

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: L. Walker [Chair], J. Houston, E. Saunders, G. Brown, B. Lawrie, L. Jess. Fife Councillors A. Verner, J. A. Liston, R. Lawson, A. Clark.

Apologies: A. McArdle, L. Meyer.

Minute of meeting of 3rd April 2025 Proposed by B. Lawrie, seconded by E. Saunders.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes

S.75 funding: Mrs Houston had attempted to contact John Rodigan, Head of Environment and Building Services, and his deputy Iain Wilson for an update on the drainage issue at Bonfield playing field, but received no reply. Fife Councillors advised that Mr Rodigan has retired recently, and suggested contacting Kirstie Freeman, Community Manager. Community Councillors noted their dissatisfaction with this poor customer service due to the apparent absence of procedures for redirecting emails when an officer leaves the Council.

Barrier at the foot of the path leading onto Bonfield Road: Springfield Homes have now installed bollards, but Community Councillors remain concerned that these will not prevent children running or cycling down the slope into the road. Mrs Houston will write to Megan Black at Springfield Homes to ask for a barrier to be installed instead.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report The current balance is £471, including committed expenditure. The accounts for 2024-25 have been passed to the Independent Examiner in preparation for the AGM in June. Community Councillors noted the letter of thanks received from the Village Hall Treasurer for the donation of £200.

Policing No matters raised.

Village Infrastructure There was no update on the proposal for Christmas lights for the village.

Traffic and Transportation

Roadworks on lower Main Street: the close spacing of the signage and traffic lights at both ends does not allow enough room for large vehicles to queue near the lights without obstructing oncoming traffic. Councillor Lawson undertook to draw the contractor's attention to this.

Bends at Kincaple: following two more accidents since the CC raised its concerns, the agreed work to replace the chevrons has been prioritised for this month.

Low Road Crossroads: the meeting approved a draft petition, with some amendments, to reduce the speed limit at the crossroads on the B939 to 40mph. Mrs Houston and Ms Meyer will take this forward, using both hard copy and on-line formats.

Proposed cycle/footpath on High Road to St Andrews: Councillor Clark confirmed that a report will be brought to the North East Fife Area Committee on 18th June.

Community Trust Report Mrs Lawrie reported that the Trust is preparing for its Open Day on 1st June.

Fife Community Councils The next meeting will be held on-line in June, on a date to be confirmed. Lindsay Thomson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services in Fife Council will attend to discuss CC's concerns about differing standards of contact with Council Officers.

Out of Hours Group (St Andrews Community Hospital) It was noted that St Andrews CC discussed the proposed closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at the Adamson Hospital in Cupar at their meeting on 7th April, which was attended by NHS representatives.

Correspondence There was no correspondence.

AOCB No matters raised.

Planning Applications Details of a recent application had been circulated and there were no comments.

Date of Next Meeting and Annual General Meeting: Thursday 5th June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall