

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: L. Jess. Fife Councillor J. A. Liston.

Mrs Walker began by welcoming Mr Nick Brooke to the meeting as a prospective Community Councillor.

Minute of meeting of 6th November 2025 Proposed by L. Meyer, seconded by E. Saunders.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes

S.75 funding: Mrs Houston has contacted Planning Services about the amount of funding remaining following the drainage works carried out in August. The exact amount has still to be confirmed but is in the order of £15,000. The area is still wet, particularly in the southwest corner near the steps leading to Clatto Gardens, and Grounds Maintenance have undertaken to reinspect the area. Concerns have been raised about whether the work commissioned was expected to fully resolve the drainage problem, and this will be taken up with Grounds Maintenance.

Future maintenance of the land around the exterior of the Springfield site: Mrs Houston wrote to Dale Ashelford to clarify the area concerned, and disappointingly has not yet received a reply. A programme of structured tree planting was to have been carried out on the west side of the development; Councillor Verner will follow this up with Planning.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report Ms Saunders reported that the current balance remains £982.24.

Policing There were no matters raised.

Village Infrastructure The electronic speed sign on lower Main Street is to be replaced week commencing 5th January.

Mr Brooke asked whether the 20mph sign on the approach to the village from Nydie could be moved further out; Councillor Verner will take this up with Lorna McLean in Roads Services.

Mr Brown has resubmitted his report about the deep gully on the left side of the C4 opposite Bishop's Wood, and will send photos to Councillor Clark.

Car park at Bonfield recycling point: Councillor Lawson has established that this is Housing Services ground and he is awaiting a response.

Condition of the War Memorial: a check will be made to see if the Memorial has been cleaned, and if not Councillor Verner will follow this up.

Traffic and Transportation

Low Road Crossroads: a notice has been published proposing an Order to introduce a 40mph speed limit at the crossroads. Steven Sellars has advised that difficulties with the lining lorry have delayed installation of the rumble strips on the four approach roads. He will advise when the work has been programmed.

Bends at Kincaple: the missing chevron has still not been replaced; Councillor Clark will follow this up once again. The fallen stones on the opposite side of the road were reported and attended to promptly, and a barrier is in place.

Proposed cycle/footpath on High Road to St Andrews: this is not on the agenda for the Area Committee on 17th December. Councillor Clark will press for a report to go to the following Committee.

Parking on Sunnyside: a report is on the agenda for the Area Committee on 17th December, proposing to extend the double yellow lines from The Glebe on the north side to join those at the junction with Main Street.

Community Trust Report Discussion took place about the proposed Tree Preservation Order for 12 Oak trees and 10 Scots Pines on Bonfield Road. Mrs Houston will enquire about the policy for maintaining trees that are subject to a TPO.

Fife Community Councils Mrs Houston will attend the next meeting, planned for January.

Correspondence There was no correspondence.

AOCB

Remembrance Sunday Mrs Walker thanked Mr Brown and Councillor Verner for laying the wreaths, Reverend Graeme Beebee who conducted the service, and those who attended on a very wet day.

Community Council recruitment The poster inviting residents to consider joining the Community Council was posted on the notice board, the CC website and the Community Facebook page. Ms Meyer has printed copies in A5 size, and Mrs Lawrie, Mr Brown and Mr Brooke volunteered to deliver these to the households in the Springfield estate.

Community Council Website Mrs Walker will invite the Village Hall Trustees to consider providing a calendar of events in the Hall for inclusion on the CC website.

Planning Applications The Fife Councillors withdrew from the meeting to allow Community Councillors to consider their response to planning application 25/02909/FULL. It was agreed to request that the CC be considered a Statutory Consultee, and the Secretary will submit our response to Fife Council.

Mrs Houston had enquired with Building Control about a recently approved planning application, and was informed that to date no application for a building warrant had been made, but that the drainage would be assessed under the relevant technical standards.

Details of other recent applications had been circulated and there were no comments.

Prospective Community Councillor Mr Brooke confirmed his interest in becoming a Community Councillor, and it was agreed unanimously to elect him as a member of Strathkinness Community Council.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 5th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall