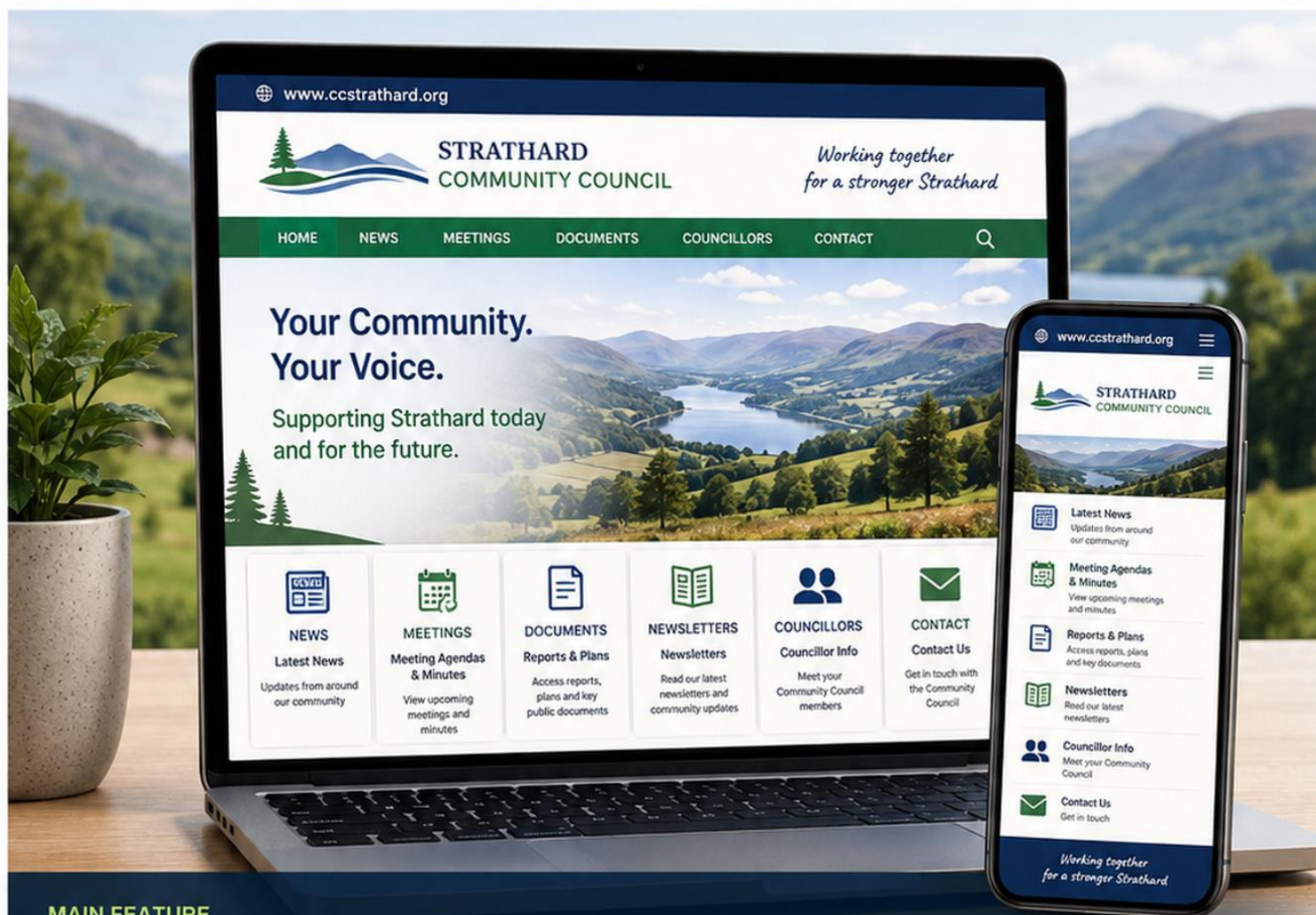




MAIN FEATURE

NEW SCC WEBSITE NOW LIVE

Explore www.ccstrathard.org

Find local news, meeting papers, minutes, reports, newsletters and community updates all in one place.



NEW WEBSITE

A fresh new home for community news, notices and local information.

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Poster pages now full A4

This revised edition gives all included posters and flyers their own full A4 pages, making them easier to read, share and print.

MAIN FEATURE

New SCC Website Now Live

A clearer, easier online home for your Community Council.

The redesigned www.ccstrathard.org brings SCC information together in one place. The aim is simple: make it quicker for residents to see what is happening, find the papers behind our work and get in touch when something needs attention.

Find meetings and minutes

Check the meeting schedule, see where the next meeting is being held and access agendas, approved minutes and meeting papers. The site currently lists the 2026 schedule and links to recent minutes.

Read reports, plans and evidence

Download community life plans, the Strathard Framework and public reports. Project pages bring together information on issues such as flooding and transport so residents can follow the evidence and the work behind the headlines.



Newsletters, updates and councillors

Use the site to keep up with community news and Strathard Matters, learn who your Community Councillors are and understand the lead responsibilities shown on the next page. Contact details and the online enquiry form make it easier to reach SCC.

Designed to make information easier to find

The refreshed site is designed for desktop and mobile use, with clearer navigation to news, meetings, documents, councillors, projects and contact information. We will continue adding current reports, meeting papers and useful local information. If you spot something that could be clearer or would like to see something added, please tell us.

EXPLORE IT NOW www.ccstrathard.org



YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR LEADS

To help ensure local issues are given the attention they deserve, Strathard Community Council has agreed the following portfolio lead roles. Each lead will monitor their area, liaise with partners where appropriate and bring matters to the full Community Council for discussion and decision.

These leads are here to serve our community.

	Planning, Place & Licensing Lead Planning applications, local development, licensing matters and the built environment.	Joyce Kelly
	Roads, Transport & Access Lead Roads, paths, public transport, parking, active travel and access issues.	Paul Shiels
	Flooding, Environment, Resilience & Emergency Planning Lead Flooding, environment, wildlife, climate resilience and emergency planning.	Oliver Godby
	Communications & Community Engagement Lead Newsletters, website, social media, engagement and public consultations.	Douglas Mackintosh
	Youth, Families & Wellbeing Lead Young people, families, community wellbeing and intergenerational activities.	Nina Allinson
	Older People, Accessibility & Inclusion Lead Accessibility, inclusion, older people's needs and reducing isolation.	Nina Allinson
	Local Economy, Tourism & Visitor Management Lead Local businesses, tourism, visitor management, events and economic wellbeing.	Matt Klaes
	Housing & Local Development Lead Housing need, affordable housing, second homes, short-term lets and local development matters.	Lynda McColl
	Police, Safety & Antisocial Behaviour Lead Community safety, ASB, rural crime, speeding and public safety matters.	Paul Shiels
	Partnership Liaison Leads Working with partners including Stirling Council, National Park, community groups and agencies.	Joyce Kelly Paul Scrase
	Governance, Policy & Conduct Lead Governance, constitution, policies, code of conduct and ensuring good practice.	Paul Scrase



All Community Councillors can raise any issue at any time.

These leads are a first point of contact for their areas of responsibility.

Please get in touch – we are here to help.



Join our WhatsApp Community
chat.whatsapp.com/KleUZjvG4DJC0q0RdKmmGf



Email us
hello@ccstrathard.org



Visit our website
www.ccstrathard.org



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

STRATHARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Representing Our Community

— Working for Strathard —

SCC MEETING UPDATE

**ROADS, RESILIENCE, SAFETY AND
A NEW WEBSITE FOR STRATHARD**



SCC ORDINARY MEETING



6 AUGUST 2026



KINLOCHARD VILLAGE HALL

Strathard Community Council met on 6 August with roads, flooding, community safety, resilience, transport and our new website among the main topics.



B829 ROADWORKS – PLAN AHEAD

OVERNIGHT CLOSURES FROM 24 AUGUST FOR APPROX. 2 WEEKS

- ✓ Section of the B829 at Kinlochard will close overnight 8pm – 6am (weekdays) for essential resurfacing.
- ✓ Work is long-awaited and welcomed but careful management is essential as we have only one road in and one road out.



Emergency access will be maintained throughout. Arrangements in place for early airport travel, Forest Hills staff and late-night coach returns.



Delays may occur while machinery is moved and the site made safe. Please plan ahead and avoid unnecessary journeys where possible.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS ESSENTIAL WORK TO IMPROVE OUR ROAD AND KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.



EMERGENCY ACCESS THROUGH THE FOREST

- The campaign for an emergency access route between Aberfoyle and Kinlochard through the forest road continues.
- MP Chris Kane is approaching Forestry and Land Scotland on our behalf.
- Work is ongoing towards a possible Memorandum of Understanding between Stirling Council and Forestry and Land Scotland.
- This remains about emergency resilience when the main road is blocked – not opening the forest road for public use.



FLOODING & RESILIENCE

- Detailed discussion on the future approach to flooding after the recent Natural Flood Management Conference.
- Work continues on the proposed Loch Ard Road flood wall, community resilience and a new Community Flood Group.
- Balancing community aspirations, engineering evidence, national policy and what funding can realistically deliver.
- Practical measures continue while longer-term solutions progress.
- Resilience work involving Kinlochard Village Hall and Aberfoyle Memorial Hall is also continuing.



SAFETY ON OUR ROADS

- Speeding in Kinlochard remains a serious concern.
- Reporting to Police Scotland is vital – enforcement depends on evidence and recorded data.
- Community-led approaches discussed including speed monitoring and collecting better evidence.
- SCC will continue to press this issue with the relevant authorities.



LOCH ARD WATER SAFETY

- Concerns raised about the use of watersports equipment without appropriate safety measures.
- SCC has contacted the operator/landowner to request risk assessments and safety arrangements.
- Responsibility rests with the operator, landowner and individuals using the equipment.



TRANSPORT – POSITIVE NEWS

- Positive feedback on the Trossachs Explorer and the developing network of rural bus services.
- Cllr Elaine Watterson welcomed the progress and highlighted the importance of investment in transport and future visitor-management funding.



OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Visit www.ccstrathard.org – our redesigned website.

- ✓ Find meeting info, agendas & minutes
- ✓ Read SCC reports & Strathard Matters
- ✓ Councillors, responsibilities & contacts
- ✓ Useful community info & report issues to Stirling Council

Take a look – and let us know what you think!



**NEXT SCC MEETING
THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026
7PM • ABERFOYLE MEMORIAL HALL**

We will be joined by
BRIAN ROBERTS
Chief Executive of Stirling Council



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME – COME ALONG, HEAR DIRECTLY
FROM STIRLING COUNCIL AND ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE ISSUES AFFECTING STRATHARD.**

*Your Community
Your Voice*



www.ccstrathard.org



Strathard Community Council



Strathard Community Council WhatsApp Community



contact@ccstrathard.org

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Roads, Play Parks and Public Services

Important updates affecting travel and community facilities.

B829 overnight closures - plan ahead

Stirling Council has made a Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order for roads maintenance works. The Order states the B829 will be closed from 20:00 until 06:00 from 24 August until 6 September 2026. Emergency service access will be maintained and no alternative route is listed. The location plan supplied with the notice highlights the works at Milton beside The Narrows.



Lower Polmaise weighbridge works

Construction is due around the Lower Polmaise weighbridge area for approximately 17 weeks. Temporary traffic management may be in place and visitors may experience occasional delays. Allow extra time and follow on-site signage and staff instructions.

Aberfoyle Play Park

Stirling Council remains responsible for the park. Its 8 July inspection identified no immediate safety risks. SCC raised concerns about the sandpit; the Council agreed to arrange a further inspection and consider cleaning, repair or refurbishment options. SCC will follow up on the outcome.

Report service issues first

For roads, bins, lighting, play areas and similar service issues, report the problem to the responsible authority first so it is logged and can be tracked. If there is no response, an unreasonable delay or the outcome is unsatisfactory, contact SCC and we can help escalate the matter.

B829 order enquiries

A copy of the traffic order can be requested from traffic@stirling.gov.uk. Check Stirling Council and Tellmesotland before travelling because work arrangements can change.

WEEKLY FEATURES

Weather and Upcoming Dates

Check the latest forecast and travel information before setting off.

Sun 9 Aug	Sunny periods; brief showers	17°C	9°C
Mon 10 Aug	Turning cloudy	19°C	9°C
Tue 11 Aug	Warm; brighter later	22°C	11°C
Wed 12 Aug	Warm, sunny periods; showers later	23°C	13°C
Thu 13 Aug	Cloudy; a couple of showers	21°C	12°C
Fri 14 Aug	Mostly cloudy; shower possible	19°C	12°C
Sat 15 Aug	Cloudy with a little rain	18°C	13°C

Forecast note

Forecasts can change quickly in the Trossachs. Check again before outdoor activity, long journeys or events.

Upcoming Dates

Sun 9 Aug	Taxi and private hire consultation closes.
Mon 10-Tue 11 Aug	Stirling school staff development days.
Wed 12 Aug	Pupils return to Stirling Council schools.
Sun 16 Aug	Culture and creativity survey closes.
Tue 18 Aug	Tolbooth Youth Voices begins.
Fri 21 Aug	Stirling Mini Melodies begins.
Mon 24 Aug	B829 overnight closure period begins.
Tue 25 Aug	Third Sector Breakfast Club, Callander.

Wed 26 Aug	Practical Dementia Resource webinar, 11am.
Sat 29 Aug	Aberfoyle 10K Trail Run & 1K Kids' Fun Run.
Tue-Wed 1-2 Sep	Scotland's Mental Health First Aid training.
Wed 2 Sep	Tree & Woodland Strategy consultation closes.
Thu 3 Sep	SCC public meeting with Brian Roberts, 7pm, Aberfoyle.
Wed 16 Sep	Scottish Government play park survey closes.
Mon 21 Sep	Camping Management Byelaws consultation closes.

FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

Back to School

Key dates and practical information for Strathard families.

Pupils return Wednesday 12 August

Stirling Council's 2026/27 autumn term starts on Monday 10 August, with staff development days on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 August. Pupils return on Wednesday 12 August.

School transport

If your child is entitled to school transport, check that arrangements have been confirmed before Wednesday. If anything is unclear, contact the relevant school or Stirling Council. Rural journeys can be affected by roadworks, so leave extra time during the first week back.

Free meals and clothing support

All children in P1-P5 at council-run schools receive free school meals automatically. Families on a low income may also qualify for help with school clothing and footwear. Check the current eligibility criteria and application form on the Stirling Council website.

Aberfoyle breakfast club

The August Community Development Bulletin lists Aberfoyle Primary School among Stirling schools offering a breakfast club for 2026/27. Breakfast clubs can support working families and help children begin the day ready to learn. Check arrangements directly with the school.

A smoother first week

A few simple checks can help: label clothing and equipment, reset sleep routines gradually, check bags and uniform, confirm collection arrangements, and make sure children know what is changing on their first day back.

Useful links

School term dates, free school meals and clothing grants are available through www.stirling.gov.uk. For school-specific arrangements, contact the school directly.

HEALTH, CARE AND RIGHTS

Health and Wellbeing

Vaccination, training and information about your rights.

MenB vaccination - new drop-in programme

Eligible young people can attend NHS Forth Valley drop-in clinics. The vaccine protects against meningococcal group B disease, which can cause meningitis and sepsis. Two doses at least four weeks apart are needed for full protection.

- Born 1 March 2008 to 28 February 2009, or in S6 during 2025/26.
- Under 25 and starting a first undergraduate university course in 2026/27.
- Under 25, starting a first college course and living in shared student accommodation.
- Stirling Health & Care Village clinics: Mon 10, Wed 12 and Fri 14 August, 08:20-19:00.

National Care Service Charter of Rights

The Scottish Government's new Charter explains existing rights and what people should expect from social care, social work and community health support. It is for people receiving or waiting for care, unpaid carers, young carers, welfare guardians and people holding power of attorney. It also explains what to do if rights are not being met.

Scotland's Mental Health First Aid

Free certified face-to-face training takes place on 1 and 2 September, 9:30am-4:30pm. The course builds confidence in identifying, understanding and responding to people in distress. The full flyer is shown on the next page as a full A4 poster.

Where to find out more

MenB: www.nhsforthvalley.com/MenB • Mental Health First Aid: use the QR code on the flyer or email fv.clacksandstirlinghitraining@nhs.scot • Care Charter: search "National Care Service Charter of Rights" on gov.scot.

Scotland's Mental Health First Aid Training 2026

Training number: 01092026

1st and 2nd September 2026
Tue & Wed, 9:30am-4:30pm

To register your interest in the free training,
please complete the form here:

[Expression of Interest form](#) or use the QR code.

For further information, please email
fv.clacksandstirlinghitraining@nhs.scot



This is a certified course. In order to receive your certificate of completion you must attend both full days.

SMHFA is a face-to-face, onsite learning course designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills to identify, understand, and respond effectively to people in distress.



The course does not train people to be mental health workers. It offers basic general information about mental health problems. The knowledge presented and understanding developed in the course helps to remove stigma and fear and to give confidence in approaching and supporting someone in need.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Have Your Say

Live consultations affecting Stirling, the National Park and local services.

Final reminder: Taxi and private hire provision

Stirling Council's consultation on taxi and private hire provision closes Sunday 9 August. It considers service levels, accessibility, fleet mix and whether provision meets local demand.

Stirling Tree & Woodland Strategy 2026

The draft strategy looks at protecting, enhancing, increasing and connecting trees and woodlands for people, nature, climate and the economy. The survey closes Wednesday 2 September.

Local play parks - national survey

The Scottish Government wants feedback from families, carers and professionals on local play parks as part of the Play Park Renewal Programme. The survey takes about seven minutes and closes 16 September.

Culture and creativity in Stirling

Residents are being asked about Stirling's current cultural offer and what they would like to see in future. The survey covers access, volunteering, skills, film and screen, social prescribing and more. Closes 16 August.

Camping Management Byelaws Review

The National Park consultation remains open until 21 September. Proposed changes include clearer fire rules and stronger protections for Rangers. The consultation is open to residents, workers, visitors and anyone who cares about the Park.

Why Strathard responses matter

Consultations shape services, visitor management, culture, access and environmental policy. Rural responses help decision-makers understand distance, limited public transport, visitor pressure, accessibility and the capacity of small communities. Please take part where an issue matters to you.

FUNDING

Community Funding Opportunities

Current opportunities for local groups, schools and community projects.

Stirling Active Travel Accelerator

Grants of £500-£1,000 can support community-led projects that make walking, wheeling and cycling easier and more attractive. Applications are reviewed monthly until 30 October 2026, subject to available funding.

Scottish Land Fund

The Scottish Land Fund supports community ownership of land and buildings and development of viable ideas. Awards range from £5,000 to £1 million. Community-led organisations can apply on a rolling basis and receive adviser support.

Free trees for schools and communities

The Woodland Trust is taking applications for free tree packs for delivery in November 2026. Packs range from 15 to 420 saplings in different species mixes. Applications are expected to close during August.

The Boost Fund

Small community-led organisations supporting people affected by poverty or disadvantage can apply. Constituted groups and charities can seek £500-£3,000; unconstituted groups can apply for £250-£1,500. There is no fixed closing date while funds remain.

Funding Stirling

Stirling Council's online funding search tool lets groups search opportunities by location and activity and receive regular funding bulletins. It can be a useful starting point before preparing an application.

Funding tip

Check eligibility, geography, deadlines, permissions, project costs and match-funding requirements before applying. For projects on public land or community assets, speak to the landowner or responsible public body early.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Events, Activities and Training

Current events and opportunities, with poster items shown on the following pages.

Aberfoyle Trail Run

Saturday 29 August. The 10K trail run and 1K kids’ fun run return for a second year, raising money for Aberfoyle Primary School and Nursery Parent Council. The official poster is shown on the next page.

Mini Melodies

Free weekly music sessions for babies, toddlers, parents and carers. Fridays from 21 August to 9 October, 10:30-11:30am, at the Albert Halls. The full flyer appears on page 15.

Practical Dementia Resource webinar

Wednesday 26 August, 11am-12 noon. The Care Inspectorate will introduce its Practical Dementia Resources project, explain how to navigate the toolkit, share lived experience and frontline perspectives, and hold an interactive Q&A.

Tolbooth Youth Voices

A free singing group for P1-P7 children at the Tolbooth Attic. Tuesdays from 18 August to 6 October, 4:30-5:30pm. No auditions and no pressure - just singing, confidence and new friends. Booking is essential.

Third Sector Breakfast Club

Tuesday 25 August, 9:30-11:30am at Callander Kirk. The session focuses on opportunities, support and funding for rural communities, with speakers from Development Trusts Association Scotland and Forth Valley & Lomond CLLD.

Radio 2 in the Park - travel note

Stirling hosts Radio 2 in the Park from 11-13 September. The city centre will be very busy. Even if you are not attending, allow for additional traffic and check travel information closer to the event.

ABERFOYLE

10k TRAIL RUN

AND 1K FUN RUN



All proceeds go to Aberfoyle primary school
SATURDAY THE 29th OF AUGUST



TOLBOOTH & THE ALBERT HALLS PRESENT

STIRLING MINI MELODIES



LOOKING FOR A JOYFUL FRIDAY MORNING ACTIVITY FOR
YOU AND YOUR LITTLE ONE?

Welcome to Stirling Mini Melodies, a warm, inclusive weekly music group
for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers.

FREE!

PLEASE SIGN UP AT STIRLINGEVENTS.ORG

FRI 21ST AUG TO FRI 9TH OCT
10:30AM-11:30AM

**LESSER HALL,
THE ALBERT HALLS**
THIS IS UPSTAIRS WITH LIFT ACCESS.

PLEASE NOTE: 18TH & 25TH SEPT WILL BE IN TOLBOOTH ATTIC -
THIS IS UPSTAIRS WITH LIFT ACCESS.

**the albert
HALLS**
TOLBOOTH



SENSORY-RICH PLAY

We explore music through
singing, movement, and simple
instruments to spark brain
development and sensory
curiosity.

GET INVOLVED

These aren't passive classes.
We invite parents and carers
to join the fun, creating a
special bond through a shared
creative experience.

ACCESSIBLE AND FUN

Our group is informal and
inclusive, ensuring every
family in Stirling can feel at
home and join the rhythm.

ENVIRONMENT

Give Your Litter a Lift

Keep Scotland Beautiful: take roadside litter home.



Take it home

Stirling Council is supporting Keep Scotland Beautiful's national roadside-litter campaign. Nearly 44% of roadside litter is food and drink packaging that could easily be taken home, while 91% of people in Scotland agree that roadside litter creates a negative impression of the country.

Why it matters

Roadside litter damages the landscape and can harm wildlife. It also costs money and can put council staff, contractors and volunteer litter-pickers at risk when rubbish has to be collected from verges and roadsides.

The message is simple

Keep rubbish in your vehicle until you reach a suitable bin or can take it home. Visitors and residents all have a part to play in protecting the landscapes people come to Strathard to enjoy.

Community effort

SCC appreciates the work of local litter-picking volunteers, but preventing litter in the first place is better, safer and cheaper. Please share the campaign message with family, visitors and anyone travelling through the area.

PUBLIC MEETING

BRIAN ROBERTS

Chief Executive, Stirling Council



Thursday 3 September 2026



7:00pm



Aberfoyle Memorial Hall



Residents across Strathard are warmly invited to come along and ask their questions.



A chance to ask about roads, local services, flooding and resilience, planning, and wider issues affecting our communities.

ASK YOUR
QUESTIONS
DIRECTLY

HAVE YOUR SAY



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STAY CONNECTED

SCC WhatsApp Channel

A simple way to receive SCC updates without group chat.

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NEW: KEEP CONNECTED
A WhatsApp Channel for SCC news - without the group chat

Follow Strathard Community Council on WhatsApp
Get SCC updates without sharing your number in a chat group.

- 1 No chat**
One-way announcements only - no busy message thread.
- 2 More private**
Followers do not see each other's numbers.
- 3 SCC news**
Receive local notices, updates and announcements quickly.

Scan to follow

Open WhatsApp, scan the QR code, and follow the SCC Channel.

For discussion, SCC WhatsApp Community groups remain separate.

hello@ccstrathard.org | www.ccstrathard.org

STRATHARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL - WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONG, SUSTAINABLE STRATHARD

Updated SCC WhatsApp Channel poster.

Follow Strathard Community Council for one-way SCC news and announcements. Discussion groups remain separate.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Report It First

The quickest way to get issues fixed in Strathard.

Strathard Matters
Weekly community newsletter | 13 June 2022



STRATHARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Working
for our
Community

REPORT IT FIRST

THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET ISSUES FIXED IN STRATHARD

Stirling Council's 'Report It' service is the
first port of call for reporting issues
in our community.



See it.
Report it.
Let's fix it
together.



POTHOLES &
ROAD DAMAGE



MISSED BINS
OR OVERFLOWING
LITTER



STREET
LIGHTING
FAULTS



PARKS & PLAY
AREA ISSUES



FLY-TIPPING
& WASTE



LOCAL SAFETY
CONCERNS

HOW TO REPORT IT

- 1 Go online
www.stirling.gov.uk/report-it/
- 2 Select the issue
you want to report
- 3 Provide details – location,
description and photos
(if available)
- 4 Submit your report

OR

Call Stirling Council
01786 404040

WHY THIS MATTERS

- ✓ Your issue is
logged officially
- ✓ It goes straight to the
correct Council team
- ✓ It can be tracked
and followed up

If it's not reported –
it often doesn't
get fixed.

NEED HELP OR NOT GETTING A RESPONSE?

That's where we step in.

If you:

- Do not receive a response
- Experience delays
- Feel the issue has not been
resolved satisfactorily

Contact Strathard
Community Council

 hello@ccstrathard.org
 www.ccstrathard.org

“ REPORT IT FIRST. ”

IF IT'S NOT RESOLVED – WE'LL TAKE IT FURTHER.



STRATHARD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Working together
for a better Strathard




Report the issue to the relevant service first. If it is not resolved, delayed or handled unsatisfactorily, contact SCC and we will help take it further.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES
WELCOMING VISITORS

TROSSACHS EXPLORER

ABERFOYLE



THE LODGE



BEN VENUE



LOCH KATRINE



BEN A'AN



BRIG O'TURK



KILMAHOG /BEN LEDI



CALLANDER



NEW BUS SERVICE!

ROUTE

From Callander, Geisher Rd (Health Centre), via A84 Stirling Rd, Main St, Station Rd, Station Car Park, Main St, A84, A821, Ben A'an Car Park, A821, Loch Katrine Car Park, Duke's Pass, A821, Manse Rd, Riverside car park to Aberfoyle Trossachs Gift Co.

From Aberfoyle Trossachs Gift Co via Main St, Duke's Pass, A821, Loch Katrine Car Park, A821, Ben A'an Car Park, A84, Main St, Station Rd, Car Park, Station Rd, Stirling Rd, Geisher Rd (Health Centre).

This service will use all recognised stops along the line of route. Hail and Ride will operate out with built up areas and will stop on request where it is safe to do so.

FOR TIMETABLE SCAN QR CODE



SAFETY NOTICES

Water Safety and Cyber Byte

Take care around water and know where to get help after online scams or cyber incidents.

Water safety reminder

- Stay and supervise children closely near water.
- Cold water can shock even strong swimmers.
- Check conditions before entering the water.
- Wear a suitable buoyancy aid for paddling or boating.
- Avoid alcohol before swimming or watersports.
- In an emergency call 999 and ask for the appropriate rescue service.

Cyber support

The July Cyber Byte explains what to do if you experience an online scam or cyber attack. Keep evidence, contact your bank quickly if money is involved, report suspicious messages and seek support if the incident causes anxiety or distress.

Report online fraud: reportfraud.police.uk
Police Scotland non-emergency: 101



Cyber Byte

July 2026.

Experienced an online scam or cyber-attack?

Being a victim of cybercrime can have a profound emotional effect with victims often experiencing anxiety, anger and distress.

These emotions can be exacerbated for victims of sexualised and financial scams, where their privacy has been exposed or who felt they had knowingly engaged in risky behaviour to make 'quick money'.

There can often be a strong sense of 'guilt' and shame in 'having fallen' for the scam or having been manipulated by the perpetrator. This can lead to victims losing confidence, the worry of repeat victimisation, a feeling of isolation and the 'not knowing' of where to look for support.

If you have experienced being a victim and are unsure of how to report the circumstances, our partners at the NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) have guidance and actions you can take to support you in [responding to a Cyberattack](#).

The guidance ranges from support with phishing, hacked accounts, online shopping fraud and sextortion and there is also [guidance for families](#).

Our partners at Age Scotland have produced an excellent resource to support you in [staying safe online](#) in addition to their free and confidential help line or email at helpline@agescotland.org.uk

Police Scotland also has informative [Cybercrime guidance](#) to assist you in how to get support, how to report as well as links to partner organisations guidance to improve your cyber security.

If you have been a victim of crime, and it is not an ongoing emergency, you can report this to Police Scotland on 101.

OFFICIAL

Police Scotland Cyber Byte poster, July 2026.

In an emergency call 999. For non-emergencies call 101.