

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2026 in the Village Hall

Minute of Annual General Meeting

Present: G. Brown [Vice-Chair], J. Houston, A. McArdle, E. Saunders, N. Brooke, L. Meyer, B. Lawrie. Fife Councillors J. A. Liston, A. Verner, A. Clark.

Apologies: L. Walker, L. Jess. Fife Councillor R. Lawson.

Strathkinness resident Mr Hugh Elliott attended on behalf of Kilrymont Rotary Club.

Chair's Report: The Chair was unable to attend and will circulate her report in due course.

Treasurer's Report on Annual Accounts: Ms Saunders presented the annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026. These have been examined by Mr Hugh Elliott and show a bank balance of £380.24. Ms Saunders thanked Mr Elliott for examining the accounts. These were proposed by Mrs Lawrie and seconded by Mr Brown, and approved by the Community Council.

Election of Office Bearers: Councillor Liston took the chair for this item. The following Office Bearers were elected.

Chair: G. Brown – proposed by J. Houston, seconded by L. Meyer

Vice-Chair: L. Walker – proposed by G. Brown, seconded by L. Meyer

Secretary: J. Houston – proposed by G. Brown, seconded by L. Meyer

Treasurer: E. Saunders – proposed by B. Lawrie, seconded by A. McArdle.

Mr Brown thanked Mrs Walker for chairing the Community Council over the past several years.

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Minute of meeting of 14th May 2026 Proposed by A. McArdle, seconded by N. Brooke.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes There were no new issues. The works appear to be largely completed.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report Ms Saunders reported that the current balance remains at **£335.30**. Mr Brooke asked whether the annual grant from Fife Council would increase this year to take account of the additional residents in the new development. Mrs Houston advised that this has also been raised by many other CC's at the Fife Community Councils forum. Fife Council is currently carrying out a review of how the administrative grant is spent by Community Councils.

Policing In future the police will issue a quarterly newsletter instead of a monthly report. The Community Policing team attended the Community Trust's Open Day last month, which was much appreciated.

Village Infrastructure

Shrubs at sub-station, Danskin Place: Councillor Clark is still pursuing who is responsible for maintaining this area of ground. [Post-meeting note: Roads have now identified the owner but they have failed to respond. Roads will add this area to future checks and arrange a cut back when it becomes a safety risk again.]

Councillor Verner has reported that the electronic speed sign at the Nursery is flashing green rather than red at 25mph.

20mph zone on High Road at Clatto Gardens: Nigel Hampton has advised that Roads would not usually promote a 20mph speed limit for roads where there is only development on one side, as this would not comply with the government criteria for 20mph speed limits. Although this already exists here with the current 20mph it predates the government criteria. Roads are permitted some flexibility, but need to be able to justify the change. It was agreed that Mrs Houston will request a speed survey, pointing out that this road is well-used by walkers.

Benches for playpark at Church Road: Ms Saunders reported that following her meeting at the playpark with Grounds Maintenance to discuss purchasing additional benches, Colin Davidson has offered to install 2 enviropol benches at no cost to the CC. It was agreed to accept this offer rather than apply for a grant for wooden benches. Ms Saunders will investigate 'Happy to Chat' signs. It was also suggested that a sign could be installed indicating that everyone is welcome in the park, and perhaps the school could be involved in its design. Mr Brown will investigate this.

War Memorial: Mrs Houston will request an update on the scope of works proposed for the War Memorial.

Traffic and Transportation

Low Road Crossroads: noted that there had been a further accident on 16th May. Councillor Clark is still pursuing the replacement of the 50mph countdown signs currently covered with black plastic, and the Give Way sign facing the wrong way. Mr Elliott kindly volunteered to trim the vegetation growing close to the walls.

Councillor Clark is also chasing up the broken sign lying on the bridge at lower Main Street and the replacement chevrons at Kincapple bends.

Community Trust Report Mrs Houston and Mr Bilson from the Community Trust met with Roger Honeyman, Grounds Maintenance to discuss the border at Bonfield playing field between the path and the wall on the northern boundary. It was agreed that this area of ground would be too costly for the Council to maintain. However, in autumn Grounds Maintenance will plant 8 x prunus trees and also provide daffodil bulbs for the Trust to plant. Mrs Lawrie reported that the Trust had made just over £1000 at the Open Day on 24th May.

Fife Community Councils Mrs Houston will attend the next meeting on 17th June.

Correspondence There was no correspondence.

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Community Council Website Ms Meyer is waiting for advice from Fife Council on allowing limited editor access to specific pages on the website.

Kilrymont Rotary Club Mr Elliott invited the CC to consider taking part in joint projects with the Rotary Club. There was interest in this in principle, although no specific project in mind at present. The CC will post flyers for the forthcoming sandcastle competition on the website and noticeboard.

Residents have reported problems with a number of children shouting at people and causing general noise and disturbance including from loud music. The Police have advised the complainants to report everything to them by calling 101, and they encourage everyone to do this.

Planning A report to the Council's Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, which proposed to discontinue the North East Planning Committee and introduce instead a single, all-Fife Planning Committee, was not considered at the meeting on 4th June. The matter is to be reconsidered by the original working group.

Planning Applications The Fife Councillors withdrew from the meeting to allow Community Councillors to consider their response to planning application 26/00893/FULL. The CC is a Statutory Consultee for this application, and the Secretary will submit our response to Fife Council.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall