

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2026 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: E. Saunders. L. Jess. Fife Councillors A. Clark, A. Verner.

Village resident Mr Hugh Elliott also attended.

Minute of meeting of 3rd September 2026 Proposed by A. McArdle, seconded by N. Brooke.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes Mrs Houston and Bob Bilson on behalf of the Community Trust have both written to the Enforcement Officer asking for an update on the replacement of the trees on the north side of the development. The trees on the western boundary have also still to be planted.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report The current balance is **£793**.

Policing Mrs Houston is still awaiting a reply about the timescale for the first quarterly newsletter. Councillor Liston will enquire, and will also request speed monitoring for Main Street.

Village Infrastructure, Traffic and Transportation

Proposed cycle path at the High Road: it is estimated that the options appraisal to identify a preferred route will take approximately 6 months to complete.

The missing 40mph signs on the Low Road at Burnside Farm have both been reported.

Benches for playpark at Church Road: Ms Saunders has obtained two 'Happy to Chat' signs, and she and Mr Brown will arrange for them to be fixed to the benches.

War Memorial: the Memorial is to be repointed and cleaned to remove verdigris. Mrs Houston will ask again whether this will be completed in time for Remembrance Sunday. Mrs Walker will enquire if there are plans to hold a service.

Parking restrictions at Sunnyside: the double yellow lines have now been painted on the south side.

Councillor Clark has yet again chased up the replacement of the chevrons at Kincaple bends. Councillor Liston will pursue the long outstanding repairs to the sign at the bridge at lower Main Street.

Ditch at Bonfield Road: the Community Payback team was approached, but they are not able to undertake the work to clear this. Mr Brown and Mrs Walker will send photographs to Councillor Liston, who will enquire about the unadopted road fund.

The drains on Main Street and other areas in the village need clearing. Councillor Lawson has asked FC officers when Strathkinness drains are due for attention.

Mrs Walker asked whether a 'children playing' sign could be installed to warn drivers approaching the new section of road at Bonfield Park, where it leads towards Clatto Gardens. Councillor Liston will contact Nigel Hampton to request this.

Community Trust Report Mrs Lawrie reported that the Apple Day held on 27th September raised £1,315 on the day, with further monies to be added from plant sales.

Fife Community Councils The planned meeting was postponed to 7th October. The agenda includes the review of Fife Council's annual administrative grant to CC's. Mrs Houston will raise the significant reduction in Strathkinness' estimated population figure to 789, which affects both the grant and the CC's future maximum membership.

Correspondence At last month's meeting it was understood that the application for a new pharmacy in St Andrews West had been approved. This was incorrect; the application had in fact been refused.

In the absence of any information about the future provision of a Post Office service in the village, Mrs Houston will write to ask for an update.

Fife Council is consulting on the future of supported bus services in North East Fife. This includes the Strathkinness 64 service. The consultation, which runs until 8th November, will be promoted on the Community Facebook page.

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CC website: Mr Brooke is liaising with Ms Meyer regarding the future management of the website.

Mrs Walker highlighted overgrown vegetation near the Beehive Nursery and she will report this via the FC website.

Planning Applications It was noted that the application for extension of the holiday park at Stewart's Resort, Cameron was refused by the North East Planning Committee last month. Application 26/00893/FULL, to which the CC is a Statutory Consultee, will be considered at the Planning Committee on 14th October.

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