

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: L. Walker [Chair], J. Houston, G. Brown, E. Saunders, L. Meyer, N. Brooke, B. Lawrie. Fife Councillor J.A. Liston.

Apologies: L. Jess, Fife Councillors A. Clark, A. Verner, R. Lawson.

Mrs Walker welcomed Police Constable Pete Holmes, who attended the meeting to provide an update on two policing initiatives.

Neighbourhood Alert is a secure community messaging system which allows key information providers to email registered users with localised, targeted Alerts on issues of crime, safety and resilience, keeping local people informed about issues affecting their area. Current information providers include Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Local Authorities and Get Safe Online. Alerts provide the recipient with information and advice, and include a point of contact for reporting. Residents can sign up at www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk It was agreed to publicise this on the community Facebook page.

New local policing model: the Community Investigations Hub is a new, dedicated unit which will focus on the investigation and resolution of crime reports and non-urgent incidents, which were previously dealt with by Response Teams. This will allow frontline Response officers to focus on emergencies and urgent incidents, visible patrols and community-based policing. The Hub is based in Cupar and covers North East Fife.

Minute of meeting of 5th March 2026 Proposed by G. Brown, seconded by B. Lawrie.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes

S.75 funding: Planning have confirmed that £15,220 remains to be spent. The deadline for spending this (clawback date) is 6th January 2035. Discussion on ideas will continue at future meetings.

The structured tree planting on the west side of the development is to be completed by the end of May 2026. The Enforcement team is dealing with the replacement of trees already planted on the north side.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report Ms Saunders reported that the current balance is **£380.24**.

Village Infrastructure The deep gully on the left side of the C4 opposite Bishop's Wood has been filled in.

20mph zone on High Road at Clatto Gardens: Councillor Verner has written to Steve Sellars suggesting that the Slow Down sign inside the current zone only needs to be repaired, not moved; and the zone itself should be extended west of the entrance to Clatto Gardens.

The War Memorial is to be cleaned in June. It may also need repointing and Mrs Houston will send photographs to Property Services.

There has still been no progress with removing the broken sign lying on the bridge at lower Main Street. Councillor Liston will pursue this.

Electronic speed sign at Danskin Place: Mrs Walker thanked local resident Ben Heywood for cutting back the overgrown shrubs. As this has been a recurring problem over many years, the CC would like the shrubs to be removed completely. The sign itself is not working once again, and Councillor Liston undertook to follow this up. [Post-meeting note: Councillor Clark is pursuing this]

Grounds Maintenance were thanked for installing the new bench at Bonfield playing field.

Traffic and Transportation

Proposed Parking Restrictions at Sunnyside: This will be considered by the Area Committee on 22nd April.

Low Road Crossroads: 40mph signs are currently being installed. Noted that another accident occurred there on 23rd March involving a bus and a car, fortunately with no injuries.

Bends at Kincahle: the missing chevron is still on order.

The missing beacon at the traffic island at the junction of the A91/C4 to Kincahle has been reported.

Community Trust Report Mrs Lawrie reported that a second tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO 8) had incurred root damage from work undertaken by Springfield Homes. The Council's Tree Officer investigated and the tree is not to be removed at this stage, but will be monitored. At Bonfield playing field, the border between the path and the wall on the northern boundary is overgrown and some of the trees planted by Fife Council have died. Mrs Houston has arranged to meet Colin Davidson, Grounds Maintenance on site. Councillor Liston suggested that this might be suitable for Community Payback. The Trust is holding a tool sharpening event on 26th April at the Community Garden.

Fife Community Councils Mr Brown provided an update on the meeting held on 23rd March. The minutes will be circulated in due course.

Correspondence Kilrymont Rotary Club will be in touch shortly about their ideas for linking with the CC to promote their community activities and events.

AOCB

Community Council Website Mr Brooke reported that the school is very interested in taking part in a project for the website, and he and Ms Meyer will liaise further on this.

Ms Saunders had contacted Colin Davidson about purchasing more benches for the playpark, and a site meeting has been arranged for 20th April. There had not been enough time to prepare an application for the most recent round of Local Community Planning Grants, but one will be submitted to a future round.

Planning Applications Planning application 25/02909/FULL (St Andrews Holiday Estate, Knockhill of Nydie). Temporary permission in retrospect for an amenity hub with hot tub deck was approved for three years, with several conditions, at the North East Planning Committee on 11th March. Enforcement are dealing with reported breaches.

The Community Council's response to planning application 25/03431/EIA has been submitted to Fife Council.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall