on the west of the Palmerston Road. Dets, i/alia, James Campbell, surveyor.

AA, Th 19.3.1840, 1a — Contractors wanted for 400 yards of road at Crofthead. Details: James Campbell, road surveyor.

A70

AA, Th 30.1.1969, 23e — Ayr CC are to make improvements at McCoshton: land has been acquired.

MAUCHLINE - DRONGAN ROAD

AA, Th 25.6.1807, 1e — Reference to proposed new Bill this road to the list of turnpikes. It was omitted (accidentally?) from the recent Act.

BONNYTON BRIDGE

AA, Th 16.2.1871, 1a — Bridge Money applications include rebuild bridge over Bonnyton Burn, continued.

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

BURNOCK BRIDGE

List 9 — Single arch in rusticated masonry, low parapet curved and widened at either end. C.

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AA, Th 15.11.1838, 1a — Conts - Bridge over Burnock Water on Ayr/Cumnock Road; James Campbell, road surveyor, will show.

BURNOCK BRIDGE, OLD

List 10 — Ruined arch of earlier bridge beside present one in use. C.

LUGAR BRIDGE (also known as LOGANSTON BRIDGE)

List 30 — 2 flat segmental arches spanning Lugar Water; centre splayed cutwater; coursed rough hewn pink stone. B.

Hume — Early C19. A 2 span rubble bridge, with flat segmental arches, now bypassed.

AA, Th 20.4.1809, 1d — Bridge Money application. Repairs, Bridge of Ochiltree, £14.

AA 30.4.1818 — Conts - bridge over Lugar. Plan with James Edgar, Ochiltree. Offers to Adam Crichton, factor, Dumfries House, or to Andrew Gibb, Auchinleck.

ASH, Sa 13.4.1867, 3c — County Road Trust grant £366, being three-fifths of the £600 required for widening and lowering the arches of the Loganston Bridge over the Lugar at Ochiltree.

AA 18.4.1867 — Conts - widen and lower the 2 arches of Loganston Bridge over the Lugar. Dets: James Campbell, road surveyor.

ACC, HwC 2.4.1945 — Dangerous and unsafe, being undermined at east arch. Built 1866.

LUGAR BRIDGE, NEW

AP 1.7.1955 — County Surveyor, R Torrance, of opinion that a new bridge was needed over the weir near Ochiltree House.

AA, Th 2.2.1961, 10c — Contract has been awarded to Murdoch Mackenzie Ltd., Motherwell. Tender cost, £59,694. [Roads Committee 4.1.1961 concurs]

Henry & Jerome, Modern Britain, 1965, 130 — Completed 1962. Built for ACC. Cost £32000. County surveyor: David Torrance. Contractors: Murdoch MacKenzie Ltd.

SLATEHOLE BRIDGE

AP, F 28.1.1949, 7a — 'The precarious brig at Slatehole Bridge', (David Bell, The Highway Man)

STAMLEY BRIDGE

List 35 — Low culvert spanning Stamley Burn. Curved parapet, square end piers and caps. C.

RAIL

GENERAL

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."

AYR & DUMFRIES JUNCTION RAILWAY

EG 5482, Tu 11.11.1845, 519c520b — Bill. Proposed line from Ayr to Cumnock, with branches from Ochiltree to Kerse, and to Auchinleck.

DRONGAN STATION

CO3/12/1/2 BBC 6.11.1900 — D Cott, Drongan, for GSWR.

ACC Planning, A1333 — August 1949. Additions and alterations, for Railway Executive.

LAND ADJACENT

ACC Planning, A8146 — January 1955. Use land adjacent to Drongan Station for colliery water, for National Coal Board.

SIGNAL BOX

ACC Planning, B1997 — December 1957. Electricity supply (SSEB)

KILLOCH BRANCH LINE

AA, Th 25.12.1952, 1ab — is being built.

ACC, RoadsC 1.9.1952, 44-45 — The original plan for a bridge over the A70, approved by ACC 4.2.1952, has been replaced by an underbridge, 1175 ft further east. Approved.

AP, F 27.11.1953, 2e — Public Notice. Provisional Order. 2 miles, 1313 yards of railway in Stair and Ochiltree.

ACC Planning, A7013 — March 1954. Railway to Killoch Colliery, for British Transport Commission. See also A4427 (Killoch general permission, February 1952) which seems to have included the rail link.

AA, Th 24.11.1955, 4b — The line from Drongan Station to Killoch will be laid next year.

OCHILTREE STATION, 510190

CO3/12/1/3 BBC 8.1.1907 — Alterations, Ochiltree Station, for GSWR: William Melville.

INDUSTRY

COAL, GENERAL

AA, Th 6.1.1876, 1a — has 2 level crossing applications and 1 for a hutch bridge – all at or near Drongan (see ref). The applicant is Merry & Cuninghame, Drongan Colliery office.

OCHILTREE AND HOOKS

Pigot, 1837, 275 — '… there is a considerable manufactory for shearing-hooks.'

Pigot, 1837, 275 — James Brown, shearing hook manufacturer; Hector Walker, shearing hook manufacturer.

See Advert in AA 2.8.1855, p1f. — Also advert in AA 30.12.1858.

AA, Th 5.1.1961, 10cde — 97th Ochiltree Re-union. Address by John Reid, ex-head, Ochiltree, now head, Eglinton-Winton JS. 10d: "… built into the wall (near the Cross/Ayr Road), the rounded stones which commemorate vanished village industry. They were used in the sharpening of the reaping hooks, for which, together with snuff boxes, toddy ladles and hand-made nails, Ochiltree was once noted."

BARBETH COLLIERY

ACC, HC 4.6.1946, 871 — Site near Coalhall considered for housing, but A.G. Moore & Co Ltd are presently driving two mines near North Barbeth and expect very shortly to be working coal under practically the whole area suggested.

ACC, HwC 31.7.1946, 1134 — Noted that A730 between Coalhall and Drongan is closed meantime due to subsidence caused by mineral workings. [See also ACC, CoCo, 25.2.1947.]

ACC Planning, 5201 — April 1948. Roads, &c., Barbeth Colliery, for N.C.B.

ACC, RC 6.9.1948, 1081 — The making up of the road surface has now been completed and the road is again open to traffic.

ACC Planning, A2028 — March 1950. Stores, workshop, &c., Barbeth Mine, for N.C.B.

ACC Planning, A2442 — June 1950. Surface haulage ho, Barbeth, for N.C.B.

BURNOCK MILL, 504177

MILL DAM, 50451763

SLUICE, 50541749

LADE, from sluice to Mill Dam, then rejoins river at 50451780

CURLING STONE MANUFACTURE

C1881 — Laigh Plyde. John Miller, m73, b.c.1808, Ochiltree. Family includes son, George Miller, u33, b.c.1848, Ochiltree

DRONGAN COLLIERIES. COALHALL

GJ, Th 47.1765, 4a — Drongan estate for sale. There is 'a going coal, and a fire machine for drawing the water.'

AA, Th 14.2.1839, 4e — Contractors wanted for 30 falls of road, Drongan Colliery.

OS Name Book, 1850s — Drongan Coal Pit. Good quality coal. 2 seams. One 142' deep is 3' thick, the other at 222' is 10' thick. 50 hp engine. Operated by Messrs Fergusson.

CO 3/12/1/1, ADC 1893-1899, 486-7bis, ADC 18.10.1898 — Application by A G Moore & Co., Glasgow to construct tunnel for endless rope driven hutch road beneath Ayr/Cumnock road near the foot of Coalhall Brae.

AP 23.6.1944 — At Coalhall there is still the remains of an old building which at an early date housed a Newcomen engine. Over 100 years ago it was known as the Auld Engine. It was used for pumping water out of the Drongan Coal Mines and was claimed to be the first Newcomen engine to be erected in Scotland.

AA, Th 25.12.1952, 1ab — Refers to the old buildings at Coalhall still being visible.

COMPARE

ACC Planning, A394 — November 1948. Screening Plant, Coal Hoppers, Belt Conveyors, Offices, &c., Drongan, for National Coal Board.

DRONGAN POTTERY

vr — John Boyle died, aged 64, 10.4.1829. see also advert in AA 28.5.1829. See also advert, with drawing, for Boyle's Ayrshire Double Acting Patent Tile Machine in AA 25.9.1845. Also advert, back page, AA 13.11.1845. Died, 16.2.1845, at Taiglum, Elizabeth McCosh, 84, relict of John Boyle, Drongan Pottery.

AO, Tu 22.5.1832, 1b — "Drongan Pottery. Robert and John Boyle beg leave to intimate that they now have their Pottery at Drongan fitted up anew, with the addition of a Clay Mill, Boilers and Sifters; and having engaged, at Whitsunday, an experienced workman, they trust to merit a share of the public patronage. From the convenience of obtaining coal and clay, they will be enabled to sell at moderate prices. Black and Brown ware of every description, Chimney Cans of all patterns, and Garden Pots, will be punctually executed, according to order. Drongan, May 14 1832".

AA 9.11.1837 — Has some history of the works.

AA 3.8.1843	Advert. Robert Boyle ... begs to intimate that he has greatly enlarged his works at Drongan. [List of goods sold: tableware, chimney cans, flower pots, field drains, &c.]
Ayr Directories 1849/50 & 51/52	Robert Boyle, potter, Fullarton Street. House: Drongan Pottery.
OS Name Books, 1850s	"Only a course kind of pottery ware is made at these works - red and black. Consists of the usual kind of buildings - drying houses, kiln, &c, with a 1 storey slated dwelling house attached. Property of Alexander Oswald of Auchincruive".
CO3/12/1/13 BBC 31.3.1925	4A bungalow, DP, for Mr and Miss Davidson.

FISHING RODS

Pigot, 1837, 275	Mungo Pedden, fishing rod maker.

KILLOCH COLLIERY, 478205

nr	1958
ACC, Roads 4.2.1952, 37	Letter from Planning Engineer, NCB (West Ayr Area) that preparatory work will begin this year.
ACC Planning, A4427	February 1952. Shafts, and general planning permission. Approved in April 18952, and amended plans approved in May 1952. Detailed plans, B1954.
AA. Th 28.2.1952, 1a	Construction work will begin in the spring. Photograph of site works beginning.
ACC Planning, A4857	June 1952. Sub-station.
AA, Th 25.12.1952, 1ab	First sod cut last Monday. The two new collieries will produce 7000 - 8000 tons per day. The first level will be at a depth of 1700 feet.
AP, F 26.12.1952, 8ef	Picture of Mrs Smith (spouse of William Smith, Deputy Chairman, NCB Scottish Division) cutting first sod of new mine at Killoch.
AA, Th 1.1.1953, 10a-e	Map of the Killoch underground working area.
ACC Planning, A5496	January 1953. Temporary buildings, Killoch, for National Coal Board.
AA, Th 23.4.1953, 1cde	Photograph of work in progress, sinking the shaft.
AA, Th 13.8.1953, 8b	The contract for shaft sinking has been awarded to Cementation Ltd., Doncaster. There is to be a shaft of 24' diameter, and one of 30' diameter. Each will be sunk to approximately 390 fathoms. The work is expected to take about 3 years.
ACC Planning, A9879	April 1956. Winding Tower, No.2 Shaft, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1243	May 1957. Car Hall, and Compressor House, No.2 Shaft, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1244	May 1957. Winder Tower, No.1 Shaft, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1273	May 1957. New access to highway, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1308	May 1957. Coal Preparation Plant and Stone Bunkers, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1918	November 1957. Pit Head Baths, &c., for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1954	November 1957. Water and Drainage works, for National Coal Board.
AA, Th 15.1.1959, 7de	First coal should be raised some time in early 1959. The sinking of the shaft was completed early in 1958.
AP, F 14.1.2011 [1961]	The first coal is to be raised from Killoch Colliery this month, following substantial advances in the project over the past year. Initial work began 8 years ago, but now there are high hopes that the colliery can deliver a million tons of coal per year.
AA, Th 20.4.1961, 1cde	Press visit yesterday. Exploratory drilling done in 1937. Work on the new colliery began in January 1953, and the main seam was reached last year. Cost to date, £9,000,000, including £3m on surface work, £1m on preparation plant, £2m on shafts and £4m on underground railways, &c.
SAC, ACC Meeting with NCB, 7.7.1961 (in 1961 Council Minutes, July-December 1961)	Admitted, with reference to considerable number of empty houses in Drongan, by R D Glass, General Manager, West Ayr Area, NCB, that "original conceptions had not materialised" at Killoch.
AJ, 22.4.1964, p901	Egon Riss, architect, Chief Architect to Scottish Divisional Coal Board. [Riss' obituary]
AP, F 18.3.1966, 17b	Died, 10th March 1966, 8 Barns Street, Ayr. Alfred Ernest Wilber, 68, formerly project engineer, Killoch Colliery. Born in Derbyshire, and worked for NCB Ayrshire 1949-1961. Also involved in earlier modernisation of Littlemill Colliery.

AA, Th 9.1.1969, 20de	£1m development scheme. Progress. Two new underground roadways are almost completed, and first coal should be brought out, 1970, and the project completed in 1972, when most men will be concentrated here. Bob Sorbie, 45, is under-manager in charge.
nr	Illustration, p/copy from Dick Folder 120.
AA, Th 3.7.1975, 1bcd	Has been linked underground with the Barony. The work of making the roads done by Cementation Co.
nr	Closed 1987. Towers demolished 1990?

MILL OF DYKE

Hume	506215. Mid C19. A small single storey rubble building, with a 6 spoke wood and iron low breast paddle wheel, about 3' wide and 12' diameter, driving a moving table saw bench, a surfacer and a drilling machine by gearing and belt.

NIMMO'S, LITTLEMILL ROAD, DRONGAN

AP 1.9.1972	Formally opened, nd. [as Hodgmac]
AP, F 21.3.1975, 30	Hodgmac was begun by Kenneth Hodge and Andrew McCallum.
AA, Th 11.12.1975, 17c; AP, F 12.12.1975, 18	CDVDC to build £50,000 extension for Hodgmac.
AP, F 14.10.1977, 47-49	Advertising feature.

OCHILTREE MILLS 506215 (Mill) and 508215 (Mill House, Disused Mill)

List 31	Tall rectangular 3 storey block, lower 1 storey wing at right angles. Originally a corn mill. C.
OS Name Book, 1850s	Dye Mill. Old 1 storey thatched buildings in bad repair once a dye mill now a 13 hp sawmill. Ochiltree Mill. [A corn mill of c.14hp, 2 houses, some cottages, and "a mill or smithy also worked by water of about 14 hp for making reaping hooks". All single storey and thatched, except corn mill, which is 2 storey and slated].
Hume	Early C19. A rectangular 3 storey rubble building, with a 1 storey wing at right angles. The main block incorporates a kiln with roof ridge ventilator. Now gutted and used as a store.
Scotsman, 9.5.1857	Ochiltree mill and lands purchased, from estate of late Alex Ross, by Thomas Cuthbert,
AA 17.2.1859	Conts - Ochiltree Grain Mills, prop Andrew Paterson. J & A Taylor, engineers, Ayr.
AA 6.10.1859	The new mill is 3½ storeys; 100 yards downstream a sawmill is being erected by the same firm.
ACC Planning, A3172	January 1951. Additions and alterations, Sawmill, Ochiltree, for Hugh Morton.
AA, Th 27.8.1953, 7a	Ochiltree Mill house and mill. For sale.
AA, Th 6.5.1954, 16b	Ochiltree Mill house and mill. For sale. "Mill suitable for deep litter or battery hens."

OCHILTREE TILEWORKS

OS Name Book, 1850s	"A number of drying sheds built of wood and thatched, 2 kilns and grinding and rolling engine, 1 cottage house also 1 storey thatched, all of which are in good repair and working order ..."
Hume	Late C19. A typical drainage tile works, still in operation, with an L-plan range of louvred single storey drying sheds and 2 kilns, 1 circular, with a square section brick chimney.
nr	Died 25.1.1848, Andrew, infant son of James McLunan, tile master, Ochiltree Tileworks.
ASH, F 11.1.1889, 5d	James McLennan, c1809-1889, who died at High Lugtonridge, Beith, 3.1.1889, had been born at Bonnyton. He started a tilework at Galston, and subsequently took on the tilework at Burnfoot, Ochiltree. Eventually able to retire, and bought High Lugtonridge.
CO3/12/1/4 BBC 6.6.1905	Dwho, Burnfoot Tileworks, or Marquis of Bute; Allan Stevenson.
CO3/12/1/5 BBC 1.11.1910	D Cott, Burnfoot Tileworks, for J S Duncan; Allan Stevenson.
AP, F 2.7.1943, 5e	Died, Ayr, 29.6.1943, Robert Waddell MARTIN, tile manufacturer, Ochiltree and Carluke. Of Midsands, Ayr.Youngest son of late Hugh Martin, engineer, Carluke.
nr	R W Martin. Born Carluke, took over at Ochiltree c.20 years ago, when works were almost dormant.

ACC Planning, 2343 — April 1942. Canteen, OTw, for Ochiltree Tileworks Ltd.
ACC Planning, 4400 — May 1947. Alterations, Cottage, Tileworks, for Mountjoy Ltd.
ACC Planning, A495 — December 1948. Work and win minerals, Ochiltree Tile Works, for Ochiltree Tile Works. Approved, July 1951.
ACC Planning, A4159 — November 1951. Work and win clay, for Ochiltree Tileworks Ltd. **Stevenson & Ferguson**.
ACC Planning, A6144 — June 1953. Electricity Supply, Burnfoot Tileworks.
AA, Th 17.12.1953, 16e — William Duncan, Tileworks Cottage, died 10th December 1953. Born at Cronberry, and succeeded father in tileworks.
ACC, TSSC 19.5.1954, 5 — Gift to County Council of 4 copies of film, *Ochiltree Tile Works*, made by Ayrshire branch of Scottish Educational Film Asociation.
SAC, ACC Health Committee 1.6.1961 — Agree to take lease of disused clay pits at Ochiltree Tileworks as coup for Skares, Ochiltree and Rankinston Scavenging Districts.
nr — Kilns demolished April 1984.

FILM

AA, Th 10.6.1954, 21b — "An offer by the Ayrshire Branch of the Scottish Educational Film Association to donate several copies of the film *Ochiltree Tile Works* to Ayrshire Education Committee has been accepted."

POLQUHAIRN COLLIERY

AP 9.2.1940 — Pit Head Baths. Tenders about to be invited.
ACC Planning, 2467 — `December 1942. Canteen, PC, for Miners Welfare Commission.
AP 1.10.1948 — Photo of Pit Head Baths.
ACC Planning, A2929 — November 1950. Formation of new access to Polquhairn Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A7609 — August 1954. Mine mouths, &c., Polquhairn Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A8205 — February 1955. Winding Engine House, Polquhairn Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A9206 — October 1955. Pit Head Baths, cycle store, offices, Polquhairn Colliery, for National Coal Board.
CC, F 1.3.1963, 15c — The last man (a nightwatchman) left on 16th February 1963. Production at the pit had ceased in August 1962.

MINE, 482153, south east of Old P: is this P. Colliery.
Or is the mine at MUIRSTON, 469159

SHIELDMAINS COLLIERY

BI 52/624 March 1942 — Sketch of canteen to be erected at Shieldmains Colliery. 1st pit canteen in Ayrshire. Architect: Will J B Wright, of Wright and Kirkwood, Glasgow. [Single storey block with flat-roofed vestibule and loos in front]. [Also in AP 6.2.1942]
ACC, Police & Law C, 2.10.1950 — Shieldmains Nos 6 & 7. Reported as an 'abandoned mine'.
ACC Planning, A2964 — November 1950. Change of use, to Institute, of Shieldmains Canteen, for Scottish Divisional Miners' Welfare Commission.
ACC, YSFE 24.9.1964 — Shieldmains Canteen was taken over by ACC in 1951, and made suitable, with CISWO support, as a small community centre. Use has declined since opening of new Community Centre: the only two lets (bingo, 1 night; scouts, 1 night) can be accommodated in the new Community Centre.
AA, CO 3/10/5/34, GPC 14.12.1973 — Shieldmains Canteen has been leased by ACC Education to Arthur J Wescott since July 1970. The lease is to ended and the building demolished to allow "satisfactory rehabilitation … of Carston bing which immediately adjoins the property."

UTILITIES

COYLTON SUB-STATION, 462197 and 464197

ACC Planning, A3039 — December 1950. 132 kV line from Kilmarnock to Sub-Station, Coylton, for British Electricity Authority.
ACC Planning, A4445 — February 1952. Sub-station, McQuittiston, Coylton (sic), for British Electricity Authority.

ACC Planning, A4825 June 1952. 33 kV Sub-station, East Tarelgin, Coylton (sic), for SWSEB.

ACC Planning, A9356 November 1955. 33/11 kv Sub-Station, Killoch Farm, for SSEB.

INTERCONNECTOR
LINE TO MEIKLE HILL (NITH LODGE)

AP, 3.5.2013, 47 Notice that SP Transmission Ltd habe been granted consent, and planning permission, by Scottish Ministers to construct and operate an extension to existing Coylton sub station, and to install and operate a new 400 kV lattice steel tower double circuit overhead transmission line between it and proposed new sub-station at Meikle Hill, NS 520081.

DRONGAN (DUCHRAY) SEWAGE WORKS

ACC Planning, A4540 March 1952. Sewers from Drongan to new sewage works near Duchray. Ayr C.C.

ACC, W&DC, 8.9.1952, 33 Conts. Outfall Sewer to Cairnston. Wilson Kinmond & Marr Ltd., £27,349 10s 10d.

OCHILTREE, DRAINAGE

CO 3/8/1/3, 233-234 County Council 6.10.1896
Ochiltree Drainage: £500 approved.

CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-98, 458, Report of Standing Joint Committee to County Council, 5.10.1897
£130 for completion of Ochiltree water works approved.

OCHILTREE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS

SRC, W&S 30.8.1983, 906 T. Morrison Civil Engineering Scotland, Clydebank, £271,622

WATER MAINS

ACC, Water & Drainage Committee, 10.4.1950
12" Main, Moat Toll to Coalhall. Contract let to A Ruthven & Sons, Prestwick, at £4019 10s 3d.

ACC, WDC 11.12.1950 Completed on 17th November 1950.

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