

## MINUTES

### Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 in the Village Club.

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**Members Present:** - Julie Hutchison; Grace Edmonds; John Gray; Pamela Lee; Kate Ramsden; Rob Davies; Andrew Thompson,

**In attendance:** Councillor Henke; PC McCammon M Vass, SCDT +10 residents

**Apologies:** Ian Boardley

*(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.

Declarations of interest: JH and AT for an item in AOCB; GE and KR for item 6

#### 2. Minutes of October meeting and matters arising.

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

Matters arising: JH contacted SC regarding dog fouling in the playpark. Two officers from Community Safety visited the park and said there was no evidence of dogs. JH thinks this because they visited during the day; school drop off and pick up would be more representative. The Dog Warden said that he would see if better signage could be put up. He also suggested another campaign with the school and JH will speak to the head teacher about this. JH emailed SC about the hedge on the A81 opposite the Village Club but has had no response.

#### 3. Police Report

PC McCammon gave details of the most recent Police Report.

Vandalism was reported after a car windscreen and a house window were smashed by a rock. The victim declined to take the matter further.

A crime under the Abusive Behaviour Act was recorded.

Police are looking for a driver who reversed into a vehicle causing damage and then drove off.

PC McCammon told the meeting that he and a colleague were out with the speed gun at the Edmonstone Hall last week. Three drivers were spoken to. They left the cardboard police officer for the rest of the day. He said that communities can buy their own cardboard officer and offered to get a price for us. He will email information about the Community Speed Watch to all local Community Councils. He will come out with the speed gun when he can, but he is now on his own again as Laura has moved on from the Community Team.

MV asked if there were any updates about the fraud reported at the campsite. PC McCammon said that this has gone to the Fraud Team. He will report on this when he has information, but these enquiries take a long time.

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

#### 4. Traffic measures

Gary Neill from SC has not been in touch. GE will email him to remind him that he agreed to come back to a meeting to report on the results of the third speed check area. A resident reminded the meeting that Gary Neill promised to get the broken bollard outside the VC replaced but this has not happened. JH said that they are unlikely to repair it if they are going to remove the entire structure.

A resident reported that a bollard has been knocked down on the A891 outside the church. JH suggested that she should report this on the SC website and she agreed. A resident said that she noticed cardboard children at the roadside as a traffic calming measure in a village she was driving through and suggested that we could do the same.

JH mentioned that the footpaths in Netherblane are being repaired.

## **5. Local Place Plan Update**

JG reported that our Place Plan has been submitted to Stirling. SC will look at it in conjunction with other submissions and will come back with a proposed plan for consultation during February and March next year. He thanked the other members of the sub-group for their help with the Plan.

JH thanked JG for all his hard work on the plan.

## **6. Telephone at the Village Club**

Mark Elder from the VC committee told the meeting that the current phone line will no longer work during power cuts. The committee asked about battery back-up for use in an emergency. This will cost £145 and will keep the phone line working for several days. A resident said that EE provided them with a battery free of charge as her husband has medical issues. Mark said that he will pursue this as the VC is the emergency hub for the whole village.

JH said that we will get in touch with the Resilience Team at SC regarding the Starlink they planned to buy.

## **7. Elected Member's Report – Councillor Paul Henke**

PH has complained to the council about the condition of the A81 entering the village at the bends. He will continue to pursue this.

RD asked about the control of the council after the by-election.

PH said that the SNP is now leading the council and there is a council meeting this week where jobs will be allocated and a new Provost will be chosen. There will be a new Council Leader also.

## **8. Planning and Licensing**

There were no planning applications that needed to be discussed. JG mentioned a new consultation from Glasgow Airport about proposed airspace changes. This runs until the end of January. There is a public meeting in Milngavie this month. JG will put information about the consultation on the website.

## **9. Finance**

There is £4487.41p in the account

PL reported that we received the Admin Grant last week.

## **10. Correspondence**

We have had an email from David Rae at SC regarding a proposal to re-design the Waste Disposal Centre in Balfron. There is a meeting about this on November 13<sup>th</sup> which JH will attend.

There is an on-line survey for Community Councillors from Scottish Water.

We had an email from a resident who has recently moved to the village about the garages behind Dumbrock Crescent and beside the Scout Hall. He wanted to know who owns these as he is interested in buying or renting one for storage. Mark Elder said that they are owned by the council and can be rented but there is a long waiting list. JH will reply to the resident and tell him that he needs to apply to the council.

## **11. AOCB**

Margaret Vass spoke to the meeting about the asset transfer for the land that the library sits on. The council and the TGLL agreed that this would take place after the build was complete. Currently the TGLL rents the land from SC at a cost of £2500 per year and SC rents the building from TGLL at a cost inflated by £2500. The understanding was that once the asset transfer was complete the council rent would reduce by £2500. TGLL, through SCDT, would like the CC to support the asset transfer. The CC members present agreed to this. GE will compose a letter and send it round for comments.

A resident asked if there is anything residents can do to support the SCDT but MV said not yet.

A resident said that his understanding of the agreement was to help the project get off the ground. We should ask SC to honour the spirit of the agreement.

A resident spoke about flooding in the school grounds. They appear to have been taken off the rotation for drain clearing. We need to request that it is put back on the rota to keep the grounds drained. GE will contact Stephen Bly about this.

A resident spoke about the tree felling by Scottish Woodland near Boards Farm. The tracks which are Core Paths have been allowed to deteriorate with no apparent plans to reinstate them once the work is complete. The company proposes to install locked gates at two points which will impede emergency vehicles from accessing the area. JH suggested getting in touch with Marie McIntosh, the Access Officer. GE will email Stephen Bly about this.

JH reminded the meeting that we plan to put the Christmas tree up on November 22/23 to enable the lights to be switched on on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.0pm.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

**December 1st, 2025**

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