STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 5th November 2026 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: A. McArdle, L. Jess. Fife Councillor A. Verner.

Minute of meeting of 1st October 2026 Proposed by E. Saunders, seconded by N. Brooke.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes There has been no update on the replacement of the dead trees on the north side of the development. The undeveloped part of the site has recently been advertised for sale, including the strip of land on the western boundary where trees are still to be planted by Springfield. Mrs Houston will query both matters with Lyle Smith, Enforcement Officer.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report The current balance is **£750**. It was agreed to pay £250 for this year's hire of the Village Hall.

Policing It is not clear whether the proposed quarterly newsletter is going ahead. Fife Councillors have been in discussion with the police about their means of communicating with Community Councils, including the possibility of holding a meeting in each Ward area. [Post-meeting note: the first newsletter has since been issued].

Traffic Management have provided speed monitoring results for Main Street. The 85th percentile speeds – northbound 25.4mph (mean 20.2mph) and southbound 25.2mph (mean 19.2mph) – are just within the parameters that they would deem to be acceptable compliance for a 20mph speed limit. The average traffic volume per day was 2779, compared with 1788 in 2018. No further action meantime.

Village Infrastructure, Traffic and Transportation

Proposed cycle path at the High Road: Councillor Liston will ask when the options appraisal to identify a preferred route will commence.

The fallen 40mph signs on the Low Road at Burnside Farm, which have been reported, are still down. The chevrons at Kincaple bends have still not been replaced, despite Councillor Clark chasing this up yet again. However, the poles for the sign at the bridge at lower Main Street have finally been replaced and the sign re-erected. The 40mph countdown signs approaching the Low Road crossroads have also been installed.

Ditch at Bonfield Road: Councillor Liston will enquire whether there is any money left in this year's Unadopted Roads budget to clear the ditch. The question of adoption will be considered in due course.

FC officers have advised that the drains are all to be cleared by 30th November.

A 'children playing' sign to warn drivers approaching the new section of road at Bonfield Park, where it leads towards Clatto Gardens, was requested. Nigel Hampton advised that this road is not yet adopted; however, the sign would be required on the bend on the original road, which should already be adopted. Mrs Houston will contact him to clarify the exact location of the proposed sign.

War Memorial: the repointing and cleaning have still to be done. Mr Brown and Councillor Liston will lay the wreaths at the Remembrance service on 8th November.

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

Community Trust Report Mrs Lawrie reported that 400 daffodil bulbs provided by Fife Council have now been planted at the northern boundary of Bonfield playing field.

Fife Community Councils At the meeting on 7th October there was lengthy discussion of Fife Council's review of the annual administrative grant. Mrs Houston raised the significant reduction in Strathkinness' estimated population figure. No other CC mentioned any reduction, but the figure for Guardbridge has increased. The Scottish Government's proposals for Local Government Reform, and the possible implications for Community Councils, were also discussed.

Correspondence Mrs Houston received a reply from the Post Office regarding the future provision of an outreach service in the village, which stated that they are exploring options to resume the service. Fife Councillors are pressing for a replacement for the current Post Office service in St Andrews.

St Andrews Community Council has invited a CC representative to attend the St Andrews Day Civic Reception on 29th November. Mrs Walker will attend.

AOCB

Consultation on the future of supported bus services in North East Fife: Councillor Liston has received an assurance that there is no proposal to reduce the frequency of the Strathkinness 64 service.

CC website: Mr Brooke and Ms Meyer are arranging to meet regarding the future management of the website.

Councillor Lawson reminded everyone about The Big Hoolie in St Andrews on Saturday 28th November.

Planning Applications It was noted that the application for additional pitches at the caravan park at Knockhill of Nydie was refused by the North East Planning Committee on 14th October.

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