

MINUTES
Meeting Monday 6th October 2025 in the Village Club.
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Members Present: - Julie Hutchison; Grace Edmonds; John Gray; Ian Boardley; Pamela Lee; Eleanor Balfour

In attendance: Councillor Fraser; Gary Neil, SC; Denni Kinnear and Sharon Dunbar, Scottish Water; M Vass, SCDT +11 residents

Apologies: Andrew Thompson; Kate Ramsden; Rob Davies

*(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 meeting.

2. Minutes of September meeting and matters arising.

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

Matters arising: We were tasked to speak to SC about dog fouling and the unkempt hedge on the A81. JH contacted Stephen Bly who said that these issues should now be logged on to the SC App. They have been logged on and sent to the respective services.

Drainage work at the playpark has started with the hope of making the area more child friendly.

A resident asked about the condition of the footpaths and roadway at Netherblane. Some temporary repair work has been carried out, and residents have been told that pavements will be repaired. G Neil said that he would take an action on this.

GE and JH met with the Chief Road Safety Engineer to walk round the village and point out areas where there are dangerous points for traffic.

3. Police Report

PC McCammon gave details of the most recent Police Report at the September meeting.

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

4. Traffic management in the village

G Neil had results of the traffic survey from two of the areas surveyed. SC will use the mean average to decide if action needs to be taken. The mean outside both the Village Club and Netherblane was around 24mph. G Neil said that this means that SC will have to do something. His department will look into the options available and send us a report. G Neil is happy to come back and talk about these. JH said that the residents would agree that action is needed. JH said that we have had a letter from the Village Club Committee who supported the traffic calming measures outside the club and asked that something should be put in its place if it is removed. JH said that the current measure is the result of a campaign carried out by pupils in the Primary School which led to us asking for a Participation Request from SC. Angela McGibbon

and Lynne McKinley from SC told us that all we could have at that location is what is there now.

A resident said that he is interested in the fact that some drivers travel at over 40mph although the mean speed limit is much less. The drivers going really fast are the real danger. RF pointed out that it is very difficult to legislate against the few people who drive really fast. The resident also complained that PC McCammon has not had time to carry out the speed checks that he said he would do, but we only have two local officers and they have other duties. A resident talked about a citizen action whereby an individual can email a company whose HGV has been speeding through the village and ask for action to be taken.

A resident asked if our average number of vehicles is similar to other rural villages. G Neil thinks they are about the same, but he can provide information about that.

A resident said that the footfall of those crossing the roads should also be considered. There are children crossing to school and older pupils getting on and off the school buses. Another resident suggested that a barrier should be erected on the road where the path from Campsie View Drive accesses the pavement.

A resident mentioned the chicane in Beech Drive, a side road in Killearn, and asked why it is there while we only have one. It is there because there is an entrance to the school at that point.

JG said that the traffic islands at Netherblane do not slow the traffic. He asked about traffic lights that stop traffic going too fast but not cars adhering to the speed limit. These are being used in other areas of Scotland. G Neil said that they are looking at these but reminded the meeting that the Scottish Government do not provide funding for this type of measure to support the 20mph limits. SC will have to find the money for any hardware needed.

IB said that he would like to expand the measures for the village to Mugdock as there is speeding traffic there also. JH suggested that somebody from the Roads Team could meet with Ian for a site visit. G Neil said that this could be organised.

A resident also asked about speeding on the Lennoxton Road. G Neil will look into this.

JH thanked G Neil for his attendance.

5. Water Supply Issues at Mugdock

Denni Kinnear and Sharon Dunbar from the Community Engagement Team at Scottish Water came to the meeting to talk about water supply issues at Mugdock.

IB reported problems with supply and wants to know what the issues are, how they are going to be fixed, how long will this take and how communication can be improved if there are problems.

SW reported that there was a failure of the water pump at Mugdock which was temporarily repaired in April. While the supply was turned off water was supplied to residents via tankers. The pump will be replaced but this will take time. SD recommended that individuals in an area with problems should all report issues rather than one person reporting for the area. Information on how to do this is on the SW website.

She asked for a list of possible locations to distribute bottled water if necessary. GE will email Denni with this.

JH thanked Denni and Sharon for joining us.

6. Local Place Plan Update.

The Local Place Plan has been sent to neighbouring community councils and elected members for comment. The working group still has some areas to complete.

7. Christmas Lights Switch On

This will be November 28th this year. JH has spoken to Duff Trees who will deliver the tree on the November 21st. We will put it up on November 22nd/23rd.

8. Elected member's Report - Councillor Rosemary Fraser

There will be a new bin with a purple lid for glass which will be collected every 8 weeks.

There is a full council meeting on Thursday 9th October. They will discuss an upgrade to the Smith Museum. The visitor levy consultation closes next week. Residents are largely in favour, businesses are not. Richard Baines asked if some money from the visitor levy could be used for the upkeep of the West Highland Way. RF said that communities will be asked what they want to use the money for. We could ask for some to be used on the WHW, but the council will need to find out who owns the land.

There is a pilot project coming in for two small buses from Drymen to Balfron and Callander area. This should provide something to communities which currently have no public transport. If the pilot goes well the scheme could be expanded.

RF will email an update on the cemetery.

JG said that there is no transport from Carbeth and that the LPP has shown that people want to use public transport across local authority borders. This is difficult.

Brian Roberts is acting Chief Executive. A new CE was appointed today.

9. Planning and Licensing

JG highlighted a communication from a monitoring group in Lennox town about a proposal to build 300 houses at Lennox Castle. JG responded saying that it would be useful if any extra buses could come this way. The monitoring group has been told that the developer wants to avoid biodiversity studies. We suggest putting them in touch with Mirte Greve. JG will check with Mirte.

10. Finance

We have £4161.74 in account. PL reported that we have still not received the admin. grant from SC.

11. Correspondence

There has been no correspondence this month

12. AOCB

JH told the meeting that the minister, Stuart Sharp is leaving and returning to Dundee. We wish him well.

MV said that she has had to attend a clinic in Killearn for B12 injections. She has been told that this clinic has now been moved to Balfron. This is potentially problematic for residents who do not have transport. There has been no consultation on this.

RF said that she does not understand why clinics are being centralised in this way as the nurses come out to all the villages anyway.

We had an email from Jessie Malcolm from NHS Forth Valley to say that they are launching a new population health and care strategy for the next 10 years. There is a website for raising awareness. We will highlight this in the next BVB. GE will send something to JG to put on the website.

AT is part of SWSCAN who are producing their own LPP. He has written something for the website, and they need any comments by October 28th.

A resident asked if the CC was notified about changes to the bus timetables. We were not.

10. Date of next meeting

November 3rd, 2025

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