

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: L. Meyer.

Minute of meeting of 5th February 2026 Proposed by E. Saunders, seconded by G. Brown.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes

S.75 funding: Mrs Houston will confirm with Planning the exact amount remaining, and also the deadline for spending this. Suggestions include benches, picnic tables, play equipment, replacement of play equipment at the small park within Bonfield Park, cycle track for children around the playing field. Mrs Houston will contact Grounds Maintenance to obtain indicative costs.

Councillor Verner will follow up again with Planning the enquiry about structured tree planting on the west side of the development. The Enforcement team is dealing with the condition of the trees already planted on the north side.

Planning have advised that the new drainage arrangements on the site immediately behind Nos.12-22 Bonfield Road have incorporated a SUDS scheme and the drainage system now required was assessed in light of that.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report Ms Saunders reported that the current balance is **£680**. It was agreed to make a donation of £300 to the Village Hall for the refurbishment of the men's toilets. It was noted that Fife Council is currently undertaking a review of the use of the annual administrative grant.

Policing The Police introduced a new programme for local policing in February 2026. It was agreed to invite a representative to attend the Community Council to discuss how this new model will work in practice and how it will differ from previous practice.

Village Infrastructure There has been no progress with removing the broken sign lying on the bridge at lower Main Street.

The electronic speed sign at Danskin Place has been repaired; Councillor Clark is chasing up the overgrown shrubs. [Post-meeting note: this has now been reported to Scottish Power]

Mr Brown has taken photos of the deep gully on the left side of the C4 opposite Bishop's Wood and he will send the original report to Mrs Houston to start the process again.

There has been some confusion about the request to move further west the 20mph sign on the High Road towards Nydie. Roads have identified the faulty flashing Slow Down sign inside the 20mph zone, rather than the 20mph zone markers. Councillor Verner will go back to Steve Sellars to suggest that the Slow Down sign only needs to be repaired, not moved, and the 20mph zone should be extended west of the entrance to Clatto Gardens. Countdown 20mph signs on the approaches to the village from both north and east are also down, and Councillor Verner will report these.

Condition of the War Memorial: the Memorial is to be cleaned in June. Mr Brown identified that it may also need repointing and he will provide photographs.

Traffic and Transportation

Proposed Parking Restrictions at Sunnyside: The objections and alternative proposal submitted will be included in the report to the Area Committee on 22nd April.

Low Road Crossroads: There is no update on timescales for installing the rumble strips and implementing the reduced speed limit of 40mph.

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

The beacon at the traffic island at the junction of the A91/C4 to Kincaple is missing. Councillor Verner will report this.

Proposed cycle/footpath from Strathkinness to St Andrews: a new options appraisal, which would then be consulted on with the public, landowners and key stakeholders, is programmed for 2026.

Community Trust Report There was no update.

Fife Community Councils The next meeting is on 23rd March; Mrs Houston and Mr Brown will attend. Community Councillors agreed that they are happy for minutes of these meetings to be circulated to Fife Councillors; this is to be discussed at the FCC meeting.

Correspondence There is no update from Kilrymont Rotary Club on their plans for linking with the CC to promote their community activities and events.

AOCB

Community Council Website Mr Brooke and Ms Meyer have discussed adding a page to the website, as a possible project for the school. It was agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting.

Digital Fife Ms Meyer has been unable to identify a new contact since the previous postholder's retirement. It was identified that this is now a registered charity, and Ms Jess provided a link for Ms Meyer to pursue.

Mrs Walker raised a concern that there may be a perception that older people are not welcome to sit at the new playpark. It was agreed that this is a community space which is open to everyone. Councillor Lawson suggested that the CC could apply for a Local Community Planning Grant to purchase more benches for the park, and Ms Saunders will take this forward.

Planning Applications The Fife Councillors withdrew from the meeting.

Planning application 25/02909/FULL will be considered at the North East Planning Committee on 11th March.

It has been established that no Building Warrant application has been made following a recently approved planning application, where work has commenced on the site. Building Control are now dealing with the matter.

It was agreed that Ms Jess would prepare a response to planning application 25/03431/EIA for submission to Fife Council.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall