



Minutes of the meeting held on
10th June 2026

1. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Michele Bennett (Chair), Moira Mackay (Treasurer), Ian Rodger (Vice Chair), Hendy Spence (Secretary), Findlay Hand
- Ian Denver (Stirling Council Community Link Officer)
- 11 members of the public
- **Apologies:** Ronnie Garvie

2. Declaration of interest in any items of business

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

The previous minutes were approved.

4. Stirling Councillors Report

- No Councillor was present and no report had been provided.

5. Police Report

- Community Engagement and Reassurance -
It is important to you to have community officers who you know, who are accessible and who address local problems.
PC Matt McCammon and PC Darren Gibson are the Ward Officers for the Forth and Endrick area. They are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, by calling 101, or by email at Forthvalleycommunitypolicestirling@scotland.police.uk.
It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact however this should not be used to report crimes.
Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotlandForthValley>
<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland>
X - @PSOSForthValley
X - @PoliceScotland
ADVICE/REASSURANCE
With a recent theft of motor vehicle that was parked in the driveway, please find below advice on how to keep your vehicle and home secure.
Ways to help prevent your car being broken into or stolen:
To help stop your car from being stolen or broken into you can:
 - use locking nuts to stop your wheels from being removed
 - fit a car alarm
 - consider using a ghost immobiliser so your car only starts when you enter a PIN
 - park it off the street or in a garage
 - leave your car in a busy area with CCTV
 - always lock your car, even if you're only leaving it for a short time
 - never leave your keys in the ignition or leave a smart key inside your vehicle

- hide or remove any valuables so they cannot be seen from outside
- use a Faraday key signal blocker or an RFID (radio frequency identification) pouch even when your keys are in your house

When parking at home, you can also consider:

- adding security lights such as motion sensor or timer-activated lights
- using CCTV to check and record activity on your property

FINTRY –

Crime:

Fraud -

An elderly resident was contacted by an unknown person purporting to be from their bank and advised that their account had been fraudulently accessed. The suspect then convinced them to withdraw cash from their bank account and post it to an address in England. Enquires are ongoing and the victim has been offered safeguarding advice.

Road Traffic - A driver was issued with a condition offer of fixed penalty for driving with no insurance on the crow road.

Incidents of Note:

None

6. **Finance**

- Accounts for the year ending are nearly ready to go to the Independent Examiner .

7. **Resilience update**

- Most of the new tables and benches have arrived and the rest will be arriving soon in time for the Children's Garden Party on Saturday.

8. **Roads/Paths**

- A member of the public asked if there was an update on the clearing of the drains at the Clachan end of the village. MB had noticed some drains had been cleared in Fintry but had not realised that they had not gone down to the Clachan end. It was noted that a lot of the drains are blocked with chippings from road repairs which have been done.

9. **Correspondence**

- An email has been received regarding the play park. A response has been sent. A meeting will be arranged soon with a company who will quote for the installation of a flying fox.
- Trossachs Search & Rescue have been in touch to confirm that they can offer another First Aid session in the Autumn.
- Two letters have been received objecting to the proposed housing developments outlined in the Local Development Plan.

10. **Planning/local plan**

- An application has been submitted for the creation of a new forest road to provide operational access for timber haulage at Land 900M East of Todholes Farm, Denny Road, Fintry.
- MB contacted the Local Planning Office and it was confirmed that residents can respond to the plan by email instead of online as the online form restricts responses to 500 characters. FCC will be responding with objections to the site near the cemetery because of concerns of flooding. The site land south of Menzies terrace needs to be removed from the plan as it has already been discounted due to flooding issues.

11. **Any Other Business**

- A response had been received regarding a resident's query about the limited number of drop-offs that can be made in a year at the Balfron Waste Centre if you have a trailer. The number of drop-offs allowed has now been increased to 12 per year.

Additional trips can be requested by contacting the Waste Service directly. Similarly, residents who do not own a vehicle can book a slot by phone directly with the Waste Service. MB will scan the full response and post it on Facebook.

- Stirling Council's Armed Forces Day is being held on 13th June.
- Outreach are doing a lot of work around the village installing fibre optics. Most of the work will be done at night. The maps of road closures that has been received is not clear and one of the attachments can't be opened. HS will chase this up.
- Radio 2 in the park is to be held in Stirling 11-13 September.
- Still looking into the possibility of extended hours at the Nursery. MM will contact Rosemary Fraser (Stirling Council) and the nursery before term ends.
- A resident has asked about the possibility of getting new 'Fintry' signs at the entries into the village. MB will ask the community for design ideas and opinions. One resident present at the meeting expressed a liking for the current signs.
- A representative from the Sports Centre responded to an email which had been received from FCC. FCC have offered the SC a 25-year lease and after 15 years formal review to extend after 15 years at £10 per annum. The SC would like the lease to be at least 50 years which is the amount of time remaining on the existing lease. MB explained that advice from the solicitor, Stirling Council the Scottish government and other various bodies was that 25 years that should be offered. The SC are concerned that a shorter lease would inhibit their opportunities to borrow money and to apply for grant funding. The representative from the SC explained that when the SC was set up, it was set up as an unincorporated organisation. This leaves the members of the committee at financial risk. The request to change the lease is to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). This would remove the element of personal risk that the Board are carrying on behalf of the community, gives the club the opportunity to borrow, potentially access grant funding and attract new & younger folk to get involved in the Club.

12. Date of next meeting

- The next FCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 p.m.