APPROVED minutes of Carron Valley & District Community Council
Meeting held Tuesday 8 September 2026 at Carron Valley Hall

Officers in attendance

Peter Hayward, Chair, PH
Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec., DB
Margaret Porter, MP
Morag Holdsworth, MH

Officers not in attendance

David Petch, DP

Other

Phillip White, resident, PW
Katharine Elliot, resident, KE
Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

Scott Farmer, elected rep, SF

1 The chair welcomed everyone back after the summer break.
1.2 Apologies – David Petch, 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

This was circulated prior to the meeting. It covers the past three months. Nothing of particular relevance to our area.

3.1 Minutes of the June meeting. These were approved with no amendments. Proposed DB, seconded PH. **ACTION HB** to DB for Stirling Council and to website.

4 ACTIONS from June 2026 meeting

3.1	Approved minutes of May meeting	closed
8.7	Recycling of tree tubes	closed
8.18	Contact Fintry regarding hardship fund	closed
11.1	Planning portal link on social media and website	closed
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5 Chair's report - PH

5.1 PH will be stepping down as Chair shortly. The date is to be decided.

5.2 See planning report item 12

6 Secretary's report – DB

6.1 It has been fairly quiet over the summer.

6.2 Co-option for Community Councillor to replace Maureen Berry

Nominations are open till 6pm 29 September - Notify Stirling Council for review and checking. Anyone standing has to be on the electoral register for the relevant Community Council.

Approve election result at CVDCC meeting 13 October 2026

Decision: It was agreed to proceed on this basis. **ACTION DB**

7 Treasurer's report.

7.1 There is £367.51 in the bank. May, June and AGM minute invoices paid. We have applied for the administration grant, currently £520, usually received in October.

7.2 Stirling Council have sent out a survey asking whether the current grant is sufficient to run the community council. It was agreed to give feedback on the meeting fee for the minute clerk as it is only £40 and has not increased for some years.

ACTION MH to respond to survey.

8 Stirling Councillor report – SF

8.1 Sauchieburn Estate and right to roam legislation. A complaint was received regarding a locked gate and the landowner did not respond by the deadline so the padlock was removed and the landowner will be billed for the costs.

8.2 Stirling - events are being organised to create a more vibrant town centre. Unfortunately there is rail disruption this weekend but additional bus services have been laid on.

8.3 Programme for Government – public sector reform. Forth Valley Health Board will disappear. There will be two strategic boards for health in Scotland. We are awaiting details on changes to health and social care.

8.4 There has been a structural deficit for some time regarding social care. We have a projected deficit of £13 million. Discussions and consultations are still underway and detail is lacking.

9 Valley Renewables Group report – MP

9.1 Attached as Appendix II. This was circulated prior to the meeting.

9.2 Admin assistant Helen Bang is stepping down at the November AGM after 12 years with VRG. Jane Howie is taking over this role, she has worked with DB and MP previously.

9.3 Smart meters – many residents are having issues with these not working properly and they are a requirement if solar panels are installed. There was an article in the July issue of the newsletter.

9.4 Bank accounts, buildings value

9.5 Grants – paid out in August - £8169 Liabilities - £9350

9.6 Energy Efficiency grant scheme and the EPC survey take up has slowed down.

9.7 Thermal cameras – it is hoped to make these available to residents during the winter months.

9.8 The Flower and Produce show held in August was very successful– approx 160 people attended.

9.9 300 Nadara ran a volunteer day, planted around 70 trees, removed 900 tree tubes, replaced spiral guards, ripped up 350 sitka spruce.

9.10 Cuppa, craft and connect sessions have just started on Wednesdays for 12 weeks.

9.11 On 6 September we hosted a feeding station for the Tour de 4 cycling event.

9.12 3 October annual Pomona apple day. There will be a fire extinguisher checking opportunity for residents.

9.13 First aid course - 24 October – 10 of the 12 spaces are already taken.

10 Woodland Group report - DB

10.1 There is a new path to have access to some other areas and to access the Christmas tree area.

10.2 Planting is underway.

10.3 Saturday 12 September is the next wood fuel day. **ACTION HB** put on website and social media. There are also some small jobs to do around the hall.

11 Roads report - PH

11.1 MH reported that hedges had been cut along Great Hill Road (North Third) **ACTION PH** to submit a CC enquiries saying thank you.

12 Planning report - PH

12.1 Eurowind – 4 turbines proposed at Cairnoch Hill. The CC is very concerned about the scale of this proposed development compared with previous developments.

The CC would prefer that they were sited further over the hill. However this is apparently too close to two houses, and there are regulations regarding noise etc.

There are concerns about disruption to the community during construction – road diversions etc. children needing to get to school, residents to medical appointments etc.

It was noted that no community benefit has yet been decided upon although under Scottish Government guidelines this should be done prior to submitting a planning application.

ACTION PH to submit an objection – mentioning scenic value, access issues and noting that community benefit has not been agreed prior to the application.

13 AOB

13.1 HB is stepping down as minute clerk after the October meeting. A new minute clerk is required.

14 The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

15 Date of next CC meeting - Tuesday 13 October 7.30pm at the Community Hall

Following meeting - Tuesday 10 November 7.30pm at the Community Hall

16 ACTIONS

3.1 Approved June minutes to DB for Stirling Council and on website HB

6.2	Election of new councillor	DB
7.2	Stirling Council survey	MH
10.3	Woodfuel day 12 September on social media	HB
11.1	Thank you for hedge cutting	PH
12.1	Eurowind submit objection	PH

Appendix II Police report

Name of Community Council	**08/09/2026 – 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 10/06/2026 – 08/09/2026** There has been 5 Crime Reports recorded for this period which include: **Detected: 1** Assault – report submitted to Procurator Fiscal. **Undetected: 4** Vandalism x1 Drive with No insurance x1 Fail to Stop post accident x1 Lines of enquiry are being carried out for the above offences. Dangerous Driving x1 This offence has been closed with no further lines of enquiry established. . **Total Crime Reports: 5** **999/101 CALLS** There were 20 calls to police originating from the Community Council area during the report period of June - September

	These calls cover a number of matters, including assist members of the public, concern for persons, suspect persons, road traffic matters, assault, police information and abandoned 999 calls.

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: Forthvalleycommunitypolicestirling@scotland.police.uk

Appendix II

VRG report for CVDCC Sept 8th

These are the main discussion points from the last VRG board meeting plus some updates since then. The most important news item this time round is, as you will already know, our admin assistant, Helen Bang, has resigned as from the AGM in November after 12 years outstanding support to the VRG. There was some discussion at the end about how we go about finding a replacement. It was agreed to approach Jane Howie, who is known to Margaret and Dorothy.

The newsletter went out in early July and, as the next one will happen in October, items of interest would be very welcome by ~7th Oct.

After we were made aware by some residents that they are having problems with their Smart Meters, some time and effort has been spent on researching possible solutions. An article about it was in the July newsletter regarding this. While residences are being exhorted to have a smart meter installed it is not currently required. However, it is now a requirement for residents who want solar panels, air source heat pumps or other such energy efficiency solutions.

Finances: Cash & Assets as of 27th July:

1. Current Account at Virgin Money (Unrestricted) - £54,347
2. Current Account at Virgin Money (Restricted) - £72,837
3. Current Account at BoS (Community Woodland) - £8,864
4. Current Account at Virgin Money (Community Hall) - £5,341
5. One-year Fixed Term Deposit £50,000 @ 4% interest / annum
6. Total cash - £191,389 (to 31/03/27)
7. Land and buildings asset value (community woodland) at 30/06/25 is £234,783
8. Buildings value (Community Hall at Completion) 01/10/25 is £390,000 plus contents.
9. Nadara transfer (Earlsburn / Kingsburn) of £34,949.05 was made by Foundation Scotland and was paid on 22/06/26.

Grants:
Paid out in August - £8169.83. Liabilities (ie. approved but not paid) - £9350.

Energy Efficiency: The EPC / advice / hand-holding project has slowed right down although it is still available. Where we go from here is being discussed. We are looking into using Thermal Imaging Cameras as a way of supporting residents in their household energy efficiency projects.

Events:

The annual Flower & Produce show & BBQ took place on15th Aug and most would agree it was a big success.

We helped Nadara run a volunteer day on 27th Aug, where ~70 trees were planted, 900 tubes removed, 300 spiral guards placed, and 250 Sitkas pulled up. It was a very successful day.

The Cuppa, Craft & Connect sessions organised by Josie Deans have started (Wed 2nd Sep for 12 weeks) – also very successful by all accounts.

A team of community volunteers helped with the Tour de4 charity cycling event on 6th Sept. The hall car park was used as a feeding / rest station, with the hall as first aid provision and volunteer feeding / rest area.

The annual Pomona Day will be on 3rd Oct and alongside it will be a fire extinguisher checking opportunity where residents can bring theirs for testing, evaluation and possible replacing.

A First Aid Course will take place on 24th Oct. The 10 places of the 12 are already filled.

MgtP, 7th Sept.