



Minutes of the meeting held on
11th March 2026

1. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Michele Bennett (Chair), Moira Mackay (Treasurer), Hendy Spence (Secretary), Ronnie Garvie
3 members of the public
- **Apologies:** Ian Rodger (Vice Chair), Jackie 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. Vacancy

FCC has a vacancy and this will be advertised in the next few days with a view to getting a younger person involved to represent the views of the younger people in the community. The closing date for this post will be 25th March 2026 with the post being appointed at the April meeting.

5. Demand Responsive Transport

- The new service is due to start on Monday 30th March and will operate Monday to Friday. It will be a hop-on, hop-off service with no need to book. It will be operated by Stirling Council and will run from Croftamie to Kippen via Drymen, Balfroun Station, Balfroun and Fintry. It will stop at any of the bus stops along the route but will also stop to pick up residents who live outwith the village on the route. Young Scot cards and Concessionary cards can be used to enable free travel. Times and fares are still to be finalised and once this is done, leaflets will be distributed to all householders in Fintry. FCC will be represented on a working group and will be pushing for the service to include weekends. The shopper's bus provided by FCC will continue.

6. Stirling Councillors Report

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

7. 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 Darren Gibson joins the Forth & Endrick ward community Policing Team. He comes with 11 years' response policing experience having spent most of his service within the Callander / Stirling area.
PC Matt McCammon and PC Darren Gibson are the Ward Officers for the Forth and Endrick area. They are based at Balfroun Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or 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>

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- **NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT -**

Your local Community Police Officers and Rural Crime Officers regularly send alerts via Neighbourhood Alert.

Our most general messages provide information on current scams, crimes, community issues as well as advice and reassurance.

Registered users can choose interest groups, what message types they wish to receive and from whom. Users also have the ability to rate, reply and share messages, contribute information and answer surveys.

You can also, if you wish, join your local Neighbourhood Watch or set one up at the link below:

[Sign-up for alerts | Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#)

The system is free for all users.

- **FINTRY –**

Theft and attempted thefts of motor vehicles (Quadbikes) Enquiries are ongoing into the theft of a quadbike and the attempted theft of another vehicle from a local Farm.

Another crime of intended theft has been recorded after unknown persons entered the curtilage of another farm in the area. It appears these crimes along with theft of quadbikes are related and enquiries are ongoing to bring those responsible to justice.

In the meantime, please continue to report any suspicious activity in the area. Advice regarding home / vehicle security can be found at www.scotland.police.uk/advice

8. Planning

- Notice of plans for Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm north of the Carron Valley Reservoir, and approximately 6 km east of Fintry have been received. This will consist of four wind turbines with a total capacity of up to 30 Megawatts. A second round of public consultation, running from 23rd March 2026 to 24th April 2026 will be held. As part of this, two public exhibitions have been arranged: 31/03/26 (14.00-19.00) at Fintry Sports Centre and 01/04/26 (14.00-19.00) at Carron Valley Community Hall.
- An email has been received regarding The Forestry Commissions plans for woodland around the area inviting feedback and comments.
- A proposal for change of use of land for woodworking business, the erection of workshops, stores and sawmill, improvement of hardstanding, new access road and siting of residential caravan at land 340M North of Provanston Farm has been approved with conditions.

9. Finance

- HS chased up funding that was issued to the Sports Centre in 2024 for new picnic benches. They have now been ordered.
- The application for a grant from green spaces for Community Garden including new benches for the community has been submitted. MB thanked MM and JG for their help in obtaining quotes for this application.
- FCC insurance is due for renewal. MB/MM to do an inventory.

10. Resilience update

- Concern was raised regarding the sharp increase in the price of oil for heating and the impact this may have on some of Fintry's residents. MB has written to Stirling Council to find out if the Scottish Government have offered any financial assistance for householders in this situation.

11. Roads/paths

- A member of the public has contacted FCC regarding an issue of raw sewage entering their property due to a blockage on the street in front of their house. Scottish Water have attended on three separate occasions to investigate the issue but it continues to happen causing the house to be uninhabitable. MB has written to Evelyn Tweed (MSP) and to Stirling Council to see if any help can be given.
 - A member of the public has contacted FCC concerning the run off of water from the road into their garden. MB has contacted Stirling Council to ask that they check the road drains for blockages.
 - In response to MB's email raising concerns about the condition of the footpaths in Fintry, Stirling Council will be attending to walk around the village to assess the problems. MB has also asked them to look at lowering the kerbs in some areas to facilitate access for wheelchairs, pushchairs and residents with mobility issues.
 - In response to MB informing Stirling Council about a resident slipping on wet leaves on a footpath resulting in them falling and breaking their hip, Stirling Council have advised that they do not have staff available to clear the pavements on a regular basis.
 - MB has written to the school on behalf of residents regarding the amount of cars parking on Culcreuch Avenue during school drop-off and pick-up times. Parents have been reminded of the arrangements for these times (i.e. parking at the Sports Centre and walking up to the school). Residents have not noticed any change in the number of cars and intends to notify Stirling Council of the issue.
 - MB contacted Stirling Council regarding speeding cars at the Clachan end of the village. Response from Stirling Council below.
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- "A review of the speed limit through Old Fintry was carried out last year following a request from a resident for the implementation of a 30-mph speed limit. I have detailed the outcome of the review below.

Local speed limit policy is set in accordance with Scottish Government Circular ETLCD Circular No. 1/2006: Setting Local Speed Limits. In order to implement Government Policy on the setting of speed limits it is necessary to "define" a village. For the purpose of Stirling Council's speed limit policy, the definition from Traffic Advisory Leaflet 1/04 - "Village Speed Limits" is used. The definition is based on simple criteria relating to frontage development and distance. Roads will be subject to a 30-mph speed limit through a village if the following criteria are met:-

- 20 or more houses (on one or both sides of the road);
- A minimum density of 3 houses per 100 m; and
- a minimum length of 600 m

The minimum length of 600 m is recommended to avoid frequent changes of speed limit and because many drivers are unlikely to reduce their speed to a new 30-mph speed limit if it is over a very short stretch of road, particularly if the end of the limit can be seen from the entry point.

The minimum density should generally also apply for each 100 m section, but particularly in the first 100 m of the speed limit at each end of the village, to reinforce the visual message to drivers.

In situations where the criteria for a "village" are not strictly met, and there are slightly less than 20 houses, extra allowances will be made for public amenity buildings such as schools, churches, post offices, etc. To avoid ambiguity, a minimum of 80% of the required housing (16 houses) plus significant other building(s) is necessary for a 30-mph speed limit. One public amenity building is effectively equivalent to 4 houses. Housing density in the 50% to 80% density range will be considered for a 40-mph speed limit.

Taking measurements from GIS (electronic mapping system) there are 14 houses regarded as frontage property and one church in Old Fintry and it has an approximate length of 400 m over the extent of the frontage property. Whilst the minimum density requirement is met to the eastern and western ends of Old Fintry, there is a gap of over 100 metres (approximate

measurement taken from GIS electronic mapping system) where there are no houses, and the road is bounded by open fields. Therefore, whilst the density requirement is satisfied over the majority of Old Fintry, it is not met over its entire length.

The review concluded that neither the threshold of 20 or more houses nor the housing density in the 50% to 80% density range were satisfied. To clarify, the "20 or more houses (on one or both sides of the road)" stipulation refers to frontage property, ie properties with direct accesses/driveways onto the section of road being reviewed. Therefore, whilst there are more than 14 houses in Old Fintry, only 14 are regarded as being frontage property. Based on the current number of properties, including the church, the housing density falls short of the 80% minimum requirement. In accordance with speed limit policy, housing density in the 50% to 80% density range will be considered for a 40-mph speed limit.

When setting speed limits, the geographical nature of the road is a significant factor as drivers associate 30-mph speed limits with the presence of visible properties.

Where there is an absence of visible or frontage property, drivers are less likely to comply with a speed limit that is set too low. The 100 m gap where there are no properties reduces the likelihood of driver compliance with a 30-mph speed limit. In accordance with speed limit policy, a 40-mph speed limit has been assessed as being the correct speed limit for Old Fintry.

Speed surveys were carried out in November 2024. Please see a summary of the data below.

Survey location: B818, Crow Road, Fintry (approx. 700 metres west of junction with the B822) – Adjacent to property known as Winterburn

Combined Directions Traffic Volumes	Time Period		Weekday Average
	24 Hr Day		704
Directional Traffic Data	DIRECTION 1 Eastbound		DIRECTION 2
	Traffic Volumes	Weekday Average	7 Day Average
	24 Hr Day	344	336
Vehicle Speeds	Weekday Average		Weekday Average
	85 Percentile Speed (mph)	40.7	40.8
	Average Speed (mph)	34.4	34.3

Speed limit guidance and policy states that the mean or average speed should be used when assessing if there is a speeding issue. The average speeds recorded are well below 40-mph. Based on the speed survey results the review concluded that the current 40-mph speed limit is the correct speed limit.

Given the outcome of the review, implementation of a 20-mph speed limit in Old Fintry would not be appropriate.

Physical traffic calming measures cannot be installed as there is no street lighting system. However, the review included assessing the current signing and lining in Old Fintry. It was identified that additional 40-mph speed limit repeater signs and road

markings ('40' roundels marked on the carriageway) would be beneficial as well as adding a '40' roundel on a red patch where the 40-mph speed limit commences to the east of Old Fintry. The speed limit on the section of road between Fintry and Old Fintry, currently subject to the national speed limit, was also reviewed. It was concluded that the speed limit on this section of road should be reduced to 40-mph. This work will be added to the team's work plan to be progressed next financial year (2026/27).

I trust this answers your query

12. Correspondence

- Two letters have been received relating to the new DRT service. FCC have responded.
- A letter of support has been received regarding the work being done on the woodland project.

13. Any other business

- Community Council is in the process of getting two updated quotes have been received for improvements to the playpark. Stirling Council have agreed to replace the roundabout which was removed due to damage caused by vandalism.
- A charity called Town Break Dementia Support has been in touch to look at the possibility of providing local support for people living with dementia and their unpaid carers. They currently run a session in Killearn but are looking to do a session in Fintry. MM will respond and liaise with them.
- Stirling Council has agreed to work with Clackmannanshire and Falkirk Councils to explore new collaborative approaches to delivering public services across the Forth Valley.
- Recyke-a-Bike have got several events/activities coming up over Easter. Many of these are free.

14. Date of next meeting

- The next FCC meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 8th April at 7.30 p.m.