

APPROVED Minutes Carron Valley & District Community Council
Tuesday 14 October meeting at 7.30pm at Carron Valley Community Hall

In attendance

Peter Hayward, Chair, PH
Margaret Porter, MP
David Petch, DP

Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec.,
Philip White, PW
Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB via Zoom

1 Introductions and welcome

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting especially PW who introduced himself. New residents - Philip and Amy Cosyneuk Cottage. **ACTION HB** welcome letter and add to newsletter mailing list.
DP will be talking to Stirling Council about school transport provision and advised PW to do likewise.
- 1.2 Apologies – police, 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. No police were able to attend this meeting.
- 2.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 9 September 2025 Amendment 5.5 C10 was closed for a water main, not for resurfacing.
- 2.3 Proposed PH, seconded DB. **ACTION HB** to send to DB for Stirling Council and put on CC area of VRG website.
- 2.4 ACTIONS from last meeting
- 2.5 Passing places – police to check policy no news
- 4.1 Councillor information for website and social media closed
PW has applied and can be considered once he has moved in and is paying rates.
- 4.2 Better electronic map of windfarms no update NB
- 4.3 Census – a clearer map of the area is required no update NB
- 5.5 Contact Falkirk Council regarding road closures no update NB
- 8.1 Passing places without a sign – everyone asked to submit locations. ongoing
- 10.2 Names for invitation list for hall official opening to MP closed
- 10.2 Stirling Observer journalist closed
- 10.7 Nadara call for projects closed

3 Chair's report - PH

- 3.1 PH thanked everyone for the work on the Local Place plan.
- 3.2 PH thanked everyone for all the work on the new hall.

3.3 Community Council event held at Albert Hall, Stirling. PH met Kate Hudson head of community engagement. She has been invited to the hall opening ceremony. Moira McClay from Fintry CC talked about how they spent their money. £32K a year. They run Christmas parties for over 70s, a playpark is being constructed, run a hardship fund all year round. Fintry buddies webpage. The found DRT demand respond transport unsatisfactory so run a bus service into town. A whole bus costs £45 as it is being driven by a volunteer. They have a prescription run. Yearly outing.

4 Secretary's report - DB

4.1 Local place plan. It has been circulated for comments. It will then be submitted to Stirling Council. **ACTION HB** to put link on website and social media when final version ready.

4.2 MH comments to be included: tourism, agricultural vehicles and road speed issues. Roads are used by pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists as well as vehicles.

5 Treasurer's report.

5.1 Attached as Appendix II

5.2 £50 admin fees £519.92. Balance £1327.51

6 Stirling Councillor report

6.1 No Councillor attended this meeting.

6.2 There was a discussion regarding purchasing a device to make hybrid Zoom/in person meetings possible. e.g. Owl device

7 Valley Renewables Group report - MP

7.1 Finances. Payment has arrived from Craigengelt windfarm

7.2 £3K grants this month, £31K previous month because schemes had just reopened.

7.3 Cheque books are with accountant so RF has used unrestricted fund to pay some invoices, moneys will be transferred back when cheque books are available.

7.4 Community hall. Payment 8 has been made. The final account is being checked. £383.500 current value for the hall. All fees have been paid.

7.5 £55K left in the investment fund, not enough to justify charges. RF recommendation is to move moneys to long term deposit account. 12 months at 4%. No withdrawals or additions during this term. This was agreed at VRG Board meeting on 7 October but requires CVDCC. **Decision - agreed unanimously.** **ACTION MP** to inform RF.

7.6 We are closing TSB account as they are no longer doing charity accounts. Unrestricted fund is moving to Virgin Money. This means all our funds are with one bank currently. RF looking into alternatives.

- 7.7 Treasurer role - we are looking at splitting up this role. This will allow other people to gain experience. The Woodland account has its own funding package. We also have a separate person to handle Community Hall account. There will be a new subgroup for finance issues. We want to encourage other residents to get involved with this.
- 7.8 We are withdrawing moneys from investment fund so this subgroup will close.
- 7.9 CVDCC approval is required to close the investment fund account. This has been agreed by VRG. PH asked about the legacy account. We would like to start an investment account in the future, but it needs to be at least £100K to make it worthwhile. **Decision - agreed unanimously. ACTION MP** to inform RF. If other windfarms coming online also have restricted funds these can go into a future investment fund.
- 7.8 Woodland - next wood fuel day is on 8 November. 42 loads at woodfuel day on 11 October.
- 7.9 Official hall opening and Pomona Day 11am Saturday 25 October.
- 7.10 Community Hall - a final report will be produced. There were issues with the engineer which caused us to incur considerable extra costs. The cost of pursuing a claim would probably be more than any compensation.
- 7.11 Floodlight on hall - it is currently on all night. We are looking into putting onto a PIR system.
- 7.12 John Speake heads up the Energy Efficiency subgroup currently, but is stepping down from the Board at the AGM so we are looking for a replacement.
- 7.13 Community Hall management group. Donations of items for the kitchen have been received. Cupboards will be added.
- 7.14 It has been suggested that we use Fair Trade products when possible, use local products where available and avoid products from any companies with a reputation for unethical behaviour.
- 7.15 18 replies yes to invite to the official opening of hall. Nadara is sending a photographer.
- Marquee going up between 7:30am and 9:30am. Volunteers will be required to put up tables and chairs etc. **ACTION HB** to ask on Facebook.
- 7.16 Cyber security. MP attended a forum and RF was interviewed by a Government initiative about how companies should pay more attention to cyber security. A VRG director is to be appointed as the cyber security person.
- 7.17 VRG AGM Tuesday 4 November 8pm

7.18 Going forward we are going to have Board meetings every second month - December, February, April, June, August, October plus AGM in November. This frees up time for the subgroups who are doing projects.

7.19 We want to recruit an apprentice director. Training opportunities will be provided.

8 Woodland Group report

8.1 Covered in VRG report. See item 7.8

9 Roads report - PH

9.1 Nothing new to report. See 10.1 planning concerns.

10 Planning report - PH

10.1 Layby plans - the location is at junction of Greathill Road and B818. Two objections have been received. J Feeney - will intensify anti-social behaviour having a parking space next to drinking water. I McDaid from Fintry - it's by a biodiversity patch the proposed layby is situated by reservoir, there is infrastructure out of view and could be a danger to visitors.

It was agreed to put in concerns on behalf of the CC - will there be a barrier to prevent camper vans stopping? Signs regarding no overnight parking? **ACTION PH.**

11 AOB

11.1 The local pharmacy is looking for a location for a dropbox in the community. Concerns were expressed about the security of this.

12 Date of next CC meeting

12.1 Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 7.30pm at the Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm

13 ACTIONS

1.1	Welcome letter for new resident	HB
2.3	Approved September minutes to DB and on website	HB
4.1	Local place plan to go on website	DB/HB
7.5	Agreed to move moneys to long term deposit account	MP
7.9	Agreed to close investment fund account	MP
7.15	Ask on Facebook for volunteers to set up/clear up on 25 October	HB
10.1	Layby plan concerns – enter an objection as discussed	PH

Appendix I Police Report

Name of Community Council	14/10/2025 – 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 10/09/2025 – 12/10/2025
	There have been no Crime Reports recorded for this period.
	Total Crime Reports: 0
	999/101 CALLS
	There were 15 calls made to Police for the area over the stated period. The calls relate to incidents including reports of road traffic matters, missing persons, assist member of the public, suspicious persons, concern for persons and weather issues.
Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information	
Feedback from meeting	Please e-mail any feedback/questions to PCs Goldie and Hunter at the new email address of:
	StirlingCommunityPolice@scotland.police.uk

Appendix II

**Carron Valley & District Community Council
Accounts for Period to 14th October 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
Community Survey costs	28/06/2025		218		-£149.20	-£149.20	£857.59
Secretariat;	11/09/2025	September 25 Minutes	219		-£50.00	-£50.00	£807.59
Stirling Council	13/10/2025	Admin Grant		£519.92		£519.92	£1,327.51
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End Balance				£519.92	-£309.20	£210.72	£1,327.51

Morag Holdsworth; Treasurer
14/10/2025

Latest Bank Statement
01/07/2025