



STRATHARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FINAL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 4th December 2025 Aberfoyle Memorial Hall 19.00

Councillors Present: Paul Scrase (PS) (Chair), Nick Lester-Davis (NL) (Vice Chair), Joyce Kelly (JK) (Planning), Catherine Cairns (CC) (Treasurer), Oliver Godby (OG)(SCT),

Attendees: Elaine Watterson, online, (EW) (Conservative Councillor), Hilary Soanes (HS) (Minute Taker)

Agenda Item:	Action:
<p>1.Apologies: from Natashya Sheppard and Lynda McColl</p>	
<p>2.Minutes from 6th Nov meeting: The minutes were approved by JK & seconded by NL. PS commented that with OG now surpassing the minimum 3 meetings, as a co-opted councillor, he is very happy to welcome him on board as a fully fledged councillor.</p>	
<p>3.Questions from the floor/members of the public: None.</p>	
<p>4.Ongoing business/enquiries raised: PS confirmed there was nothing urgent. There is the on-going issue of pot holes which are particularly obvious at this time of year as they fill with water. PS has already raised it with the roads dept. CC is continuing to work with Craig at RSHA, regarding the playpark issue. The on-going dialogue continues with FLS regarding emergency access during flooding events. A meeting is arranged for 09/12/25 with NL, JK, Martin Earl and Gene Maxwell. Most glass bins have been delivered with the final round of drop offs will come out next week.</p>	
<p>5.Stirling Elected Councillors: EW confirmed the change in administration at SC, which resulted in her losing the Lord Provost position, which she has held with pride for the last two years. SNP Councillor, Rosemary Fraser, has now been elected to that role. The new Council Leader is Susan McGill. The first meeting, following these changes, will be held on 11/12/25. The meeting will be mostly concerned with questions relating to the block grant with public consultations starting on 8th Dec. There's nothing much else going on at this time of year.</p> <p>The Visitor Levy vote is still to happen with some confusion due to a paper issued by Scottish Government with revisions about the process. EW confirms</p>	

<p>she is opposed to the levy, as she believes that rural accommodation businesses have already been inundated with regulation after regulation, particularly since Covid. They already operate with tight margins and this represents another layer of bureaucracy and cost. There are also uncertainties about how any money raised would be distributed back to the rural areas. There are too many questions to be answered. PS thanked EW for her time and extended seasonal greetings.</p>	
<p>6.Matters Arising: None</p>	
<p>7.Treasurers Report: See appendix 1. CC confirmed the bank balance was £4858 after two payments to the minute secretary for SCC and for the Strathard Framework workshop plus bank charges of £4.25. An additional £150 remains ringfenced to complete this year’s work on the Strathard Framework, leaving available funds of £4708. EW mentioned that there may be free banking options available and PS said he would leave that for the Treasurer to decide.</p>	
<p>8. Police Report: See appendix 2. There were no antisocial or road safety incidents for the period to 30th Nov. Mention was made of further speed checks taking place in Braeval area with no issues reported. General consensus was made that pedestrians may feel insecure in that area due to the lack of footpaths but that the houses were laid sufficiently back from the road to deem the speed limit appropriate. There were two thefts reported in Aberfoyle with one individual already identified and who will be charged in due course.</p> <p>For contacting Donald or Lorna (community officers) or David Dempster (community sergeant) please use the new email address of stirlingcommunitypolice@scotland.police.uk as the old email is no longer in use.</p>	
<p>9.Flooding: The Flood Group continue to work hard with SC Flood Team and updates were recently given at the Strathard Framework workshop.</p>	
<p>10.Strathard Community Trust Update: OG was pleased to announce that a Development Officer has now been hired. Having recently lived in Milton, Sharon Telfer is delighted to start work in the community she loves. ‘On boarding’ is currently taking place. There was a recent gathering of the trading community on 3rd December which is also gaining momentum. OG went on to request whether SCC would be happy to take an interview for a short film he is producing and he will be back in touch in due course about this.</p> <p>JK also mentioned that Gillian Kynock (SCT Chair) has confirmed they are willing to host the Strathard Framework document on the SCT website and how to achieve this will be addressed in the New Year.</p>	<p>JK/SCT</p>
<p>11.FLS / LLTNPA: Other than the meeting with FLS about emergency access (mentioned earlier) there was nothing to report. OG asked a little more about the 9th Dec meeting and said he would be pleased to come along too. Diary date noted. NL also agreed to send round a note to everyone attending about how they should approach the meeting.</p>	<p>NL</p>

Strathard Community Council – Bank account balance for meeting 4th December 2025

	£	£
<u>General Fund opening Bank balance 6th November</u>		<u>5062.29</u>
Monies out		
Minute secretary Nov		(50.00)
Bank services charges Nov		(4.25)
Minute secretary Strathard framework		(150.00)
Total		(204.25)
Monies in		
Total		0.00
<u>General Fund closing Bank balance 4th December 2025</u>		<u>4858.04</u>
Strathard Framework minute secretary (ring fenced)		
(LL NPA, SCT, FLS ,SC, RSHA, SCC contributions)		150.00
<u>Available Funds</u>		<u>4708.04</u>

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

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

Reporting Period:

06/11/25 to 30/11/25 Compiled by PC Lorna Deans

Ward Plan

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.

Donald and I have carried out speed checks at Braeval on two occasions during this period. On each occasion there were no issues with any vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

Theft

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

On 17/11/25 a theft by shoplifting occurred at a business premise in Aberfoyle. Efforts are ongoing to identify the person responsible for this offence.

On 20/11/25 a theft by shoplifting occurred at a business premise in Aberfoyle. The person responsible has been named and will be traced and charged in due course.

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 stirlingcommunitypolice@scotland.police.uk

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**Other
Incidents /
Activity of
note**

On 08/11/25 a member of the public was bitten by a dog whilst walking past the public toilets in Aberfoyle. The dog warden is now dealing with this incident. The dog and owner are not from the local area.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note that we have a new email address of

stirlingcommunitypolice@scotland.police.uk

and are no longer using the

TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.police.uk

The old email will close at the end of the year. Can we please ask that when you email Donald and I that you mark it as PC DEANS & PC KING so it can be directed to us as this new mailbox covers all community officers within the Stirling and rural ward areas.

Issues raised

**Community
Council
Feedback**

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

The Community Sergeant for the area is PS David Dempster, based at Callander Police Station.

They can be contacted via the email address stirlingcommunitypolice@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 November 2025

Applications:

WK 45

Ref No 2025/0299/NOT Officer Amanda Muller Date Valid 31 October 2025 Telephone 01389727721 Proposal Construction of two sections of forestry ATV track Location Forestry and Land Scotland, Central Region Beinn Bhan LMP area Work Area 32003 & 32010 Applicant Dr Helena McHugh Forestry And Land Scotland Aberfoyle Office Aberfoyle 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 241882 E 701851 N Advertisement Type

WK 46

Ref No 2025/0301/LBC Officer Nicola Arnott Date Valid 4 November 2025 Telephone 01389 722661 Proposal Re-slating of roof Location Kirkton Cottage Manse Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mrs Catriona Barr Aberfoyle Apartments Craigmore Guesthouse Lochard Road Aberfoyle FK8 3SZ Agent 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 251786 E 700487 N Advertisement Type Listed Building

Ref No 2025/0313/HAE Officer Jack Riggs Date Valid 10 November 2025 Telephone 01389 722620 Proposal Erection of ancillary building Location Dunrivach Duchray Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr Neil McLean Dunrivach Duchray Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3XB Agent Colin Hastie Bruach Architects Titan Enterprise Business Centre 1 Aurora Avenue Queens Quay Clydebank G81 1BF 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 251590 E 700719 N Advertisement Type

Approvals:

WK 47

Ref No 2025/0299/NOT Officer Amanda Muller Date Valid 31 October 2025 Telephone 01389 727721 Proposal Construction of two sections of forestry ATV track Location Forestry and Land Scotland, Central Region Beinn Bhan LMP area Work Area 32003 & 32010 Applicant Dr Helena McHugh Forestry and Land Scotland Aberfoyle Office Aberfoyle FK8 3UX Agent Application Type Prior Notification National Park Ward 2 Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid Co-ordinates 241882 E 701851 N Date Decision Issued 21 November 2025 Decision Prior approval not required

Area Strathard CC National Grid Co-ordinates 250213 E 701327 N Date Decision Issued 24 October 2025 Decision Approve

None

Withdrawals:

None

Refusals:

None

Enforcement Matters:

None

Appeals:

None

Overdue Applications

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

Ref 2025/0210/LBC Development Proposed : Repairs to external windows and doors, internal improvements and removal of internal walls. Location: Bank Of Scotland Main Street Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3UG Applicant: Mr John Paterson Agent's Name: John H White Agent's Company Name: John H White Architects Agent's Address: The Aizle Ballat Crossroads Balfron Station Glasgow G63 0SE Date Application Valid: 6 August 2025 Date of expiry of period for representations: 19 September 2025

Ref 2025/0218/LBC Development Proposed : Internal and external alterations to Category C Listed building Location: Cailness Tarbet (Steading) Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TU Applicant: Mr Gary Shears Agent's Name: Agent's Company Name: Agent's Address: Date Application Valid: 4 Sept Expiry date 24 October 2025

Ref 2025/0219/DET Development Proposed : Change of use of former farm steading to cafe with minor alterations Location: Cailness Tarbet (Steading) Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TU Applicant: Mr Gary Shears Agent's Name: Agent's Company Name: Agent's Address: Date Application Valid: 4 September 2025 Date of expiry of period for representations: 24 October 2025 September 2025 Date of expiry of period for representations: 24 October 2025

Ref 2025/0222/LBC Development Proposed : Replacement of windows and doors Location: Cailness Tarbet Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TU Applicant: Mr Bart Decker Agent's Name: Katie McGregor Agent's Company Name: Managed Estates Agent's Address: 8 Touch Business Centre Touch Rd Stirling FK8 3AQ Date Application Valid: 27 August 2025 Date of expiry of period for representations: 10 October 2025

Ref 2025/0227/DET Development Proposed : Replacement of roof covering (retrospective) Location: Scottish Water Office Stronachlachar Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TY Applicant: Scottish Water Agent's Name: Karla Mann Agent's Company Name: Karla Mann Agent's Address: Scottish Water, Main Building 55 Buckstone Terrace Edinburgh EH10 6XH Date Application Valid: 5 September 2025 Date of expiry of period for representations: 24 October 2025

Application Number 2025/0271/DET Development Proposed : Change of use of land for the siting of mobile sauna Location: Ledard Farm Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TL Applicant: Miss Justine Kinnell Agent's Name: Agent's Company Name: Agent's Address: Date Application Valid: 27 O

Application Number 2025/0313/HAE Development Proposed : Erection of ancillary building Location: Dunrivach Duchray Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3XB Applicant: Mr Neil McLean Agent's Name: Colin Hastie Agent's Company Name: Bruach Architects Agent's Address: Titan Enterprise Business Centre 1 Aurora Avenue Queens Quay Clydebank G81 1BF Date Application Valid: 10 November 2025 Date of expiry of period for representations: 2 December 2025 October 2025 Date of expiry of period for representations: 28 November 2025