

**APPROVED Minutes Carron Valley & District Community Council
held Tuesday 10 June 2025 meeting at 7.30pm, via ZOOM**

In attendance

Peter Hayward, Chair, PH	Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec., DB
Margaret Porter, MP	Morag Holdsworth, MH
James Gormley, JG	Maureen Berry, MB
Scott Farmer, Stirling Councillor, SF	Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

1 Introductions and welcome

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting especially resident James Gormley who gave some information on his background.
- 1.2 Apologies – David Petch, police.
- 1.3 Declarations of interest for items on agenda - none.
- 1.4 Items raised by members of the public for inclusion - none.

2 Community Police report

- 2.1 Attached as Appendix I.
- 2.2 This report is more relevant to ourselves than some recent reports.
- 2.3 JG asked if there was a Neighbourhood Watch in the Carron Valley. MB suggested information from that organisation be included in the newsletter.
PC Josh Capes is the community police officer

StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

ACTION HB contact him and advise about the Facebook page.

3 Minutes of previous meeting held on 13 May 2025

- 3.1 Proposed MB, seconded JG. **ACTION HB** to send to DB for Stirling Council and put on CC area of VRG website.

4 Matters arising

- 3.1 Draft May minutes to DB. Approved April minutes to DB for Stirling Council. done
- 4.2.2 Police - covering a wider area? ongoing
- 4.6.3 Community Hall ownership, check Articles of Association
MP checked Articles and Association - VRG can own the community hall on behalf of the community. DB pointed out that the community woodland is owned and managed by VRG on behalf of the community council.
- 4.10 **Decision** - interim funding for kitchen build agreed closed
- 4.12 Roads - markings required at crossroads Carronbridge House and North Third
ongoing
SF will follow up if JP has any feedback.
There seems to have been a recent accident at Peyton Place.
- 9.1 Local Place plan print questionnaire and SAEs to go with newsletter closed
- 10.4 **Decision** - Upfront funding agreed for initial hall expenses closed
- 10.15 Contact Stirling Council re warm space funding
ongoing
No funding as such, there is net zero funding but resilience funding is separate.
MP spoke to Jean Cowie who pointed towards alternative funding sources.
VRG is looking into a connection from the cabin to the hall to connect a generator. It is being looked into by their electrician.

MB said that car insurance companies don't cover cars on C class roads

5 Chair's report (PH)

- 5.1 This meeting was preceded by the AGM where PH thanked everyone for all their hard work over the past year.

6 Secretary's report (DB)

DB circulated the Community Newsletter. This is also on the website.
As MB is leaving we have to do additional work on the local place plan.
Community Hall named as Carron Valley Community Trust - this was the description in Stirling Council's latest CD News and is incorrect.
Community Hall - construction is progressing.

7 Treasurer's report (MH)

- 7.1 Attached as Appendix II

We are now into the new financial year and the opening balance is £1016.79. Minutes £50, £149.20 for Local Place Plan consultation. Including these minutes the balance will be £867.59 **ACTION MH** to put in application for funding for newsletter, LPP expenses and admin.

The CC can also apply to VRG for funding if applicable.

8 Stirling Councillor report (SF)

- 8.1 There has been a major issue - real time financial information is not currently available, no year end accounts or financial projections.

- 8.2 Carron Valley - no specific enquiries from this area.

- 8.3 Planning issues

Golf range rejected by Stirling Council has also been refused by Scottish Government.
The trotting track approved by Stirling Council has been refused by Scottish Government.

9 Local Place Plan (MB)

- 9.1 16 questionnaires have been returned. They are anonymous. The main feedback is regarding roads. There is positive stuff about living in the area. **ACTION HB** to put reminder on Facebook. Councillors asked to remind people attending the wood fuel day this Saturday.

- 8.2 Census data. Our data has been incorporated with data from Plean. Stirling Council say that any population under 500 people cannot be reported on owing to anonymity concerns. DB we need to know how many households and total number of residents for accurate reporting and grant application evidence. Our latest data is from 2011. PH suggested that DB, MB and himself have an independent discussion of this.

ACTION PH.

10 Valley Renewables Group report (MP)

- 10.1 The Board met on 3 June.

- 10.2 The Community Hall continues to dominate currently. There have been three recent site meetings. The completion date has not been finalised yet.

- 10.3 Assets end of May 378,944.34 split between Restricted and Unrestricted

Land £225,082

Buildings value - hall in progress £181,543.85

- 10.4 Kingsburn money from Nadara has just arrived. This goes into the restricted fund. Other payments are due soon.

- 10.5 Grant budget begins 1 July but grants will reopen 1 August owing to staff holidays.
- 10.6 VRG is looking into bank cards for expenses. There can be a limit on each card.
- 10.7 Woodland - 10 May processed 35 loads, 20 were delivered, 15 collected

The next maintenance day is on 14 June.
- 10.8 Community Hall - we are about halfway through the spend. There was a 3 week delay because of unsuitable ground for the car park.
- 10.9 Replacement of septic tank and relocation of carpark/planning, extra paving at kitchen door, the £15K contingency to be exceeded by £7500. £10K overspend anticipated.
- 10.10 Nadara contribution to kitchen fittings - £4K
- 10.11 VRG has applied to another fund for remainder of kitchen fitting to bring it up to a commercial standard.
- 10.12 The Community Hall management group met at Kippen to get information from their team. They are happy to share information with us and are very supportive.
- 10.13 Energy Efficiency. Energy Redress Scheme to extend the Energy Efficiency scheme, ideally concentrating on the lowest rated EPC properties
- 10.14 A UK community spaces improvement fund for kitchen fit out application has been submitted. Outcome will be known at the end of June.
- 10.15 MP is drawing up a wish list of items for which we wish to apply for outside funding.
- 10.16 Grant information has been updated on the website, there are some changes to amounts and eligibility. Energy Efficiency grants not available to residents who had one during 2024-25 unless there is money left later in the financial year.
- 10.17 It was suggested holding another joint meeting between VRG and the CVDCC to update everyone on the community hall. It would be an after dinner meeting at Wester Howlands. **ACTION MP** will put out a Doodle poll to find the best date. We will go for the most popular date.

11 Woodland Group report (DB)

- 11.1 See Appendix III
- 11.2 Saturday 14 June maintenance day - removal of tubes and stakes, cutting sitka. Felling and removal of windblow will take place during the summer/ early autumn.
- 11.3 Wallis Weir is going to mill some of the windblow for cladding the container to camouflage the container as it is currently quite visible.

12 Roads report (PH)

- 12.1 C10 drains - the edge of road has been fixed. thank you to Stirling Council.

13 Planning report (MB)

- 13.1 Good news regarding the rejection of the planning applications for the golf range and the trotting track.
- 13.2 Influx of people into Stirling - they will be looking for recreational spaces. It needs to be protected from further windfarm development.

14 AOB

- 14.1 Flower and Produce day 9 August. Entries to all categories welcome.
- 14.2 Cameron Balfour contacted HB via Facebook - he is organising a gravel cycle event on Saturday 5 July
- 14.3 MH - flytipping is bad on the road to North Third. No response from Till Hill. It now looks like commercial rubbish being dumped. It was also set fire to recently. MB on the local place plan farmers pointed out the huge cost to them of removing flytipping from their land. Could Stirling Council waive fees to a farmer attending the waste facility if the waste was tipped onto private land. **ACTION MB** for Local Place Plan.
- 14.4 MB has stepped down as a Community Councillor. **ACTION DB** to advise Stirling Council. Proposal - James Gormley to be co-opted onto the CC. This was approved unanimously. **ACTION HB** to circulate JG email and phone number.

15 Date of next CC meeting Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 7.30pm via Zoom or at the Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

16 ACTIONS

- 2.3 Contact police regarding Carron Valley Connections FB page HB
- 3.1 Approved May minutes to DB for Stirling Council HB
- 7.1 Apply for admin grant MH
- 9.1 Local place plan – put reminder to return survey on Facebook HB
- 8.2 Census date discussion PH
- 10.17 Doodle for joint meeting with VRG MP
- 14.3 Flytipping for local place plan MB
- 14.4 Councillors update DB/HB

Appendix I Police

Name of Community Council	10/06/2025 – Carron Valley Community Council
	Our priorities in the Carron Valley area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug misuse/Drug dealing, Road Safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.
Crime reports	Crime Reports for the Carron Valley area between 13/05/2025 – 09/06/2025
	Detected: 0
	Undetected: 3
	1x Assault 1x Fly tipping
	Both above remain open with lines of enquiry.
	1x Fail to stop for Officer
	Above has been closed as undetected with no suspect identified.
	Total Crime Reports: 3
	999/101 CALLS
	There were 6 calls made to Police for the Carron Valley area over the stated period. The calls relate to incidents including reports of road traffic matters, assault, fly tipping, concern for person, missing person, attack on sheep and suspect persons.
Other Incidents of note/relevant	

Appendix III
Wood fuel day Report for June Board Meeting

10th May 2025

Lovely spring day.

15 volunteers helped processing, loading, collecting and delivering 35 loads during the day. Well done.

7 loads as lengths (3 delivered, 4 collected)
28 as split logs (17 delivered and 11 collected).

As some idea of the volunteer efforts for wood fuel days alone since started in September 2020.

427 volunteers have helped with processing, loading/collecting and delivering
784 loads of wood fuel over
21 sessions

Each load is at least a well filled builder's bag full if not more. Conservatively estimating £50 per bag if bought, the community woodland and volunteers have distributed well over £40,000 worth of wood fuel around the community. Value added by working together. Thank you VRG for making it possible.