



BALFRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 5th June 2025

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

Apologies: Laura Shaw (Minutes)

In Attendance: Cllr Paul Henke

2) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the meeting on 1st May 2025 were proposed by Sue Bell and seconded by Chelsea McKinnon.

3) Matters Arising

Update from Luci Rooney "Community Litter Pick – in celebration of the life of Lachlan Cameron – save the date – Sat 16th August. Start at the Tontine, finish at Doyle's with some lemon drizzle cake (Lachy's favourite) – any community groups that would like to get involved please contact me – thanks"

4) Declarations of Interest

None.

5) Projects

The final version of the Local Place Plan is being drafted which includes additional descriptive text and couple of comments from the consultation period. It will be finished within the next couple of weeks and sent to Stirling Council. A digital version will be available at <https://balfroncc.org.uk/local-place-plan/> There will be a hard copy available at the Library, High School and with the Community Council. Stirling Council are hosting public sessions to consult on the Local Development Plan and there is one in Balfroon Library on 26 June.

6) Police Report

Anti-social behaviour

A person was arrested, charged and held for custody for threatening and abusive behaviour and thereafter resisting arrest.

Fraud

A resident has been defrauded out of a large sum of money after making contact with what they believed to be an online investment company.

Another resident has been a victim of fraud after they were contacted by telephone from someone purporting to be from their bank. The suspect advised them there had been suspicious activity on their account and to tell them the 4 digit security code they received to their phone. Unfortunately, two fraudulent withdrawals were made before the victim realised it was a scam.

Last year, the community policing team organised and ran a talk at the bowling club to discuss the dangers of fraud. PC McCammon has suggested running a similar session again; BCC support and welcome this suggestion.

The full police report is available on the Balfon Community Council website and includes reports for the surrounding villages.

7) Elected Councillor's report

Cllr Henke will continue to chase an update on any proposed developments at the site of Strathendrick Care Home.

8) Treasurer report

The weekly delivery of fruit and vegetables will cease at the end of this month and be reinstated at the next payment date (October) for the grant.

9) Planning report

The application to fell 1no. Scot's Pine and 1no. Cherry Birch Ossian 1A Cotton Street Balfon G63 0TD was discussed. Comment to be returned on this application suggesting pruning rather than felling.

Planning Applications can be found at <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications/>

Discussed the Shelloch Wind Farm, Fintry. Although Balfon does not have visibility of the development, the students of the communities who will receive the community benefit funding attend Balfon High School. Craig will investigate the details of the development's community benefit funding.

10) Chair's report

A local resident has proposed signage at the east end of Balfon next to the Balfon sign at the top of Dunmore Street. This was discussed and agreed as an interesting proposal that could be extended elsewhere in the village and both proposals would be dependent on securing external funding. To be discussed further at August's meeting.

The poor quality of the road surface at Printers Row was brought to our attention and the matter raised with Stirling Council.

12) AOB

Joining the Balfron Community Council

The Balfron Community Council is looking for new members to join. It is a great opportunity to get involved in local projects and shape the future of the village.

BCC is open to all residents and we would be particularly keen to welcome students (aged 16+) from the high school. Members are expected to attend meetings on the first Thursday of every month (except January and July) at Balfron High School. You can find out more about the community council here: <https://balfroncc.org.uk/about-us/>

13) Next meeting 7th August 2025 at 7:30pm in Balfron High School.

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