

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2026 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: L. Meyer.

Minute of meeting of 4th June 2026 Proposed by N. Brooke, seconded by A. McArdle.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes There is no update on the replacement of the trees on the north side of the development. Mrs Houston will follow this up with the Enforcement Officer. It was noted that the remaining S.75 funds of £15,220 have still to be spent, with a clawback date of January 2035.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report Ms Saunders reported that following receipt of the annual grant from Fife Council, the current balance is **£850**. The Community Council queried the estimated population figure of 789 used to calculate the grant, as the figure for the past 10 years has remained consistently around 1,050. The figure of 789 has been confirmed as correct. Although this has only a marginal effect on the amount of grant awarded, it has a significant implication for the number of Community Councillors to be elected in autumn 2027. Strathkinness CC currently has a maximum of 10 members, but with an estimated population below 1000 this will fall to 8 members. Mrs Houston will enquire at the next meeting of Fife Community Councils whether other CC's have had similar population reductions.

Policing Mrs Houston will ask when the police will issue their first quarterly newsletter.

Village Infrastructure, Traffic and Transportation

There has been no update on the proposed cycle path at the High Road. An options appraisal is due to be prepared and consulted on this year. Fife Councillors will enquire about progress. [Post-meeting note: the cycle path is not currently included in the Area Committee's forward work programme].

The shrubs at the sub-station, Danskin Place need cut back again. Councillor Clark will follow this up.

Mrs Walker reported that the 40mph sign on the Low Road at Burnside Farm is missing.

Speeding traffic on Main Street: Councillor Liston advised that she intends to ask the Police to carry out a speed check.

20mph zone on High Road at Quarry Lane: Nigel Hampton has carried out the requested speed survey and has advised that the results do not justify reducing the speed limit/extending the 20mph zone.

Benches for playpark at Church Road: Ms Saunders reported that the two new enviropol benches have been installed. She will now proceed with two 'Happy to Chat' signs. She and Mr Brown will also investigate installing an 'Everyone Welcome' sign at the High Road. The new signs will then be promoted on the Community Facebook page.

War Memorial: the Memorial is to be repointed and cleaned to remove verdigris. Mrs Houston has asked whether this will be completed in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Parking restrictions at Sunnyside: the double yellow lines have been painted on the north side and are still to be completed on the south side. Mrs Houston will ask when this work is to be done.

Councillor Clark has again chased up the replacement of the sign at the bridge at lower Main Street and the chevrons at Kincaple bends.

Mrs Walker reported that the ditch at Bonfield Road immediately below the Springfield development needs to be cleared, as it overflows and floods the road when it rains. Although this is not owned by Springfield Homes it was agreed to ask if they would clear the ditch as a goodwill gesture.

Community Trust Report Mrs Lawrie reported that the garden has been busy with many visitors over the summer, including Willie Rennie MSP. The Apple Day is on Sunday 27th September from 2-4pm.

Mrs Houston will contact Grounds Maintenance to arrange the planting of 8 x prunus trees and also the provision of daffodil bulbs for the Trust to plant, as agreed earlier this year.

Fife Community Councils At the meeting in June there was lengthy discussion on Fife Council's annual administrative grant to CC's, regarding both the amount and items that are eligible. The Council is to carry out a further review of the grant. Mrs Houston will attend the next meeting on 9th September.

Correspondence Mr Brown reported on action taken in response to a post on the Community Facebook page during the summer, where highly inappropriate comments and allegations had been made about a named individual. He and Mrs Houston wrote to the administrator of the page, strongly expressing their concerns. They also posted a statement on the page making it clear that this is managed entirely independently of the Community Council.

It was noted that the application for a new pharmacy in St Andrews West has been approved.

AOCB

Councillor Clark advised that he had met with neighbours of the caravan site at Nydie about persistent problems with noise and disturbance at the hot tub, and also overflowing bins. The Enforcement Officer and Environmental Health have both been dealing with this. Conditions have been imposed including closing the hot tub at 5pm and the provision of more bins.

Mr Brown informed the meeting that Ms Meyer has resigned from the Community Council, owing to other commitments. He thanked her for her service to the Council and in particular her work in developing and maintaining the website. She has kindly offered to keep the website updated in the meantime while a successor is identified.

Planning Applications It was noted that planning application 26/00893/FULL, to which the CC is a Statutory Consultee, will be considered at the North East Planning Committee on 14th October.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall