



MINUTES

Meeting Monday 5th January 2026 in the Village Club.

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

In attendance: Councillor Fraser, SC; M Vass, SCDT + 3 residents

Apologies: Eleanor Balfour; Pamela Lee

*(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 and wished them Happy New Year.

2. Minutes of December meeting and matters arising.

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

Matters arising: JH met with the Practice Manager at the surgery regarding changes to the availability of clinics. She said that the changes are nothing to do with the surgery. There are 6 surgeries in the group and Strathblane and Drymen have come off worst in the re-organisation. GE and JH emailed Alexander Polson and Jessie-Anne Malcolm at Forth Valley Health Board. Diane Sharp, the Clinical Nurse Manager in Stirling replied on their behalf saying that B12 injections are still available in Killearn and additionally at Balfron and that rationalisation was necessary due to budget restraints. We will email her again asking her to answer our questions. A resident suggested that we should contact the IJB. RF will take the matter up with Scott Farmer, who is a member of the IJB.

Gary Neill sent a brief report on roads issues. The only new information was that they have submitted a capital funding bid to undertake any traffic management projects identified.

GE emailed Stephen Bly to ask about having the hedge on the A81 opposite the Villager Club cut back. This was not done last year. He has passed this on to Land Services.

MV confirmed that the SCDT has lodged an appeal about the land transfer of the library site.

3. Police Report

PC McCammon gave the most recent report at the December meeting.

4. Traffic measures

This has been covered under Matters arising.

5. Update on the LPP

The LPP was submitted at the end of October. SC had 3 queries. One was giving our legal status as a Community Council. The second was a signed copy of our constitution which SB provided. Lastly was a request for boundaries on each of the areas identified for housing on the maps. JG added extra maps with clearer boundaries. In the case of small sites, the boundaries are approximate. CC members present were happy with this, and JG will submit the changes to SC.

The council is currently looking at individual sites that have been proposed and this will be out for consultation in Springtime.

6. Elected Member's Report – Councillor Rosemary Fraser

In her new role as Provost Councillor Fraser has been representing the council at a variety of events – a university graduation, citizenship awards and new business awards.

The film studio is close to linking with the university to deliver practical education in the film industry.

Tomorrow the public consultation on the budget starts. Libraries, nursery provision and music tuition are all protected from cuts this year. The visitor levy has been agreed at 3%, starting in June 2027. The income will be spent on amenities to encourage tourism and there will be an opportunity for communities to ask for things they need. RD said that we need EV charging points in the village. RF said that she has been raising this with SC for a couple of years.

JH thanked RF for attending.

7. Planning and Licensing

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

8. Finance

There is £4400.69 in the account and we will have an additional £200 or so from the card donations at the Christmas tree switch on. Neither DWE nor duff trees have cashed their cheques.

8. Correspondence

We have had a letter from a resident complaining that we are not taking action on the condition of the roads. JH replied saying that if they had attended our meetings they would know how much contact we have with SC about this.

9. AOCB

AT was contacted by a resident who hopes to pursue an idea to ask First Bus to extend their route from Lenzie to Clachan of Campsie to Strathblane and on to Milngavie. He wondered if the CC would support this proposal. The members present agreed to support this. A resident asked if adding a new service to Milngavie would lead to the X10 service being cut but CC members did not think this would happen. RF said that it would be useful if EDC and SC could work together on this.

FR said that SC is trialling two small bus services in the Callander area and covering Fintry, Drymen and Croftamie. A resident asked why Carbeth is not included in the pilot, as it has no bus service. RF said that the officers chose the routes for the pilots based on usage of the DRT scheme. The resident pointed out that Carbeth residents have not had a DRT to use. JG pointed out that the pilot in that area might be unsuccessful but would have been successful if Carbeth had been included. RF is meeting

the team running the pilot on Thursday and will discuss including Carbeth in the pilot. JH asked her to feedback the outcome of this meeting. A resident asked if there is a longer-term plan to revamp buses in the rural areas, to link the villages with Bearsden and Milngavie. RF noted that a current issue is that the X10 service is not reliable.

MV said that residents on Campsie Dene Road have not received their new glass bins. She has raised this with SC but has had no response. RF will report this.

10. Date of next meeting

February 7th, 2026

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