



MINUTES
Meeting Monday 9th June 2025 in the Village Club.
Draft

Members Present: - Julie Hutchison; Grace Edmonds; John Gray; Kate Ramsden; Eleanor Balfour; Andrew Thompson; Rob Davies; Ian Boardley

In attendance: Councillor Fraser; + 7 residents

Apologies: Pamela Lee; Margaret Vass SCDT

*(SC = Stirling Council. CC = Community Council. CDT= Community Development Trust * Denotes an action)*

1. Welcome from the Chair and declarations of Interest

JH welcomed everybody to the last meeting of the session.

2. Minutes of May meeting and matters arising.

The minutes had been circulated to all CC members and were accepted. Proposed by JG, Seconded by AT.

Matters arising:

JH emailed James about the Playpark but has had no reply. She will pursue this. WE continue to hold meetings of the LPP group. The final date for submission is now October 2025.

3. Police Report

Assault

A suspect remains outstanding after they assaulted their partner then took the victim's motor vehicle and drove away in a careless manner. Efforts are ongoing to trace the suspect.

Three staff members were arrested from a campsite following a physical altercation. Two were charged with assault and theft and held in Police custody. They were then released from Court with bail conditions to not to return to the campsite. The thereafter returned to the campsite and were arrested again for breaching their bail conditions.

Vandalism

A report of vandalism was recorded after a padlock was cut from a gate of Aucheneden Estate.

Enquiries are ongoing after numerous unauthorized cash withdrawals were made from various ATMs from the bank account of an elderly member of the community. The victim's debit card has now been cancelled and efforts are being made to trace those responsible.

The Police Reports in full are added to the CC website when we receive them.

4. Water Supply issues at Mugdock

There has been considerable disruption to the water supply in Mugdock and we requested that an operative from Scottish Water attend this meeting. Unfortunately no-

body was available but we intend to pursue this for the next meeting in September. Residents want to ask why this is happening, what is being done to solve the problem and when this will happen. RD asked RF if she could raise this matter in Council as the council is a mechanism for putting some pressure on Scottish Water to take action. IB has spoken to the leaders of Stirling Council and East Dumbarton Council about this. He will now increase his pursuit of Scottish water and will copy in Councillor Fraser.

It was also suggested that residents should write to their MSP to put pressure on Scottish Water to deal with the problem. IB said that he would pass this on to the residents.

5. Update on South West Stirling Climate Action Network

This is a grouping of people interested in climate and environmental issues. It is now a registered charity and is trying to bring together all the communities in rural South West Stirling. AT said it is worth reflecting on the fact that 75% of respondents to our survey thought that the CC and SCDT should do more about climate issues. Several CCs and CDTs, including Strathblane CDT are members of the network and AT asked if we would also join. The network is trying to encourage people to become members to work together on collaborations on climate and ecological issues. It builds mutual support for climate initiatives and encourages shared knowledge and ideas. Energy, resources, food ,ecology, travel and education are ideas currently being considered.

JH asked if we have a different role to the SCDT in this network. AT said that it is slightly different as we have links to the Council. JH asked for a vote on whether we want to join the network and a majority agreed that we will.

6. LPP update

JG thanked everybody who is working on this. We are observing the timetable from Stirling, which now requires submission of our plan by the end of October. The plan needs to be shared with neighbouring CCs four weeks before this. The intention is to share the draft with members of the CC and SCDT by the end of July and validate it at the September meeting.

We have some good information about land use and housing needs. We have had presentations from two local landowners about their ideas for their land. We have been approached by Gladman again and they will talk to us about their plans at our next sub-group meeting on June 25th.

RD suggested that the LPP group do an onsite meeting at Carbeth with a view to incorporating the huts into the mainstream village as some of the huts are in disrepair and there does not appear to be any regulations when they are replaced. JG said that planning applications are needed to replace huts. There is separate legislation about hutting. He said that there was no input about the hutting area on the questionnaires. RF pointed out that hutting is a particular way of life. JG said that he does not see the LPP as a forum to discuss the huts. He said we can raise neighbour's concerns about littering etc if necessary.

7. Elected member's Report - Councillor Rosemary Fraser

There was a meeting to discuss the disposal of council assets which was quite positive. 80% of the MOD land at Forthside has been purchased and several buildings have been preserved for use by the film industry. One building will be used for training purposes within the film industry.

The council is proposing a tourist levy for overnight stays in Stirling, following behind Glasgow, Edinburgh and Highland. It is estimated that between £5 -7 million pounds would be generated per year, which would be ring fenced for visitor improvements or local communities. KR asked if the levy would be a percentage or a flat rate. RF said that this is still being considered. RD asked what the rate would be and RF said she thought it is likely to be about 5%. JH asked if the levy would include stays in the National Park. RF said that it would but that the revenue would come to SC. JH thanked Councillor Fraser for her report.

8. Planning and Licensing.

[24/00537/FUL](#) – JG reported that the campsite has applied to have the condition about the removal of the caravans within 5years removed on the grounds that the caravans are staff accommodation.

[25/000248/FUL](#) Demolition and replacement of existing outbuilding ancillary to the house, Campsie Dene House, Campsie Dene Road Blanefield G63 9BN

This is currently a garage, and the proposal is to replace it with a building that contains a gym plus a living area, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. This looks like a house. JG said that we should ask the planning officer to recognise the different character and use of the replacement building. EB pointed out that we have had buildings in the past that have been other than expected and this looks like a change of use. JG will write to SC to draw attention to the apparent change of use, without opposing the development.

9. Finance

There was no financial report as the Treasurer was not present.

10. Correspondence

We have had an email from Val Brand about the most recent transport meeting. This will be put on our Facebook page.

A resident contacted us about fencing that has been dumped on the verge at the bottom of Kirkhouse Road. It has been there for several months.

11. AOCB

JH mentioned that there have been reports of problems with postal deliveries in the village. People have been receiving their mail very late and important dates like hospital appointments have been missed. JH will ask the local sorting office about this.

RD attended a meeting at SC about Core Paths. Anybody who knows of a Core path that is not on the register should notify Mhairi McIntosh at SC

RD also attended a meeting about the harvesting of timber near Burncrooks. Re-wilding of the area is taking place and there are otters, but no beavers yet.

A resident asked if the painting on the A81 outside the shops could be refreshed as the parking area is no longer clear and people are parking on the pavement.

10. Date of next meeting

September 8th 2025

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