



***Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
8th April 2026***

I. Present

- Michele Bennett, Moira Mackay, Hendy Spence
- Ian Denver (Stirling Council Community Link Officer)
- 7 members of the public

II. Apologies

- Ian Rodger, Ronnie Garvie

III. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

- The minutes from the last AGM (10/09/25) were approved.

IV. Appointment of co-opted Councillor

- The appointment of Findlay Hand as a co-opted Councillor on the Community Council was proposed and seconded.
- Jackie Westwood has stood down as Community Councillor

V. Combined Chairperson's & Secretary's Report

- The Community Council has had another very busy and productive year working on behalf of the village and engaging with a range of partner organisations and public bodies to support and improve our community.
- Our last AGM was held in September, and this meeting is being held to bring our timetable into line with the wider Community Council cycle. Since September 2025 we have continued to progress a number of important initiatives and projects for the benefit of the community.
- Over the past year the Community Council successfully secured significant external grant funding to support a range of local projects. These included the installation of our first leaky dams project, embankment stabilisation works along the Endrick Water, our village Christmas event, and the development and expansion of our community orchard.
- Another successful initiative was Picnic in the Garden, which we delivered in partnership with FDT. This event brought together younger members of the community and their families and proved to be a very enjoyable and successful day for everyone involved.
- The Community Council has also been involved in supporting residents through our Warm Space initiative, responding to concerns around fuel poverty. This initiative was very well received and provided a welcoming place for residents during the colder months.
- We have also been working closely with Stirling Council on the introduction of a new bus service for the community, which has recently started operating.
- We hope this service will improve connectivity for residents and be well used by the community.
- Housing within the village continues to be an important issue and the Community Council has also been involved in discussions regarding affordable housing, ensuring that the needs of local residents are represented.

- The Community Council has also considered and supported a number of community grant applications during the year.
- These included support for a hearing device microphone for a child with hearing difficulties, which will be owned by the Community Council so it can also be used by other community groups if required. Grants were also approved to support a local netball initiative at the Menzies Hall, the Seed Library, a polytunnel for the Men's Shed at the Old Bowling Hub, seeds and compost for the Community Garden, and support towards the annual community ceilidh organised by the Menzies Hall committee.

Current and Ongoing Projects:

- The Community Council are currently working on a number of projects that will benefit the community, some of which are listed below:
 - Affordable Housing Project
 - Leaky Dams (Natural Flood Management)
 - Willow Spiling Project on the Endrick Water with Endrick Environmental
 - Supporting Fintry Nursery in working towards full-time opening
 - Input into the Local Plan
 - Development of a new Woodland Project
 - Creation of an Information Booklet for the village
 - Playpark improvements
 - Driving Lesson Grants
 - Flooding mitigation and monitoring
 - Hardship Grants for residents in need
 - Fuel Poverty support including the Warm Space initiative
 - Extension of Cicely's Way
 - Restoration of the village fountain
 - Creation of a third resilience centre at the Session House
 - Phase Two and Phase Three of the Playpark refurbishment
 - Development of local Place Plans
 - Installation of additional river gauges and flood monitoring equipment
 - Planting of additional fruit trees for the community orchard
- At this time, I would like to thank all members of the Community Council for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to supporting our local community.
- Their willingness to volunteer their time and effort ensures that the Community Council can continue to represent residents and work towards projects that benefit the village as a whole.
- The Community Council remains committed to working on behalf of the community, listening to local residents and supporting initiatives that help improve the quality of life within the village.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- General Fund Account: the current balance stands at £105.99
- Common Good Fund: the current balance stands at £19,601.57

VII. Election of Office Bearers

- The Office Bearers were re-elected as follows:
 Chairperson – Michele Bennett
 Vice-chairperson – Ian Rodger (IR was unable to attend meeting had written in to advise he would like stand as vice chair Stirling Council approved).
 Secretary – Hendy Spence.
 Treasurer – Moira Mackay.

VIII. Date of next A.G.M.

- 14th April 2027