

APPROVED Minutes Carron Valley & District Community Council
Tuesday 9 September 2025 meeting at 7.30pm at Carron Valley Community Hall

In attendance

Peter Hayward, Chair, PH	Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec.,
Margaret Porter, MP	Gaynor Teven, GT
David Petch, DP	John Norrie, JN
James Gormley, JG	Neil Benny, elected rep, NB
PC Neil Hunter, NH	PC Lynne Goldie, LG
Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB	

1 Introductions and welcome

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in the new hall.
- 1.2 Apologies – Morag Holdsworth
- 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. Check right one.
- 2.2 Report from June to September, 2 detected, 6 undetected. 30 calls made to the police. The police were asked if criminals are using drones to scope out properties. This may be the case. MP said there is a link in the latest newsletter regarding drone licensing.
- 2.3 PH asked about patrols in the area. At the moment it is on demand from a resourcing perspective. From 29 September there is a new plan whereby extra resources should be in place. Most police resource is required in the town centre to combat anti-social behaviour.
- 2.4 The police would like to receive any intelligence regarding issues in the area.
- 2.5 Query regarding laws concerning passing places as people keep parking in them. **ACTION NH** to look into this. It may be a Council issue rather than police who would only take action if a vehicle was causing an obstruction.
- 2.6 Concerns were expressed about people sleeping overnight in cars. There are no toilet facilities in the area.

The police left the meeting at this point.

3 Minutes of previous meeting held on 10 June 2025

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

4 Matters arising – Actions from June meeting.

Contact police regarding Carron Valley Connections FB page	closed
Approved May minutes to DB for Stirling Council	closed
Apply for admin grant	closed
Local place plan – put reminder to return survey on Facebook	closed
Census data discussion	ongoing

- 4.1 DB had a meeting - the map supplied currently is too faint, there are issues because CV data is being combined with East Plean and some of the Cambusbarron area. The population in the valley is under 500 and data is supposed to be anonymous. NB said he would source a better map. However it is a Scottish Government, not local Government issue.

- 4.2 PH requested electronic copy of the windfarm policy document 2016 This had a map of areas designated for windfarms and we require a clearer one. **ACTION NB**
- Doodle for joint meeting with VRG closed
- Flytipping for local place plan closed
- Councillors update on website closed
- 4.3 Stephen Bly requires information on new councillors, vacancy has to be advertised. **ACTION HB** to put on Facebook and website.

5 Chair's report (PH)

- 5.1 PH expressed thanks to everyone who has contributed to the new hall.
- 5.2 Boundaries - possibility of some adjustment to boundaries but it would not be radical.
- 5.3 Wednesday 24 September - gathering of community councils - PH to attend.
- 5.4 Nadara event in Inverness. Information has been circulated.
- 5.5 Could NB alert Stirling Council that the C10 is being closed next week for C10 was closed for water main repairs. Please ask Falkirk Council not to close the B818 at the same time. **ACTION NB**.

6 Secretary's report (DB)

- 6.1 There has been a consultation Scottish Water replanting native woodland on land they own at the reservoir and the north side of the Carron Valley. Connected with biodiversity targets. DB has requested a path for cyclists etc.
- 6.2 Forestry Commission have a management plan - felling and restocking.
- 6.3 Large area of windblow in the community woodland following the storms last year will require clearing.
- PH queried why sitka was being planted again - it was supposed to be an amenity woodland, not a commercial woodland.
- JN asked how much wood was bought in for the wood fuel days. Last year we purchased two trailer loads - approx £1500 per load i.e. £3000.

7 Treasurer's report

- 7.1 The Treasurer had sent apologies for this meeting. Report attached as Appendix II Balance - £1526.71.
- 7.2 VRG is looking into grants to make the Community Hall a 'warm space.'
- 7.3 CVDCC contribution to newsletter costs - find out what it was last time.

8 Stirling Councillor report (NB)

- 8.1 Passing places - this is a police matter not a council matter because it's an obstruction. However, police had said they would not deal with it unless it was classed as an obstruction and just parking in a passing place would not be. MP pointed out that some passing places do not have a triangular sign. NB requested a list so these can be put up. **ACTION ALL**
- 8.2 The Council is doing a consultation on review of public entertainment licences. There are references to raves requiring these licences. There have been issues with events at North Third and John de Graham.
- 8.3 The Council is recruiting a new Chief Executive and will be looking at budgets again.

9 Local Place Plan (DB)

- 9.1 Maureen Berry had done the initial work on this. PH and DB are collating this information. A summary will be produced. Main concerns are: Roads, Fly-tipping,

antisocial behaviour, care in the community, transport in the area. The community would like to restrict the number of new windfarms that can be built.

10 Valley Renewables Group report (MP)

- 10.1 The hall has dominated for some time now. There are a few outstanding issues but it is almost finished. It has been a long journey.
Last Saturday a group of volunteers seeded an area with grass seed.
- 10.2 We are drawing up the invitation list for the official opening Saturday 25 October. Please provide details of anyone who should be invited. **ACTION ALL.**
NB to provide Stirling Observer journalist details. **ACTION NB.**
- 10.3 40 grant applications since the schemes reopened in August.
- 10.4 Energy efficiency - existing programme of visits by surveyors is continuing. We hope to include more households.
- 10.5 We have been researching outside funding sources where available.
- 10.6 Home energy Scotland Grant - residents encouraged to apply for this.
- 10.7 Nadara has annual call for projects open. Up to £10K. The first ebike scheme and the hall kitchen was paid for by this. This year's theme is local energy/local impact (see VRG minutes) any ideas please contact MP. **ACTION ALL.**
Feasibility study micro energy schemes?
- 10.8 One option for the above would be a generator so the hall could be a designated warm space.
- 10.9 AGM 4 November. Call for new trustee/directors.
- 10.10 Board meetings every second month are being considered. To be discussed again in October. There was no meeting in July.

11 Woodland Group report (DB)

- 11.1 Saturday 13 September is a wood fuel day. If anyone has a trailer and can do deliveries that would be very helpful.
- 11.2 Pomona - Apple Day 25 September

12 Roads report (PH)

- 12.1 Nothing not covered elsewhere.

13 Planning report (PH)

- 13.1 Nothing for our area.

14 AOB - no further business.

- 15 Date of next CC meeting - Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 7.30pm at the Carron Valley Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

16 ACTIONS

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| 2.5 | Passing places – police to check policy | NH |
| 4.1 | Councillor information for website and social media | MP/HB |
| 4.2 | Better electronic map of windfarms | NB |
| 4.3 | Census – a clearer map of the area is required | NB |
| 5.5 | Contact Falkirk Council regarding road closures | NB |
| 8.1 | Passing places without a sign – everyone asked to submit locations | ALL |
| 10.2 | Names for invitation list for hall official opening to MP | ALL |
| 10.2 | Stirling Observer journalist | NB |
| 10.7 | Nadara call for projects | ALL |

Name of Community Council	09/09/2025 – 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 10/06/2025 – 09/09/2025 Detected: 2 Theft x 1, accused reported to the Procurator Fiscal Assault x 1, accused appeared from custody Undetected: 6 Fail to stop after an accident x 2 Intended theft x 1 Livestock worrying x 1 Possession of controlled substance x 1 Lines of enquiry are being carried out for these offences. Theft x 1 All lines of enquiry for this offence have been completed and report is closed. Total Crime Reports: 8 999/101 CALLS There were 30 calls made to Police for the area over the stated period. The calls relate to incidents including reports of road traffic matters, missing person, assist member of the

public, disturbance, fire, theft, suspicious persons and vehicles, planned shoots and anti-social behaviour.

Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information

PC Neil Hunter has now joined PC Goldie to cover the Stirling West area which includes the Carron Valley area.

Feedback from meeting

Please e-mail any feedback/questions to PCs Goldie and Hunter at:
StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Appendix II Treasurer's Report

**Carron Valley & District Community Council
Accounts for Period to 31st August 2025**

1st May 2025 to 30th April 2026

Item	Date		cheque	Income	Expenditure	Total	Balance
Opening Balance	01/05/2025						£1,116.79
Secretariat;	14/05/2025	May 25 Minutes	216		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,066.79
Secretariat;	27/06/2025	June 25 Minutes	217		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,016.79
Secretariat;	27/06/2025	June 25 AGM	217		-£10.00	-£10.00	£1,006.79
Stirling Council	pending	Admin Grant		£519.92		£519.92	£1,536.71
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End Balance				£519.92	-£110.00	£409.92	£1,526.71

Morag Holdsworth; Treasurer
07/09/2025

Latest bank statement
01/07/2025