



Minutes of the meeting held on
11th February 2026

I. Present/apologies for absence:

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

II. Declaration of interest in any items of business

There were no declarations of interest.

III. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

The previous minutes were approved.

IV. Community Council Enquiry Process/Complaints Procedure

- FCC's Enquiry Process/Complaints Procedure has been updated and adopted by the FCC.

V. Stirling Councillor's Report

- MB asked if there was anything needing to be raised with SC.
 - A representative from the Sports Centre thanked MB for raising the issue of funding to help with the provision of toilet facilities at the Sports Centre for members of the public. No updates on this had been received. MB will check but noted that once the Visitors Levy is up and running it will be up to each community council to apply for funding from this.

VI. 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 Balfron 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>
<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland>
X - @PSOSForthValley
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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 –
December – Crime: A quadbike and chainsaws were stolen from a barn at a property outside Fintry towards the end of December. Investigations are ongoing. Owners of quadbikes are reminded to be vigilant and ensure that their bikes are secure (physical locks such as chains, padlocks or handlebar locks and immobilisers, preferably locked within a secure shed and fitted with trackers etc.) to make them more difficult for thieves to target them.
Incidents of note: Diversions were put in place after a large tree came down across the road on the B818 from Fintry to the A875. Stirling Council Road Department explained that the tree was too large to be removed at the time which meant the diversion was in place
January - No Crimes Reported.
No Incidents of Note.

VII. Planning

- An application for a proposed formation of a layby off the B818, realignment of fence and formation of concrete footpath and gravel footpath at Land East of Carron Valley Biodiversity Garden, Denny Road, Fintry has been approved with conditions.
- An application for a side extension and erection of a double garage at 2, Gartcarron, Denny Road, Fintry has been approved with conditions.
- Scottish Ministers gave notice on 16 December 2025 that consent is granted for the construction and operation of Earlsburn Wind Farm located directly adjacent (north-east) to the operational Earlsburn Windfarm, 4km south of the village of Gargunnoch.
- A meeting of the Licensing Board will be held on 17th February. MM will attend.
- The affordable housing project is with the local planning team and they will be doing a consultation.

VIII. Finance

- The cost of hiring Menzies Hall for FCC meetings will be rising from £11/hour to £15/hour. All agreed that this was fine.
- Grant application has been sent to Stirling Council towards the cost of the Christmas lights.
- An application is to be submitted for a grant from Stirling Council for various community projects community garden works, orchard works, isolation and loneliness and new benches for the cross.
- The Community Council would like to thank the FDT for their donation of £1000 towards the woodland project.

IX. Resilience update

- In the process of delivering logs to Fintry's seniors after storm damage and donations of wood. This is an ongoing project and will be delivered throughout the year. The wood will need to be seasoned before use.
- Online training for resilience has been offered by the Met Office.
- The Resilience team is working with SEPA at the moment with regard to flood area risk management.
- The leaky dams are being closely monitored and are working well.

- Grant applications are being submitted for Phase 3 of the Leaky Dams project and for more willow spilling.
- Grant applications have been submitted for works on the resilience garden. wood store, deer fencing, compost boxes and planters.
- Grant applications are in progress for isolation and loneliness events e.g. coffee and cake mornings.
- A huge thank you to everyone who donated their Christmas trees.
- De-fib training for use on children is being arranged with the Trossachs Search and Rescue Team.
- The FCC would like to thank Uncharted Whisky for their support again this year with the Christmas project.
- FCC would like to thank Knockraich for the use of the tin shed.
- The annual Christmas party was a huge success and thanks are given to all involved.
- The resilience team now has a wheelchair which can be used if needed in an emergency. The representative from the Sports Centre noted that they also have two wheelchairs that can be borrowed by Fintry residents.

X. Roads/paths

- A member of the public asked if there had been any developments around the issue of speeding through the village and in particular at the Clachan end of the village. MB reported that there had been no updates and suggested putting together a petition. At least 200 signatures would be required.
- MB has written to Stirling Council regarding the state of the pavements around the village. Many of them are in a bad state of repair but she also asked them to clear the pavements of fallen leaves etc. as they are very slippery in some places. One resident fell recently and has broken their hip.
- FCC received an email from a resident regarding the salting of the pavements in Culcreuch Avenue. One of the school routes is not salted. MB will write to Stirling Council asking that all routes to school are salted.
- Cicely's Way – there seems to have been some vandalism to some of the wooden edging along Cicely's Way. This will be repaired in the summer. HS noted that the gate mechanisms at both ends of the path need repairing – MB will speak to a local joiner. An application is to be submitted for funding to extend Cicely's Way up to the Lodge House.
- There seems to be an increase in cars driving up Culcreuch Avenue at school dropping off and picking up times. MB will write to the school as the increase in traffic is a concern for those children walking to school.
- Updated quotes have been requested for work to refurbish the fountain. This will involve the removal of the fountain for restoration and road works to be carried out on the road around the base of it as the plan is to put planters around it.

XI. Correspondence

- The local plan for Carron Valley has been received. Part of this could be adapted for Fintry. HS will pass onto AD
- A request for information about the woodland project was received from a member of the public. FCC have responded.
- FCC received letters of support for the Woodland Project. HS acknowledged
- Information was received from Fintry Brownies regarding their celebrating friendship coffee morning to be held on Saturday 21st February (10-12) at the Menzies Hall. The FCC wish them all the best for this event.
- Information was received from Strathendrick Rugby Club regarding their 50th anniversary dinner dance. The FCC wish them all the best for this event.

XII. Any other business

- A question was raised from a member of the public regarding the publication of minutes of meetings held by members of FCC out with the public meetings. MB confirmed that minutes are taken at the flood forum meetings.
- A representative from the Sports Centre discussed the renewal of their lease with FCC. FCC has offered a 25-year lease at £10 per year. It was stated that all negotiations should be conducted through the solicitor.

The Sports Centre's future plans and lease requirements were noted. It was agreed that a response would be sent to the solicitor to progress matters.

- Fintry is to once again have its own football team., Forth and Endrick Football Association will provide Fintry with a tree for every goal that Fintry scores. The plan is to ask for fruit trees to replace any dead ones along the side of the sports field.
- MB asked for an update on the nursery JG advised no update to report.
- A drop-in session regarding the plans for the new Balfron Household Waste and Recycling Centre will be held on 18th February 4-7 p.m. at the Hub.
- Fintry Primary School and Nursery were praised in their recent HMI report. Well done to everyone involved.
- Playpark update – a meeting has been arranged to have new plans drawn up.
- MB asked the community councillors if they had any ideas for projects they want to take forward. Suggestions included Christmas lights on the lamp posts, a litter pick of the roadside verges out towards the Arnprior turn off and drain clearing. MB confirmed that flood prevention works are continuing.
- Woodland project – residents living around this area had asked for work to be done to tidy it up. The FCC wrote to residents asking for ideas. This is a long-term project with a view to making it a usable area. Current work is targeting clearing rubbish and cutting back. Any branches etc. are being chipped and will be used to create paths through the area.
- JG noted that there is now a vacancy on the community council and that it would be good to get some younger members of the village on board. MB taking forward.
- The representative from the Sports Centre reminded FCC that they are entitled to send two representatives to the Sports Centre committee meetings.
- A member of the public asked about the plan for sheltered housing – see Agenda item VII Planning.
- A member of the public asked about the replacement of the tulip tree which was damaged in a storm. It has been replaced by cherry trees.

XIII. Date of next meeting

- The next FCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 7.30 p.m.