



# BALFRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### 1) Welcome, recording of those present, apologies

**Present:** Stuart Freckingham (Chair) Craig Potter (Vice Chair), Sue Bell (Treasurer), Chelsea McKinnon (Member), Fiona Shaw (Member), Carol Harvey (Member), Stuart Duffy (Member).

**Apologies:** Michelle Gifford (Coopted Member)

**In Attendance:** Brian Roberts (Chief Exec of Stirling Council), Rosemary Fraser (Councillor), Neil Stewart, Ian Alcock, Kate Alcock, Peter Craig, George Donaldson, Jill Anderson, Iain Miller, Emma Calvert, Louise Craig, Michael King, Karen King, Daryn Piper, Fiona Piper, Allan Ross.

### 2) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were proposed by Craig Potter and seconded by Fiona Shaw.

### 3) Offer of Full Membership

An offer of full membership of Balfroon Community Council was made to Carol Harvey, who has now attended the pre-requisite 3 BCC meetings as a coopted member. Carol accepted full membership of Balfroon Community Council.

### 4) AGM

The AGM took place prior to the June BCC meeting. Stuart Freckingham (Chair) is compiling the AGM minutes.

### 5) Housing Development Discussion

The meeting was full of community members who had attended the meeting to discuss the potential new housing development that may occur over the next 10 year lifespan of the next Local Development Plan (LDP). Craig introduced the subject, highlighting the Site Options Survey and the Spatial Strategy Options Survey. Craig emphasised the need for community members to complete the survey as this is the primary way in which community views and concerns can be raised. From the discussion that took place it was clear that there was concern both about the number of sites being proposed and the scale of some of the potential housing developments. One community member raised a specific concern about the limitation of the survey only allowing for limited words to each question. Brian Roberts indicated that there should be some way in which the community council and others could submit responses via email. Craig agreed to follow this up. [Update: Craig has contacted Stirling Council Planning who have confirmed that supplementary information can be submitted via email. Anyone who does this should ensure that the unique reference that it provided when submitting a survey should be quoted in the subject line, so that it can be attached to specific survey submitted.]

Rosemary (Councillor) explained that the proposed sites have been collated from developers' and landowners' submissions and that the list has limited SC oversight or amendment (Brian Roberts confirmed that some limited filtering of sites had already taken place). Any specific planning proposals will always be subject to SC planning rules with consideration of the Balfron LPP. Some sites on the list may be excluded for a variety of reasons before any such planning proposals are made, or the scale of proposed developments reduced.

Some residents expressed concern over promises that were made prior to the most recent Dunmore Street developments regarding local amenities and road repair that were not kept. Brian acknowledged that in the past developers have not always been held to their obligations, but this process has recently been tightened up. SC processes will ensure that appropriate changes/upgrades are made so that local amenities can support any future developments with the costs being borne by the developers.

Craig also provided the community with two key forthcoming dates. The first being the Stirling Council LDP consultation event at the High School on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026 from 6-8pm. The second being the deadline for consultation responses, which is the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026.

## **6) Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **7) Projects**

Stuart D provided a communications update:

### Website Maintenance and Restructuring

Over the coming month, the community council website will undergo a structural review and clean up to improve navigation and user engagement. Outdated posts will be removed from the live site. All removed data will be securely backed up and archived to ensure we retain a historical record for future reference.

We need an Electronic Newsletter, which I will set up in June to allow people to register for BCC updates.

### Digital Asset Library

A centralised bank of local images and videos will be developed over the next few months. These media assets will be optimized for both web and print use (such as local posters) and hosted in a shared, accessible location for future council initiatives.

### Social Media Administration

Efforts to regain administrative control of the official Facebook page are ongoing. A formal request is currently pending with Facebook support. While the recovery process may take some time, the council will be kept informed of any progress or required actions.

### Google Workspace

There is an opportunity BCC to use a Google Workspace account which has become available because [Balfron.org.uk](http://Balfron.org.uk) (that Stuart D also manages) is moving to a new platform. The

Workspace account has 10 months left on the account. BCC is being offered the opportunity to use this to re-build the BCC website over the next few months.

### **8) Police Report**

No new report for this month. However, in the last Police Report, dated April 2026, which was not part in the May 2026 meeting minutes included the following as relates to Balfron:

**Crime: No crimes reported.**

**Incidents of Note: None**

### **9) Elected Councillors Report**

Rosemary Fraser made valuable contributions to the current housing development discussion and informed everyone of Stirling Council's approach and the allocated housing target for the Stirling area. On other matters, she has been very busy in her new role, which involves many public facing activities. She does remain one of our councillor representatives though and did communicate that she is available to provide help and assistance to our community as and when needed.

### **10) Treasurers Report**

Sue reminded Craig to have a discussion with Bill Noblett in relation to Donaldson Park plans for the spending of the £2000, which we have allocated to them for helping build a new path around the park. **Action: CP**

It was decided that we should stop our Scotways subscription of £30 annually. **Action: SB**

There were no transactions during the month.

### **11) Planning Report**

No new application this month.

### **12) Chair's Report**

Nothing to add to Chair's report given during the AGM, and available in the AGM minutes.

### **13) AOB**

Many thanks to Brian Roberts, Chief Exec of Stirling Council, for attending our meeting and making valuable contributions to the housing development discussions with the community.

There was a brief discussion about the High School coming back into Stirling Council control after a period of external control (as per the PPP arrangement). Stuart F raised the issue of the costs of hiring facilities being too high, and Rosemary Fraser (Councillor) gave assurance that these costs were under review, and this should result in costs to hiring facilities coming down. The sports facilities will be managed by Active Stirling.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 6th August 2026 at 7:30pm, Balfron High School**

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