



Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5 June 2025

Present: Stuart Freckingham (Chair), Craig Potter (Vice Chair), Alison Limbert (Secretary), Sue Bell (Treasurer), Fiona Shaw, Alasdair Street, Chelsea McKinnon, Stuart Duffy, Cllr Paul Henke

Apologies: None

2) Declarations of Interest

Sue Bell provides accounting services for the supplier that BCC rents storage space from. Fiona Shaw is employed by the Co-op and BCC (on behalf of the phone box food exchange) is in receipt of Co-op Community funding.

3) Adoption of Minutes from previous AGM

Craig Potter proposed the Minutes and seconded by Fiona Shaw

4) Chair's Report June 2024 - May 2025

This report covers the activities of the Community Council over the last year.

This year's main focus has been the Local Place Plan. This also included an event - Celebrate Balfron which was open to all local community groups.

The new school year of 2024 saw the introduction of zebra crossings at the school entrance. The BCC joined with a school led group to contest the introduction of these and are happy to report one lollypop lady still operates at the crossing.

Stirling Council introduced enforcement of the government change in pavement parking. This has proven largely successful in the village with the exception of few areas where the Council have been asked to review.

This had led to a smaller bin lorry provided for Weavers Winnel. We also liaised with Stirling Council to bring road marking changes to Hillhead Brae to increase safety and visibility.

We allocated funding and coordinated repairs to various pieces of play equipment in Donaldson Park.

Streamlining BCC assets for insurance purposes was an early year focus to reduce costs. Local groups who rely on partial funding have been contacted and arrangements made, along with the reduction of physical assets such as the clinic bus stop.

We applied for and received funding to allow us to purchase new Xmas tree lights. We also liaised with Stirling Council over the application for Xmas decorative street lights. Thanks again to Duffs Trees for their donations and to the Coop for their offer of refreshments during the "lights up" ceremony.

Huge thanks to the Xmas street lights group who worked tirelessly to bring much appreciated additional Xmas cheer to the village.

Following an incident at the Celebrate Balfron event we reviewed first aid and risk assessment procedures. Our approach to GDPR was also reappraised and recirculated to all members.

Following the completion of the Space for Living project local groups have made use of Tontine corner as intended.

Following the severe storms in February we held a resilience discussion with Trossachs Search & Rescue with the intention of developing a community plan. This is ongoing and will be a focus area for this year.

We met with the new community representative from the local Baptist church and representatives of Volunteer Matters to discuss how we can work together to further their goals.

Cllr Henke provided an update on the redundant care home which confirmed the site's likely change of use to housing.

As previous years we continued with the Phone Box Food Exchange; and the Community Orchard. The restored phone box on Dunmore Street continues to act as a Food Exchange which is supported by Luci Rooney and other local volunteers. The phone box is stocked through a variety of means (i) donations by the local community of non-perishable food (ii) funding from the Coop Local Community Fund (iii) donations of unsold bakery, fresh fruit and veg items from Balfron Coop through the Coop Food Share project. The external space adjacent to the phone box is used as a Seedlings Exchange.

Volunteers also continue to manage and work on the orchard on Weavers Winnel. The Community Council continues to support liaison with Stirling Council. The harvested fruit was put in the phone box food exchange for use by the community. All volunteers are thanked for their efforts.

A community litter pick has been organised in memory of Lachie Cameron who sadly passed away this year.

5) Treasurer's Report

The 2024-2025 financial report was shared with the meeting. Special thanks to Stuart McDonagh for examining and certifying the accounts. The accounts were proposed as an accurate record by Fiona Shaw and seconded by Craig Potter.

6) Re-election/election of Office Bearers

Stuart Freckingham was re-elected as Chair. Craig Potter was re-elected as Vice-Chair. Sue Bell was re-elected as Treasurer. No one stood for the position of Secretary and it is Vacant.

7) AOB

None. The meeting was brought to a close and the next AGM is planned for 4th June 2026.

As per Stirling Council Scheme of Establishment, these minutes are classified as draft until they are adopted at the next AGM meeting