

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: L. Walker [Chair], G. Brown, B. Lawrie, L. Jess,

Fife Councillors J. A. Liston, R. Lawson, A. Clark.

Apologies: L. Meyer, J. Houston, E. Saunders, A. McArdle.

Fife Councillors A. Verner

Minute of meeting of 4th September 2025 Proposed by B. Lawrie, seconded by G. Brown.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes

S.75 funding: £10k of the total funding of £35k will be left after the drainage has been paid for and further discussion will be required on how this should be spent. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was noted that the car park at Bonfield Park is in poor condition and there are large, deep puddles. The car park is understood to be owned by Fife Council. There is a recycling facility on site. Cllr Lawson is going to investigate who the car park belongs to and if it is Fife Council, is there a budget for repairs.

As per the last meeting, Mrs Houston has written to Springfield to enquire about the future maintenance of the land around the exterior of the Springfield site. No reply to date.

Barrier at the foot of the path leading onto Bonfield Road: Cllr Lawson has corresponded with the head of affordable housing, Fife Council regarding this. The response is that as the path goes onto an unadopted road, a barrier will not be put in place and that it is a parental responsibility to supervise children.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report Ms Saunders reported (via email) that the current balance is £1,036 minus the wreath for Remembrance which cost £54.50 so the projected balance is **£982.24** once a cheque for reimbursement has been submitted.

Policing There were no matters raised.

Village Infrastructure Proposal for Christmas lights: The CC need to check if any installation of lights will be permitted in light of new street lamp design. Mrs Houston has written to enquire – no update yet.

The electronic speed sign on lower Main Street has still not been repaired/replaced – this will be actioned but electrical work needs to take place first.

Condition of the War Memorial: the Memorial is in need of cleaning, and Councillor Liston has raised this with Kirstie Freeman, Community Manager who is asking FC Property Services to clean it.

The collapsed road edge on Craigtoun Road opposite the road to Denhead has now been fully repaired.

The drains on Bonfield Road, Main Street and other areas in the village are choked with weeds and need clearing. Councillor Clark has asked Scott Smythe (FC) but has not has a response back yet.

Former wildflower meadow at Bonfield playing field: the Council agreed in 2024 to take back management of the area from the Community Trust. Fife Council have agreed to grass and cut this.

Mrs Walker identified several matters requiring attention at the bridge on Main Street, opposite the nursery. There is a collapsed road sign lying on the bridge; the sign 'Main Street' is loose; and the stonework needs repaired. These have been reported on the Fife Council website and a confirmation will be sent to secretary@strathkinnesscommunity.co.uk. (Jane – it may go into Spam 😊) If this is not actioned, the email can be forwarded to the elected members. Reference: 7QJ1GQD6-101011298507

The hedge across the road near the nursery is overgrown, making the pavement narrow for buggies etc. It is not known who owns this ground. Councillor Verner will follow this up.

Traffic and Transportation

Bends at Kincapple: one chevron has still to be replaced, and Councillor Clark is following this up – waiting for a response.

Low Road Crossroads: the petition to reduce the speed limit on the B939 to 40mph, which gathered over 800 signatures in support, was heard at the North East Fife Area Committee on 27th August. Fife Councillors all spoke strongly in favour, and it was agreed that Roads and Transportation officers would carry out a review of the location with the intention of introducing a 40mph speed limit; and should officers find cause to not introduce a 40mph speed limit, that a report detailing the reasons should be submitted to the committee. Councillor Liston will enquire about the timescale for this – no update yet

Proposed cycle/footpath on High Road to St Andrews: Councillor Clark will enquire about progress with the officers' report – no update since the last meeting.

The difficulty in parking at the bottom of the village was noted.

Community Trust Report Mrs Lawrie reported that there is a new stone seat at Magus Muir – this is a donation from Roddy at Kilmany Garden Services – both materials and labour. It is sited at the far end of the woods near the Covenanters Grave. Apple day was on Sunday 28th September – approximately 250 visitors – 350 litres of apple juice were distributed. Over £1400 was raised. 200 apples and pears were donated from the garden to Fife Youth Festival in Glenrothes.

Fife Community Councils - next meeting is on 8th October and Mrs Houston will attend.

Out of Hours Group (St Andrews Community Hospital) There was no update.

Correspondence There was no correspondence.

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Remembrance – G Brown Cllr Lawson will lay the wreaths in Strathkinness

Community Council Website – more people are needed to help maintain the website – this will be discussed at the next meeting when more people are present.

Planning Applications Concerns were raised that a planning application to which the Community Council raised an objection has been approved without it going to full planning. LJ forwarded the

email sent to Planning to the elected members. The objection was related to drainage. Cllr Clark and Cllr Liston will pick this up.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 6th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall