

APPROVED MINUTES Carron Valley & District Community Council
Tuesday 14 April 2026 meeting at Carron Valley Hall

Officers in attendance

Peter Hayward, Chair, PH
Margaret Porter, MP

Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec., DB

Officers not in attendance

Morag Holdsworth, MH

David Petch, DP

Residents

Rob Ferguson, RF
Christine Logan, CL
Phil White, PW.

Crawford Logan, CL
Dennis Canavan, DC

Eurowind

David McCaughie, DMcC

Heather Ritchie, HR

Minute clerk

Helen Bang, HB

- 1 The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 1.2 Apologies – Morag Holdsworth, David Petch, Scott Farmer, police
- 1.3 Declarations of interest for items on agenda - none.
- 1.4 Items raised by members of the public for inclusion – resident at Buckieburn - 2 flat tyres in a row - deliberate vandalism.

- 2 Cairnoch Hill presentation - Eurowind DMcC
The new plans for the windfarm on Cairnoch Hill were outlined.
Turbines reduced from 200m to 180 m
Locations have been amended / refined
Potential locations for the substation compound and temporary construction compound have been identified.

The location of the current wind turbine was identified on the map. It is 91m high and is to gather wind data on site.

The turbines have been moved as far north as possible owing to restrictions about proximity to residences, environmental factors etc..

Question: Community Benefit - which communities will benefit from this and how much money is going to be distributed?

Answer - £5K per megawatt, this may increase to £6K Eurowind have held consultations in Fintry and Carron Valley. It is not typical to say how much community benefit will be distributed prior to applying for planning. It is usually done once consent has been given.

Follow-up - with previous windfarms affected communities received information on how much community benefit would be.

Answer - Council don't want to speak to developers about community benefit at planning stage.

Follow up - it is possible to have had discussions about community benefit prior to planning. All other developments have agreed at least a percentage before planning has been agreed.

So if the organisation sells on their planning permission the community agreement goes

VRG/ the CVDCC have Memoranda of understanding with two local windfarms, one consented, one not, there are agreements with the parties concerned. It is looked at as community compensation as the turbines are being imposed on the local community.

Answer - Eurowind can't agree to community benefit prior to consent being given.

Eurowind want this meeting to discuss planning issues, not community benefit.

It was felt that the community need more detail of what the community benefit will be before

How many other communities will be involved? Answer - not yet known. Eurowind have discussed with Fintry. There are other community council areas that may be impacted. Kippen, Gargunnoch, Cambusbarron and Denny have been informed about the development.

In the first round of discussions VRG/CVDCC will set out their expectations based on previous experiences with other windfarm developments.

Planning issues - Cairnoch Hill is at 413 metres Craigannet Hill is 60 metres shorter. On a clear day turbines are visible on the skyline. These are on Craigengelt Hill - 125 metres tall, 2km away. Eurowind turbines are only 1km from the road and 180m tall They are going to have a much more visual impact than existing turbines. Half of the population of the valley live in this part of the district.

Meikle Ben is the major hill in the area, these turbines are going to be a similar height.

The case for community compensation is therefore very important to justify this impact.

Eurowind have had largely positive support from the community - on feedback forms from the two consultations. There have been modifications made following earlier objections.

Query - the photomontages are inaccurate, they don't convey the true visual impact of these turbines. In the third consultation it would be helpful to have photomontages from the most open view - this was pointed out on the map supplied. A cross section showing relative height of turbines to Meikle Ben.

Eurowind - new turbines are almost all taller than previous turbines. A smaller number of turbines but higher.

Electricity - combination of above and below ground grid connection was to Stirling but will expect revised Gate2 offer later this year.

Construction traffic - will come from Denny on B818

If Eurowind not prepared to reduce turbine height or position, VRG and the CVDCC will expect this to be reflected in the community benefit.

Other windfarms have been happy to discuss community benefit from the start of the project.

Please advise management that Eurowind is meeting opposition from the local community regarding lack of transparency on community benefit.

There are approx 160 households in the CVDCC district. If there has been positive feedback it would be interesting to know how many have responded either in favour, against or unsure.

HB asked for information on future open days for the VRG website and social media as this was not supplied for the event on 1 April.

Query about technology - why do turbines need to be so high if they are at more elevated position. Answer - new technology is for larger turbines, smaller ones are no longer manufactured.

If RF drafts a memorandum of understanding will you give it positive attention - answer, yes, although the representatives in attendance are not decision makers. RF would like to set 'ground rules' for community benefit.

- 3 Community Police report attached as Appendix I
- 3.1 The Buckieburn flat tyre incident had been passed on to the police.
- 3.2 Motorbikes at Carron bridge - morning 16 March, not regarded as a threat.

- 4 Minutes of March meeting
These were approved with no amendments.
Proposed PH, seconded MP. **ACTION HB** to website and to DB for Stirling Council.
Actions - minutes, closed
CC enquiry for road sign - not heard back
PH to send enquiry for speed limit sign in ditch near the hall
Bin calendar - no response

- 5 Chair's report – PH
- 5.1 Nothing not covered elsewhere.

- 6 Secretary's report – DB
- 6.1 Nothing not covered elsewhere.

- 7 Treasurer's report. Attached as Appendix II
£1077.51 current balance.

RF queried for contribution to newsletter. In the past £500 has been contributed (this was some years ago). **Decision** this was agreed. **ACTION RF** to invoice CVDCC.

£518 has been spent on parts for the defibrillators. DB thinks this can be claimed from Stirling Council. **ACTION DB.**

- 8. Stirling Councillor's report
 - 8.1 No report was received.

- 9 Valley Renewables Group report – MP
 - 9.1 Attached as Appendix - MP to send.
 - 9.2 Duncannon Fort - looking to meet to discuss relations with FLS.
 - 9.3 Discussion of contingency fund at the recent Board meeting. Would like more information about the targeting of this, aims etc. Issues about giving money directly. PH - Fintry have a Hardship fund, we are not sure how this operates.
 - 9.4 RF to speak to Fintry about their part-ownership of a turbine. This is something to be considered going forward but it is a long-term commitment.

- 10 Woodland Group report - DB
 - 10.1 Attached as Appendix
 - 10.2 We have permission for felling. We will retain some for wood fuel to be distributed.
 - 10.3 Planning work for drainage ditches.

- 11 Roads report - PH
 - 11.1 Nothing not covered elsewhere.

- 12 Planning report - PH
 - 12.1 Nothing relevant
 - 12.2 Consent for homes - eco chalets, may have expired.

- 13 AOB
 - 13.1 Dennis Canavan - RF to draft a memorandum of understanding for Eurowind. RF thinks a meeting to discuss community expectations. A decision-maker from Eurowind would be helpful. **ACTION RF.**
 - 13.2 June meeting is AGM.

- 14 Date of next CC meeting Tuesday 12 May at the Carron Valley Hall.

The meeting closed at

Police Report

Name of Community Council	14/04/2026 – 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 10/03/2026 – 12/04/2026
	There has been 6 Crime Report recorded for this period.
	1 relates to the apparent theft of some unattended personal belongings in the rural area. Enquiries are ongoing.
	The others relate to the incident to which I make mention in the next section.
	Total Crime Reports: 3
	999/101 CALLS
	There were 8 calls to police originating from the Community Council area during the report period. They covered a number of matters. Of note one included a dog on dog attack which was referred to the dog warden, and another was in reference to a group of

motorbikes causing a noise nuisance near Carron Bridge.

Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information

Members may be aware of an incident involving a number of Police resources near to Carron Bridge on the morning of 16/03/2026. I'd like to take this opportunity to reassure members that this incident, which originated in Stirling, poses no threat or risk to the Carron Valley area.

As the weather starts to improve and the nights get lighter, PCs Hunter and Goldie will endeavour to conduct increased patrols in the area when possible.

Feedback from meeting

Please e-mail any feedback/questions to PCs Goldie and Hunter at the new email address of:

StirlingCommunityPolice@scotland.police.uk

Treasurer's report

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; community survey	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		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,077.51
Secretariat;	10/03/2026	March 2026 Minutes	225		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,027.51
End Balance				£519.92	-£609.20	-£89.28	£1,027.51

Latest Bank Statement	01/03/2026
Statement End Balance	£1,077.51
Difference to bank statement	-£50.00
uncashed cheque 225	£50.00

Morag Holdsworth; Treasurer 14/04/2026