



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 6th June 2025
Strathard Business Hub 19.00**

Councillors Present: Paul Scrase (PS) (Chair), Nick Lester-Davis (NL) (Vice Chair), Lynda McColl (LM) (Secretary), Catherine Cairns (CC) (Treasurer), Joyce Kelly (JK) (Planning)

Attendees: Martin Earl (ME) (Conservative Councillor)

Apologies: Natashya Sheppard, Andre Goulancourt, Police Scotland

Agenda Item :	Action :
1. Apologies : Noted above	
2. Minutes from previous meeting: Proposed by LM and seconded by CC. No matters raised.	
3. Questions from floor / public: None	
<p>4. On-going Business:</p> <p>Road Safety - PS advised that following his request for replacement batteries for the speed alert sign near the playpark, he was advised that, in fact, they are removing it shortly and replacing it with a new and updated version. No timeline for this yet but hoping it will happen before the really busy season starts in a few weeks' time. PS said he will try to ascertain when it will happen. LM asked whether they would be able to use the old sign for outside the Forest Hills Hotel, as mentioned previously? PS said they would have to do a survey first but is hopeful something can be done.</p> <p>Picking up on comments made in last month's meeting, PS suggested it seemed a good idea to add '30' white markings onto the road outside the Forest Hills Hotel.</p> <p>ME, referring back to both these points, stressed how some co-promotion by Forest Hills Hotel is important if any progress is to be made on this. Although agreeing, LM suggested it can be difficult to build momentum with the Hotel as they have suffered a number of Managerial changes recently. 'Report It' function should also be used. Important to get others involved as the SCC taking this forward in isolation, may not achieve the result it needs.</p>	PS

<p>NL talked about an issue with roadside plant pots situated outside his house, recently. After an anonymous complaint, the Traffic Management Team came out to see it. They said the issue was that people had to step off the verge onto the road to avoid the pots. They actually suggested they could paint double yellow lines on the road to achieve the same thing as the pots. NL suggested it could be a perfect time to engage with the Highways Dept, as if they are going to paint these lines outside his house, they could also sort out the rest of the road up to the Village Hall in Kinlochard and also look at painting the 30 circles outside the hotel. He said he isn't taking the pots away until the lines are scheduled to go in, and maybe SCC should ask if they can look at other issues while they are in the area. PS said he will invite them out, try to get Forest Hills involved and see what can be achieved.</p> <p>Line Painting in Car Park – PS confirms this has now been completed.</p> <p>Milton area and Timber lorries –PS & ME have a meeting organised with FLS on 13th June at their offices. An attempt will be made to find a way forward and the local resident's opinions will always be at the forefront of these talks. NL also mentioned a drop-in session with FLS recently when timber traffic management was also mentioned. As John Hair goes in to retirement, Andrew Clark will be stepping into his role. Regular meetings, updates will continue under Andrew's direction.</p> <p>ME confirms that SC have a limited power over FLSs operations as they have a right to continue their timber extraction work. Road Capacity is an issue, however, and clarification on FLSs future operations is required to understand it properly. JK went on to say that with the recent £500K spend on B829 improvements, it is important to protect what they did. There is another likely to be another £500K needed to complete the remaining 50% of the road. There should be a collaborative effort with FLS, in terms of funding, if they intend to use the B829 in future years.</p> <p>Action: Lobbying required to complete the second part of the road and determine the full situation with FLS lorries, and heavy haulage restrictions to be imposed etc. ME wondered if SCC could take it on board to write to Angela McGibbon (via Steven Blythe) referring to the meeting with FLS and a question as to whether it has the potential to be designated a 'Restricted Route'. It would be a good idea to put the issue in the heads of Officers to help with future management of the issue.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>NL/ME</p>
<p>5. Councillor Update – The Craigforth road works are due to finally end on June 30th. The works will then continue for a further 2 weeks, nighttime only, which will mean the road is back open during the day.</p> <p>Glass collections – work is being done to consider changing the 'blue box' collections. They are quite heavy when full and it is likely they will be replace with a wheeled solution. They will perhaps be larger but collected less often (perhaps 6-weekly, rather than the current 4)</p> <p>Re-use recycling – is being considered. Callander have a pilot scheme where reusable items, e.g. furniture, can be separated from trash for the public to collect and re-use.</p> <p>DRT – ME asked SCC if the DRT operates at all in Aberfoyle. Confirmation was made that, indeed, it has not worked since the prior taxi operator passed away. ME said he has discovered that of the 8 DRT schemes on SC website, as many as 5 are not</p>	

<p>working! The only one's still operating are Fintry, Blanefield and Killin/Strathyre. It seems that no Officer in SC has picked this up and made Councillors aware of this. The whole thing seems to have collapsed. JK said it simply isn't viable for taxi firms to take it up. There was a problem with not being paid for 'dead time'. A question was raised as to what has happened to that money?! There should be a substantial unspent budget somewhere...</p> <p>NS then went on to mention that the Sustainable Development and Public Transport strategy still includes DRT and was in a recent Travel Demand Survey.</p> <p>ME agreed there is definitely an issue here and these two points a) what has happened to the unspent budget and b) why is it still in the Sustainable Development Strategy, need to be raised with the Stirling Council officers responsible for public transport.</p> <p>SC has recently produced a transport report and JK mentioned that the Port of Menteith had reached out to see if other CC's were interested in collaborating on a response. It was agreed that the SCC should participate. NL said he could lead on this.</p>	<p>ME</p> <p>NL</p>
<p>6. Matters Arising – ME raised the issue of the Post Office. The current operators are looking to exit and looking for possible successors. ME wondered if anyone had approached The COOP. LM believed a discussion had taken place but there was no appetite from them. Another possibility could be in the new Cobbs outlet, opening where the Visitor Centre was. PS said he would raise the matter with Chris Roads who is already developing a relationship with Cobbs owners.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<p>7. Treasurers Report – Appendix 1 – The major outgoing for this month was a donation of £500 to the KCRA Field Project. The project is still on-going with updates expected before the next SCC meeting. Available funds at 6th June were £4557.73.</p>	
<p>8 – Police Report – Appendix 2 – There was no anti-social behaviour or road incidents in the period reported and no thefts other than an All-Terrain Vehicle that was stolen near Thornhill and later found burnt out near Kippen roundabout. The public are advised to remain vigilant at all times. There was a serious incident on 25th May when an out of control dog, jumped the fence near the Woollen Centre and killed all the ducks. The owner tried to walk away from the incident but was later found and a report is being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.</p>	
<p>9. Flooding & 10 SCT – No updates.</p>	
<p>10. FLS/LLTNPA – FLS matters have already been mentioned earlier. As regards LLTNPA, ME mentioned the Trossachs Explorer. Although there is no official word yet, he said things are looking very positive that it will be operational again for the 2025 season. It is, of course, only a short 8 week period but this is a positive start. Work should really start immediately to look forward to next year (2026) and look for an extended period (March to October) with the goal of having a regular service similar to the days when the area had the Trossachs Trundler.</p>	
<p>11. Life Plans/ Planning – Appendix 3. JK confirmed there is nothing to report for Life Plans, but is aware some effort needs to be made to collaborate more across the</p>	

<p>three life plans in the Strathard area. JK has been involved in other project work but will set some time aside to bring the three areas together as there is a risk of losing focus. Work is going on with the Strathard Framework and SCC will take the lead to invigorate things in this area.</p> <p>As regards Planning, there is not much activity with just four applications. One has already appeared on last month's list regarding tracks on Duchray Road. Details can be found on the planning list appendix.</p> <p>There are also three overdue applications - see report appended here.</p>	
<p>12. Any other business directed by Chair/ AOCB – None ME asked to be copied into any message to John Hair, which will prompt him to thank him for all the good work he has done over the years.</p>	PS/ME
<p>13. Close – PS declared the meeting closed and confirmed the next meeting will be on 7th August 2025, 19.00, at Kinlochard Village Hall.</p>	

Appendix 1 – Treasurers Report

Appendix 2 – Police Report

Appendix 3 – Planning Report

Minute Taker (HS)

Strathard Community Council – Bank account balance for meeting 6th June 2025

	£	£
<u>General Fund opening Bank balance 28th March 2025</u>		5260.67
Monies out		
Kinlochard Village Hall Hire (Aug 24 and Feb 25)		(20.00)
Reimbursing CC for GDPR fee renewal		(52.00)
Kinlochard purchase of The Field		(500.00)
Bank services March		(5.25)
Monies in		0.00
<u>General Fund closing Bank balance 28th March 2025</u>		4683.42
Subsequent expected expenditure / income		
Paul Scrase reimbursement		75.69
Mailchimp		
Microsoft		
Minute Secretary May 2025		50.00
Total subsequent spend / income		(125.69)
<u>Balance minus subsequent spend / income since 9th Oct 2024</u>		4557.73
<u>Available Funds</u>		4,557.73

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



**Community
Council:**

Trossachs and Teith Ward,
Strathard Community Council
hello@ccstrathard.org

**Reporting
Period:**

29/04/25 to 02/06/25 Compiled by PC Lorna Deans

**Ward Plan
Priorities**

Antisocial Behaviour

You are concerned about antisocial behaviour including drunken behaviour.

No reported incidents during this period.

Road Safety

You are concerned about speeding, dangerous driving and indiscriminate parking.

No reported incidents during this period.

Theft

You are concerned about homes being broken into and travelling criminals.

No reported thefts in the Strathard area however an ATV (all terrain vehicle) was stolen from a property in Gargunnock and found burnt out on the B822 between Thornhill and Kippen roundabout. Please continue to report any suspicious activity to police.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

It is important to you to have community officers who you know, who are accessible and who address local problems.

If anyone has any policing issues that they wish to discuss, please contact us at Callander Police Office on 101 or email TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.police.uk

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Other Incidents / Activity of note

On 25/05/25 police were contacted regarding an incident at Aberfoyle Wool Centre involving livestock being attacked by a dog. The owner of the dog has been traced and a report is being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Issues raised

Community Council Feedback

The Community Officers for your area are: PC Donald King and PC Lorna Deans, based at Callander Police Office.

The Community Sergeant for the area is PS Sarah Stephenson, based at Dunblane Office.

They can be contacted via the email address TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.police.uk or by phoning 101
We regularly publish information on the 'Forth Valley Police' Facebook page and tweet using @StirlingPol

Strathard Community Council

Weekly Planning Lists for May 2025

Applications:

WK 21

Ref No 2025/0111/NOT Officer Amanda Muller Date Valid 15 April 2025 Telephone 01389727721
Proposal Construction of forestry ATV tracks Location Land To The East Of The Ministrie
Aberfoyle FK8 3RR Applicant Mr Andrew Malcolm Forestry and Land Scotland Central Region,
Aberfoyle Office Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3UX Agent Application Type Prior Notification National
Park Ward 2 Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council Area Strathard CC National
Grid Co-ordinates 252115 E 698782 N Date Decision Issued 19 May 2025 Decision Prior
approval not required

WK 20

Ref No 2025/0105/HAE Officer Nicola Arnott Date Valid 9 May 2025 Telephone 01389 722 661
Proposal Conversion of garage and cellar; erection of 2 no. dormer extensions with terraces and
erection of raised deck Location Campbells Croft Aberfoyle Stirling Applicant Mrs Rebecca
Rowthorn Campbells Croft Kinlochard Stirling FK8 3TL Agent Simon Martin HOKO 15
Candleriggs Glasgow G1 1TQ Application Type Householder Planning Permission Expected
Decision Level DEL National Park Ward 2 Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council
Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 245539 E 702444 N Advertisement Type

Ref No 2025/0143/NOT Officer Amanda Muller Date Valid 6 May 2025 Telephone 01389 727 721
Proposal Construction of 380 metres of forestry ATV access track Location Land West Of
Southern 4-span Aqueduct Duchray Valley Duchray Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr Andrew
Malcolm Forestry and Land Scotland Central Region, Aberfoyle Office Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3UX
Agent Application Type Prior Notification Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward 2
Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-
ordinates 246501 E 698670 N Advertisement Type

WK 18

Ref No 2025/0118/LBC Officer Jack Riggs Date Valid 22 April 2025 Telephone 01389 722620
Proposal Reinstatement of lime harling to west elevation Location Dun Dubh Lochard Road
Aberfoyle Applicant Mr Philip Lynch Dun Dubh Lochard Road Aberfoyle FK8 3TJ Agent David Hill
Kholm 32 Millbank Cupar KY15 5DP Application Type Listed Building Consent Expected
Decision Level DEL National Park Ward 2 Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council
Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 248271 E 701545 N Advertisement Type Listed
Building

Approvals:

None

Withdrawals:

None

Refusals:

None

Enforcement Matters:

None

Appeals:

None

Overdue Applications

Ref No 2025/0014/DET Officer Nicola Arnott Date Valid 27 February 2025 Telephone 01389 722661 Proposal Change of use from Class 9 (houses) to Class 7 (hotels and hostels) Location Crannaig House Trossachs Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr Shaun Barlow Crannaig House Trossachs Road Aberfoyle FK8 3SR Agent Application Type Detailed Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward 2 Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 252105 E 701109 N Advertisement Type

Ref No 2024/0239/HAE Officer Amanda Muller Date Valid 26 August 2024 Telephone 01389727721 Proposal Alteration and extension to dwelling Location Blairuskin Beg Aberfoyle Stirling Applicant Mrs Gillian Foster Blairuskin Beg Kinlochard Aberfoyle Stirlingshire FK8 3TR Agent Claire Gibbons T Square-Architects Castlevue Steuart Road Bridge Of Allan Stirling FK9 4JX Application Type Householder Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward 2 Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 243754 E 702974 N Advertisement Type

Application Number 2023/0366/75A Development Proposed : Application to discharge a planning obligation related to planning permission ref. no. S/99/00969/DET Location: Gartnerichnich Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TP Applicant: Mr James Bradshaw Agent's Name: Michael Hyde Agent's Company Name: Michael Hyde Agent's Address: 63 West Princes Street Helensburgh G84 8BN Date Application Valid: 18 October 2023 Date of expiry of period for representations: n/a