

MINUTES
Meeting Monday 1st December 2025 in the Village Club.
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Members Present: - Julie Hutchison; Grace Edmonds; John Gray; Pamela Lee; Kate Ramsden; Andrew Thompson; Eleanor Balfour; Ian Boardley

In attendance: PC McCammon, M Vass, SCDT + 5 residents

Apologies: 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.

She thanked everybody who took part in the Christmas tree lighting. It was a very successful event and busier than previous years.

2. Minutes of November meeting and matters arising.

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

Matters arising: Gary Neill from Roads could not attend the meeting. JH asked him to send any updates from the traffic survey and the meeting that GE and JH had with the Road Safety Engineer.

JH and MV met with the junior Road Safety Committee in the school. They are going to hold a poster competition about Road Safety. Simon Graham has offered to provide prizes.

Mark Elder followed up on the suggestion that back-up batteries might be supplied for the VC by the phone company. He got nowhere with this so the CC needs to contact the Resilience Team at SC again to see what they can provide. KR asked if the VC committee should also contact SC. MV noted that the Edmonstone Hall has been identified as a possible site for solar panels.

JH attended a meeting with David Rae, the team leader for recyclables at SC, regarding the proposal to replace the facility at Balfour. JH said that the plans for the proposed new facility looked good. It will be rebuilt on the same site so the facility will be closed while the building is carried out. While it is closed spaces will be allocated to this area at Polmaise and Callander. People asked about using the EDC site, but it is at capacity.

MV thanked us for our support of the asset transfer of the land at the library. TGLL now has an agreement on the asset transfer but at a cost of £38,000. The SCDT will appeal this. AT said that he thinks that they should make it clear that there is a case for residual benefits across the council area. MV agreed.

3. Police Report

PC McCammon reported that the fraud case at the campsite has been deemed a civil matter.

There have been complaints about parking around the school. The police have attended three times and spoken to drivers. They will continue to monitor this.

PC McCammon is getting a new colleague in January.

Traffic

A vehicle struck a barrier at Aucheneden. This has been recorded as a failure to stop.

Fraud

Fraud was recorded when an elderly resident was contacted by somebody purporting to be from their bank and persuaded to purchase gift cards to the value of £10,000.

Enquiries are ongoing.

MV asked about the scaffolding lorry parked at the church. PC McCammon said that if it not causing an obstruction on the road it is a matter for SC. GE and JH will write to Gary Neill about this.

JH thanked PC McCammon for attending.

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

4. Traffic measures

There was nothing to report as no further information had been received from SC

5. Elected Member's Report

No elected member was present

6. Planning and Licensing

JG reported that there was nothing in Planning that we needed to discuss.

7. Finance

We have £4623.91 in the account. This includes donations of £136.50 from the Christmas tree light up. There will be a further £220 from the card donations, minus PayPal charges. Overall, we should have a slight profit.

8. Correspondence

We have had correspondence from a resident whose son wants to borrow the projector and screen for a fundraising project.

9. AOCB

JH met with Richard Baines from the Paths Group. He is interested in the site for the new cemetery as the Paths group is looking for a path in the same area. WE do not have any further information about this but will keep him informed when we do.

A resident asked if we have had any information from Forth Valley regarding the withdrawing of the district nurses from Strathblane and moving to Killearn. MV said that the district nursing service has been centralised for some things and is now in Balfron. It can be a round trip of 2 hours on public transport for a 9.00 appointment. This seems unnecessary as the nurses are in our area anyway doing home visits. JH will speak to the doctors about this.

JG thanked a resident for forwarding him an email about Planning Democracy.

10. Date of next meeting

January 5th, 2026

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