

APPROVED minutes Carron Valley & District Community Council
Tuesday 10 February 2026 meeting via Zoom

Officers in attendance

Peter Hayward, Chair, PH
Margaret Porter, MP

Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec., DB
Phil White, PW

Officers not in attendance

Morag Holdsworth, MH

David Petch, DP

Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

- 1 The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
 - 1.2 Apologies – David Petch, Morag Holdsworth, 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 attached as Appendix I
 - 2.1 Break-in in empty property. Chartershall Road, Oil stolen.

 - 3.1 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 11 November 2025. No meeting was held in December owing to a power cut in the area. Notes were circulated instead. Proposed PH, seconded DB. **ACTION HB** send to DB for Stirling Council along with notes of cancelled December meeting.

 - 4 Chair's report – PH
 - 4.1 PH would like to step down if someone else can be found, everyone is asked to look for another member.

 - 5 Secretary's report – DB
 - 5.1 Evelyn Tweed MSP visited the community hall on Friday 6 February. She had previously visited the community woodland. Her background is affordable rural housing, so she was keen to find out how she can help.
- A number of issues were raised with Evelyn:
1. The water supply from the reservoir, the pipe gets blocked after heavy rain.
 2. Issues with getting a functioning smart meter, the whole process has taken almost a year. It is with the ombudsman because of the hassle with Ovo energy and their lack of professionalism.
 3. Issues about care in the community in a rural setting. It is not her area, but she will try to follow up the case if the particular resident gets in touch.
- 5.2 Local place plan - Council officers have asked us to provide more information. It has been circulated to other CCs. Cambusbarron thanked for circulating. Gargunnoch commented on information on a map which needed adding. By the end of March it should be in the council system.
PH thanked MP and DB for all their work on this.

- 5.3 The personal assistant of new Chief Executive contacted Community Councils saying they'd like to attend. We have suggested either the April or May meeting at the hall. **ACTION DB** to follow up.
- 6 Treasurer's report.** Attached as Appendix II
- 6.1 MH was away but submitted a report.
7. No Stirling Councillor attended this meeting.
- 8 Valley Renewables Group report – MP**
- 8.1 The Board met on 3 February, the first of the bi-monthly meetings.
- 8.2 £8K awarded in grants in December £7K in January - £50K of the grants budget so far. 19 energy efficiency grants have been awarded but not all for full amount so £8K is left. £1400 paid out on community group events. An application for music sessions was approved.
- 8.3 We are underspent on the restricted fund.
- 8.4 Bank of Scotland has introduced £1 per cheque charge so we are moving moneys to Virgin Money.
- 8.5 Community Woodland - camouflage netting has been purchased to be fixed over the blue cabin as well as shelving to tidy up items.
- 8.6 Woodland days organised throughout the year – the next is Saturday 14 February - maintenance day.
- 8.7 Plans to restock areas most damaged by storms. Make safe some of the central areas.
- 8.8 Community Hall - some external bookings have been received.
- 8.9 The water supply is to be fixed by 12 February. Evelyn Tweed is going to approach Scottish Water about this unacceptable state of affairs.
- 8.10 Acoustics are an issue as the hall is currently rather echoey. We are looking at options for this and a decision will be made shortly.
- 8.11 Feed in tariff solar panels - we can now get this organised now that the smart meter has been sorted. 1000kw hours have been lost because of this.
- 8.12 Audio visual system - quote for £4K - £5K, we are applying for outside funding for this. It needs to be secure.
- 8.13 Insurances - all insurances are part of a combined policy. They were renewed on 13 January at £3K.
- 8.14 Investment fund - this has been wound up. Residual amount is in two Virgin Money accounts - £50K into high-earning account, the rest to another account for general use.
- 8.15 Health and wellbeing project/Valley Vitality. We received £3K for a trial series of sessions that Christine Puckering and Josie Deans will be running from 15 April.

- 8.16 Energy efficiency – there has been concern that not enough follow-up visits have been booked following EPC+ visits. If not taken up, the money will be redirected to another grant scheme.
- 8.17 Events - possibly Easter event, possible Strathcarron hospice coffee morning.
- 8.18 Trustee handbook – the draft version has been circulated, cyber security information is to be added.
- 8.19 Admin assistant fee increase from £17 per hour to £18 per hour has been agreed from April 2026.
- 8.20 Unfortunately Evelyn Tweed MSP is not standing for re-election at the next election.

9 Woodland Group report - DB

- 9.1 The ground is very wet currently.
- 9.2 PH asked about whether broad leaf trees were being felled. Why is some sitka being restocked when so much has been deliberately removed? Answer - one area is so wet that sitka is the best tree for it.
- 9.3 PH found that it was difficult to identify exactly what was being done from the email link sent out.

10 Roads report - PH

- 10.1 PH spoke to workman using the jet patcher recently near Craigengelt. Potholes are very bad near the vets - but there were parked cars so he was unable to deal with those.

There is a huge drop now on some of the verges.

- 10.2 MP - a priority is to put type one on either side as if this is in the verges it is much safer. **ACTION PH** to contact again to remind them that they had said they would do this.
- 10.3 Signs needed at passing places - the C10 does not have 'proper' passing places and it really needs it. **ACTION PH.**
- 10.4 Gateside - the Carronbridge sign has come off its pole and is lying on the ground. **ACTION PH.**
- 11 Planning report - PH
- 11.1 Mr Roddy of Sauchieburn House has received planning permission for houses at Foot o'Green Farm.
- 11.2 Rosehall - near green barn before bend in the road. They want to put another house next door and have applied for planning permission for dividing the land as a first step.

12 AOB

- 12.1 MP - a resident contacted to say that he was concerned that the Government was going to impose requirement on people over 70 to re-sit the driving test annually. There is no such policy currently. There is no public transport in our area. We have in the past discussed schemes such as DRT (demand responsive transport, i.e. residents prebook

a taxi to go to closest bus stop). It ended during the pandemic when travel wasn't permitted.

Robertson Trust has a community mini bus grant but there would be additional costs.

PH could we lodge funds with a taxi company for an emergency situation, e.g. a resident was unable to drive. This would need to be carefully looked into. **ACTION MP.**

Order of Malta vehicles are in various sizes some you can arrange to hire at minimal cost (self-drive) as well as supplying drivers.

PW - knows of areas having a preferred supplier.

MP we need to know how many residents would use it. Perhaps a survey could be included with the next newsletter (April).

12.2 Community email list - should we set one up? This would just be used for communicating with residents about CC business. **ACTION MP** to include in the next newsletter.

12.3 **ACTION PH** to contact David Petch.

13 Date of next CC meeting Tuesday 10 March at the Carron Valley Hall.

14 **ACTIONS**

3.1	Minutes of November/notes December, draft February meetings	HB/DB
5.3	Visit of Stirling Council CEO	DB
10.2	Roads - Type one required on edges of roads	PH
10.3	Passing places	PH
10.4	Gateside - Carronbridge sign	PH
12.1	Demand response transport	MP
12.2	Community email list	MP

Name of Community Council	10/02/2026 – 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 07/12/2025 – 09/02/2026
	There has been 1 Crime Report recorded for this period.
	Undetected: 1
	Theft by Housebreaking (non dwelling) – enquiry still live with Reporting Officer.
	Total Crime Reports: 1
	999/101 CALLS
	There were 12 calls made to Police for the area over the stated period resulting in the creation of a call card. The calls related to Planned shoots, Theft, Road Traffic Offences, Concern for Persons, and assist 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

Carron Valley & District Community Council

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 Booking Fees	221		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,227.51
Secretariat;	18/11/2025	November 2025 Minutes	222		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,177.51
Secretariat;	12/12/2025	December 2025 admin	223		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,127.51
Secretariat;	14/02/2026	February 2026 Minutes	224			£0.00	£1,127.51
End Balance				£519.92	-£509.20	£10.72	£1,127.51
Morag Holdsworth; Treasurer	14/02/2026						
Latest Bank Statement	02/12/2025						
Statement End Balance		£1,276.71					
Diiference to bank statement		£149.20					
unchashed cheque 218		-£149.20					

Cheque not yet cashed