



MINUTES
Meeting Monday 8th June 2026 in the Village Club.
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Members Present: - Julie Hutchison; Kate Ramsden; Grace Edmonds; John Gray; Ian Boardley; Rob Davies.

In attendance: Councillor Rosemary Fraser; M Vass, SCDT + 7 residents

Apologies: Pamela Lee; Andy Thompson

*(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 May meeting and matters arising.

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

Matters arising: Any matters arising will be discussed later in the agenda.

3. Police Report

We received a Police Report in May. The only item in our area was a driver being issued with a fixed penalty notice after the vehicle they were driving was found to have no MOT.

The full Police Report covering surrounding villages can be found on our website.

4. Traffic measures

We have no updates on traffic. Brian Roberts will attend our September meeting and it will be useful for him to hear about our concerns about traffic.

5. LPP update

JH said that there seems to be some panic in the village as people have looked at the proposed sites shown in SC's drop-in session and assumed that this is where building will be. JH reassured people that these are just possible areas for development. SC have issued two surveys to be completed by residents. We will put notification of these in the BVB. JH pointed out that these are quite onerous to complete and require residents to move between two computer screen and GE has emailed planning about this.

JG went through the Strategy Survey. 90% of it has nothing to do with us. We are designated as a tier 5 village with Balfron being a tier 4 hub. Our village is in the countryside. As a CC we will complete this survey saying what we think of the proposals and suggested that the LPP group should work on this.

The Site Options Survey is more important for residents. IB said that the Chief Planning Officer intends to issue FAQs to help people complete it. JG said that we can complete the survey as a CC and then provide helpful information to residents.

The 6 sites in our area are two near the Care Home, one on Campsie Road beyond Braidgate, two on Old Mugdock road at Mugdock and one on Milndavie Road. The residents' opinion in our LPP survey is that housing should only be supported if it

meets the needs of the community. The care home sites were most popular and least objected to.

The Campsie Road site was unpopular as was the site on Milndavie Road, where there is no footpath. The proposed developer has offered some solutions to this.

There are several sites on the survey which were not mentioned in our LPP. The two sites at Mugdock have been rejected previously and the CC will oppose these again. RF said that if the community recognises that we need more housing we should use the survey to identify which sites we would be happy with. The key issue is that we make the point that we want smaller houses.

The CC agreed that the Planning group will reconvene to discuss and complete the surveys.

6. Elected Members' Report - Councillor Rosemary Fraser

RF said that it is a busy time in her role as Provost.

There is a new budget train line from Stirling to London.

The Council has agreed to go to a preferred bidder for the film studios. This will be a great economic boost to Stirling. On a rural level there is a review of car parks. They are looking to see if there is anything that should be added to car parking spaces, for example waste disposal areas for camper vans or toilet facilities. JG said that we could possibly make money from a chemical toilet disposal as other council areas have.

£8 million has been allocated this year and next year to properly repair roads rather than patching them.

They hope to have a trial of an e-bike scheme for both city and rural areas.

They are currently trialling two new bus routes and hopefully this pilot will expand.

RD asked if there has been a discussion about where the proceeds from the visitor levy will be spent. It will not be spent on roads. Part of the levy will go to support businesses and part to a community fund where communities will be able to bid for projects.

JG said that EV charging would be a priority in our area. SC has been looking at the provision of chargers and RF said these need to be fast chargers.

JH thanked RF for her report.

7. Planning and Licensing

26/00238/PPP: Residential development in principle within the grounds of the church hall and manse: Kirk Rooms Campsie Road Strathblane G63 9EQ.

JG said that this is a new planning application in principle for seven houses in the grounds of the Kirk Rooms. The manse will become the Kirk Rooms. The houses are all large and there is no mention of social housing. This does not tick any of the boxes for local needs. A third of the buildings would need to be designated as social housing. JG proposed that we prepare a response to this and circulate it to all CC members during the summer. A resident suggested that the site would be good as an extension to the cemetery. JH said that it might not be large enough and there is not enough parking. MV thought it would be large enough. RF said that cemeteries were discussed by the council recently. She asked JG to send her a map of the area that we think would be best for a cemetery extension. JG said that the Council told us it would need to be the field beyond Braidgate, making a new edge to the village. KR asked if the site beyond Braidgate would become more attractive to developers if the cemetery moved. JG said we will make submissions that tie the cemetery site into any decisions.

8. Finance

There is £4252.19 in the account.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month

9. AOCB

MV reported that SCDT has withdrawn its asset transfer application for the land at the library as council officials have found a way to sell the land to TGLL for £1.

KR asked if MV had had any luck with Scottish Water regarding the drainage on Campsie Dene Road. MV said they have been very helpful and have looked at the drain. They have put dye down it and say it is now clear.

10. Date of next meeting

September 7th, 2026

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