



Minutes of the meeting held on
8th April 2026

1. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Michele Bennett (Chair), Moira Mackay (Treasurer), Hendy Spence (Secretary), Findlay Hand
- Ian Denver (Stirling Council Community Link Officer)
- 6 members of the public
- **Apologies:** Ian Rodger (Vice Chair), 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
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ADVICE/REASSURANCE
We have encountered a number of dishonesty offences within the Forth and Endrick area this month with Quad Bikes, Fuel and various tools being the targets.
TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE, YOU CAN:
keep front hedges, walls, and fences low and rear fences and walls high;
grow plants that have natural spikes and are hard to climb;
add security lights such as motion sensor or timer-activated lights;
consider using CCTV to check and record activity on your property;
make sure bins are not left where they can be used to climb on;
lock away tools and garden valuables;
make sure gates can be locked.

TO KEEP YOUR HOME/OUTBUILDINGS SAFE YOU CAN:

- lock your doors and windows or fit extra locks
- use a security bar for your door
- use security items certified by Secured by Design or Sold Secure
- put your keys somewhere safe
- avoid putting your address or room number on your keys
- install a security alarm
- add security lights such as motion sensor or timer-activated lights
- consider using CCTV to check and record activity on your property
- add window grills or heavy wire mesh
- lock valuable tools/equipment/machinery in outbuildings

FINTRY –

Crime:

Police received a report of an attempt theft of fuel from a working farm. The would be thieves were disturbed whilst attempting to steal jerry cans containing fuel. Enquiries ongoing to identify offenders.

Police received a report of an attempt theft from a shed on a working farm. An attempt was made to overcome the security of the shed using bolt cutters without success. Enquiries ongoing to identify offenders.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- individual grant application of £250 towards gardening works was approved.
- FCC's insurance is due to be renewed. Stirling Council will cover some of the cost but FCC will need to cover the remainder.
- A grant application has been submitted for £800 for Christmas lights.
- A grant from the Community Growing & parks wellbeing fund has been received for £19K.
- An application has been submitted for an environmental grant for more willow spilling along the river.
- Admin grant will need to be applied for shortly JS/MM/MB will take forward.
- Our grants will be opening in September

7. **Resilience update**

- Information about the emergency oil heating scheme was shared on Facebook. This was also advertised by Scottish Government.
- A resident commented on how lovely the Christmas party was but wondered if the money used for this could be used for people who are in need. MB explained that the funding for the Christmas party is provided through grant funding specifically for this and that provision is made from other funds to assist people on lower incomes.

8. **Planning**

- Application under Section 42 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to vary Condition 1 on planning application 23/00001/FUL at Old Balglas, Fintry, G63 0YH, for Mrs Zoe Yoffe per Endrick Architecture Clachan House Crow Road Fintry G63 0XG.
- In response to an email regarding The Forestry Commissions plans for tree felling in the woodland area adjacent to Balafark Farm, the FCC confirmed that they had no objections.

9. **Roads/Paths**

- The new bus service seems to be being well used so far. Residents from other villages have been using it to come to Fintry as well.

- Following MB's email to Evelyn Tweed (MSP) regarding the issue of raw sewage entering a Fintry resident's house due to a blockage on the street in front of their house, Scottish Water again attended and a private company has been investigating.
- A resident noted that the drains at the Clachan end of the village are all blocked. MB will make enquiries about getting them cleared and find out when Fintry last had a deep clean.

10. Correspondence

- A letter was received enquiring about the church opening hours. A reply was sent and passed on to the church.
- Kippen Community Council have been in touch with regard to the possibility of several villages working together to purchase a wind turbine on the planned wind farm extension. The request was passed on to the FDT.

11. Any Other Business

- Paul Mooney has been appointed as the first chair of the Stirling Visitor Levy Advisory Forum.
- Motorists are urged to be vigilant in Stirling as not to use the QR codes on the parking meters as they have been hacked.
- Community Council elections have been put back to 2028.
- IR had mentioned previously the idea of doing a litter pick around the village. Stirling Council have something planned for the last weekend in May. MB has contacted two other groups who have done litter picks in the past to see if they want to co-ordinate something together.
- A representative from the Sports Centre asked if there was any update on finalising the new lease between the Sports Centre and FCC. MB has contacted FCC's solicitor for an update and will be in touch with the Sports Centre when this has been received.
- A resident asked about the possibility of low-cost housing in the village. There is currently a proposal for houses to be built. Stirling Council will be doing a survey about this soon.
- A representative from the Sports Centre noted that the annual Rugby Festival will be held on 26th April. There will be a squad of helpers around to try and ensure that parked cars do not block access and cones will be placed in relevant positions.
- The rugby pitches need to be reseeded so some areas will be cordoned off from around the end of May to the middle of August.
- A member of the public asked if FCC had been approached by Fintry Wheelers for a grant FCC advised they have not received such an application.

12. Date of next meeting

- The next FCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May at 7.30 p.m.