

APPROVED Minutes Carron Valley & District Community Council
Tuesday 11 November meeting at 7.30pm via Zoom

In attendance

Peter Hayward, Chair, PH	Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec., DB
Margaret Porter, MP	Phil White, PW
Scott Farmer, Elected rep, SF	Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

- 1 Introductions and welcome
 - 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - 1.2 Apologies – police, Morag Holdsworth, David Petch
 - 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 reports on anything for this area in the last month.
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting held on 14 October 2025.
 - 3.1 Minor amendments to items 7.1 and 7.12
 - 3.2 Proposed PH, seconded DB. **ACTION HB** to send to DB for Stirling Council and put on CC area of VRG website.
 - 3.3 ACTIONS from last meeting
 - 1.1 Welcome letter for new resident closed
 - 2.3 Approved September minutes to DB and on website closed
 - 4.1 Local place plan to go on website closed
 - 7.5 Agreed to move moneys to long term deposit account closed
 - 7.9 Agreed to close investment fund account closed
 - 7.15 Ask on Facebook for volunteers to set up/clear up on 25 October closed
 - 10.1 Layby plan concerns – enter an objection as discussed closed

3.4 Matters arising

Item 10.1 – proposed new layby.

The CC's concern is - whose responsibility is it if fly tipping takes place? PH asked SF about this. It depends if Stirling Council adopt as part of the road network. If not and it was done for Forestry Scotland it will be their responsibility.

4 Chair's report - PH

- 4.1 Thanks were again expressed for the new hall, to everyone who contributed to getting it built.
- 4.2 PH would like to step down as Chair when meetings move back to the hall in March. It is perhaps time for someone else to take over.

5 Secretary's report – DB

- 5.1 PH makes a big contribution with regard to planning and liaison with Stirling Council. The CC would like him to stay.
- 5.2 David Petch has raised major concerns about care at home. He is speaking on his own behalf as well as other residents. It is difficult to get care in the community in a rural setting. Until recently pharmacies were delivering prescriptions to households, but they are reducing this when patients are in a rural setting. In additional farm tracks are not roads for which the care staff's vehicles are always suitable. It can take a long time to access a suitable vehicle so one client can take half a day. It would be better if dedicated care staff were responsible for patients in rural settings.

SF is looking into this. There are staffing changes in senior roles at Stirling Council, he hopes to have dialogue over the coming months. SF is Chair of the Health and Social Care partnership and a non-executive director at Forth Valley Hospital.

7 Treasurer's report. Attached as Appendix II

8 Stirling Councillor report - SF

- 8.1 There is not much to report - there have been no constituent enquiries from the Carron Valley in the past month.
- 8.2 Budget consultation is ongoing, it depends on the Scottish Government settlement with councils - this will be in December.
- 8.3 The Stirling East by election was won by the SNP. On Tuesday there was a no confidence vote in the Labour/Conservative Administration so we now have an SNP minority Council. Alasdair Tollemache is the elected representative responsible for Net Zero and Roads.

9 Local Place Plan

- 9.1 This has been delivered to the Council and has been acknowledged. This item can be removed from the agenda.

10 Valley Renewables Group report - MP

- 10.1 AGM held 4 November. We have two new directors - David Rolwegan and Josie Deans. John Speake has stepped down.
- 10.2 The hall was officially opened on 25 October.
- 10.3 Hall as a warm place in times of emergency. We are looking into what the requirements for a generator would be. We will set up a subgroup to look at this. We would like someone from the CC to be on the subgroup.

- 10.4 Board meetings will now be held in February, April, June, August, October and December. The AGM will be in November.
- 10.5 CVDCC meetings are also changing – these are to be held via Zoom in February. At the hall in March, April, May and June. Then again in September and October and in Zoom in November and December.
- 10.6 The hall has had its first external customer and they gave very positive feedback.
- 10.7 There was a discussion about inviting Stirling Councillors to visit properties in the Carron Valley that are eco-friendly and would be suitable for affordable housing.
- 11 Woodland Group report - DB
 - 11.1 There was a wood fuel day on Saturday 8 November. 24 volunteers, delivered to 42 properties around the community.
 - 11.2 Saturday 6 December is collect your Christmas Tree day. The hall will be open.
- 12 Roads report - PH
 - 12.1 Thanks for sealing the central part of the Long Line and doing some patching. However some roads are still in a very poor condition.
 - 12.2 C10 there is water running all over the roads. It needs some serious action to deal with drainage or it is going to be very dangerous when it freezes.
 - 12.3 The sides of the road should have been repaired as well - there are big drops on the side, cars will be into ditches if type one is not added. It also encourages drivers to stick to the middle of the road to avoid this. **ACTION PH** to contact Roads.
- 13 Planning report - PH
 - 13.1 Nothing new to report. It would be helpful to put comments rather than objections.
- 14 AOB
 - 14.1 PW is attending as an observer until his house is completed and he can move to the area.
- 15 Date of next CC meeting -Tuesday 9 December 2025 @ 7.30pm via Zoom.
 - 15.1 DB is going to advise the Council regarding the changes to meetings. November will also be on Zoom in 2026.
- 16 ACTIONS
 - 3.2 Approved Minutes of October meeting and draft November minutes to DB HB
 - 12.3 Contact Roads PH

Appendix I Police Report

Name of Community Council	11/11/2025 – 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 11/10/2025 – 07/11/2025 There have been no Crime Reports recorded for this period. Total Crime Reports: 0 999/101 CALLS There were 2 calls made to Police for the area over the stated period resulting in the creation of a call card. The calls related to assisting members of the public.
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 Treasurer's Report

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	Maureen Berry	218		-£149.20	-£149.20	£857.59
Secretariat;	11/09/2025	September 25 Minutes	219		-£50.00	-£50.00	£807.59
Secretariat;	17/10/2025	October 2025 Minutes	220		-£50.00	-£50.00	£757.59
Stirling Council	13/10/2025	Admin Grant		£519.92		£519.92	£1,277.51
Dorothy Breckenridge	22/10/2025	Community Hall Bookeing Fees	221		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,227.51
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End Balance				£519.92	-£409.20	£110.72	£1,227.51

17/11/25 Cheque not yet presented

Morag Holdsworth; Treasurer
17/11/2025

Latest Bank Statement	£1,426.71
02/11/2025	
Difference to bank statement	£199.20
unchashed cheque 218	-£149.20
unchashed cheque 221	-£50.00
	-£199.20