



## MINUTES

### Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 in the Village Club. Draft

**Members Present:** - Julie Hutchison; Grace Edmonds; Andrew Thompson; Ian Boardley; Pamela Lee

**In attendance:** M Vass, SCDT + 8 residents

**Apologies:** Eleanor Balfour; Rob Davies; John Gray; Kate Ramsden; Councillor Paul Henke.

*(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.  
There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

Matters arising: We received an inadequate response to our emails to NHS Forth valley regarding the moving of appointments for B12 injections. We will email Alexander Polson again. JH had a message from the Church asking if we would like them to contact NHS Forth valley also. They also plan to email Gary Neill about speeding past the Church. JH asked them to let us know if they get any replies.

MV reported that the SCDT has heard nothing about the appeal regarding purchase of the land at the library.

JH said that we have had no response from Gary Neill despite sending to two emails. We will now email his boss.

JH reported that the good news is that the A81 at Netherblane and at the bends outside the village is on the schedule for repair in the next financial year.

#### 3. Police Report

Road Traffic

Investigations are ongoing after two incidents of vehicles failing to stop after causing an accident within Blanefield area. Both were minor incidents where other vehicles were damaged by the actions of drivers in the offending vehicles.

PC McCammon also welcomed a new colleague, PC Darren Gibson, to the Community policing Team.

#### 4. Traffic measures

This has been covered under Matters arising.

#### 5. Elected Member's Report

There was no elected member present

## 6. Planning and Licensing

JG was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report that there was nothing in Planning that we needed to discuss. There are 4 new holiday pods behind St Mocha at Carbeth. These were on the master plan that the owners showed us several years ago. There is an issue about a building that belongs to the Hutters, but JG says that as long as this is addressed amicably, we have no comment to make.

## 8. Finance

There is £4315.69 in the account, and we will have an additional £200 or so from the card donations at the Christmas tree switch on and £25 from projector hire.

## 8. Correspondence

Brian Roberts has booked to join us at our meeting in September.

We had a letter from a resident asking how much was applied for by Roads in the grant application and what the money would be used for. JH replied that we do not know.

A resident emailed about the bus pilot and GE replied.

We had an email about a new paths group in Kilmahog. Richard Baines is dealing with this.

We have been contacted by a charity who wants to donate a tree for every goal scored by Blanefield thistle this season. GE referred this to Stephen Bly.

We had a letter from Marie Paterson who is running a course on Mountain Skills at Stirling University on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This is free and there is no need to book.

JH mentioned the First Aid courses run every month by BASP in the Edmonstone Hall.

## 9. AOCB

A resident got in touch to say that she is concerned about huge trees on Council land beside her house. GE will pass this on to SB.

AT received an email from SEPA asking us to complete a questionnaire to judge the extent of flooding risk. AT thought that we should consider the issues in the village before completing the survey. JH said that we should certainly complete it. This ties in with JG's concern about water on Old Mugdock Road which is present all the time and seems to be to do with the loch. GE will email SB about this.

Richard Baines mentioned the sheet of water on the A81 near Netherblane. He has identified that this is coming from above the bridge on Campsie Dene Road. This contributes to the condition of the road. MV said that Scottish Water did a lot of repair work on the bridge and found a drain that is always blocked. They could not work out where this drain goes. We will contact SW about this.

Richard Baines wondered if we could have anti-litter signs in the village as the problem seems to be getting worse. JH said that the school might agree to have a poster competition about this.

The paths Group are exploring access to the Campsies from the village. He asked what access people would want. JH suggested that the Paths Group should ask residents via Facebook.

A resident asked about an area of the A81 near the Edmonstone Hall that has been cordoned off. It was a blocked hydrant, and it has now been repaired by Scottish Water.

**10. Date of next meeting**

**March 2nd, 2026**

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