



Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4 June 2026

1) Present: Stuart Freckingham (Chair), Craig Potter (Vice Chair), Sue Bell (Treasurer), Fiona Shaw, Chelsea McKinnon, Stuart Duffy, Carol Harvey, Cllr Rosemary Fraser, Brian Roberts (Stirling Council Chief Exec). Refer to June minutes for other attendees.

Apologies: Michelle Gifford

2) Declarations of Interest

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

3) Adoption of Minutes from previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed by Craig Potter and seconded by Fiona Shaw.

4) Chair's Report June 2025 - May 2026

The main focus for the early part of this year was to complete and issue for approval the Local Place Plan. This was issued to Stirling Council in July 2025 and accepted in February 2026.

We welcome two new members to the community council, Michelle and Carol, and also want to place on record our enormous thanks to Alison who stood down this year after many years hard work and wise counsel. Thanks as always to all who give up their time

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 Balfroon 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.

We donated substantial funding to the Primary School to help with their appeal to upgrade and replace the existing trim trail which was successfully opened earlier this year.

A community litter pick suggested by Susan from the Baptist Church was carried out last month to help Isobel Mitchel who regularly tidies up the village and isn't currently able to do so. A community litter pick was also undertaken in memory of Lachy Cameron during August. It is hoped this event will become annual. Thanks to all who turned out for these events.

Huge thanks to the Christmas street lights group who again worked tirelessly to bring much appreciated additional Christmas cheer to the village. Thank you also to everyone who help erect the two Christmas trees this year at Tontine and outside the library. 2025 light switch on was carried out by Anne Adams to mark our appreciation of her many years safeguarding children en-route to school which came to an end this year.

Balfron in Bloom continued their valued and much loved work across the village bringing life and colour to many green spaces. We thank them for all their hard work.

Other matters dealt with over the course of the year included various road and repair enquiries dealt with through Stirling Council. Start up Stirling trailed a weekly drop in service at McLintock hall which has now closed. At the April meeting many local farmers joined us to raise concerns with the attending Police Officer over increasing thefts. Balfron Recycle Centre consultation took place with a view to alter and refurbish the current facility. Yet again Stirling Council presented their Big Conversation to gauge feelings and thoughts on budget cuts. This years considerations seemed less severe than previous years thankfully.

5) Treasurers Report

The 2025-2026 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 Sue Bell and seconded by Stuart Duffy.

During the year we spent some reserves so our cash balance has reduced. This was expected as funding was received for Balfron in Bloom and for the phone box in the previous year that has been spent this year. Also, our contribution to the Primary School trim trail was made from prior playpark funding. The majority of the balance carried forward is ring-fenced to various projects based on the source of funds.

6) Re-election/election of Office Bearers

Stuart Freckingham was re-elected as Chair. Craig Potter was re-elected as Vice-Chair and Planning Correspondent. Sue Bell was re-elected as Treasurer. No one stood for the position of Secretary and this role remains vacant.

7) AOB

None.

8) Date of next meeting

The meeting was brought to a close. The next AGM is planned for 3rd June 2027.