



BALFRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 7th May 2026

1) Welcome, recording of those present, apologies

Present: Stuart Freckingham (Chair) Craig Potter (Vice Chair), Sue Bell (Treasurer – via Phone), Chelsea McKinnon (Member), Fiona Shaw (Member), Michelle Gifford (Coopted Member), Carol Harvey (Coopted Member).

Apologies: Stuart Duffy (Member), Paul Henke (Councillor),

In Attendance: Dorothy Simpson

2) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the meeting on 2nd April 2026 were proposed by Fiona Shaw and seconded by Craig Potter.

3) Matters Arising

(i) June BCC meeting and AGM, 4th June 2026

Brief discussion about upcoming meeting and need to ensure that we are strict about getting through agenda items of the monthly meeting and the AGM in a timely manner. Stuart (SF) informed everyone that Chief Exec of Stirling Council could be turning up to the next BCC meeting, so he would try to confirm. **(Action: SF)**

(ii) Energy Efficiency SWSCAN project

Craig (CP) informed everyone about the SWSCAN proposal to make an application for funding for a project that could help local people and organisations to decide if they want to make the transition to heat pumps, solar panel and batteries. SWSCAN propose to create a network of 'Local Retrofit Champions' to provide advice to local people and organisations who are considering making the transition. Everyone in attendance agreed that we should support the project. Craig to write a letter of support, to assist in the SWSCAN application for funding **(Action: CP)** Update: CP has compiled a letter of support and sent to SWSCAN on the 10th May 2026.

(iii) Parish Online mapping subscription £60

Craig asked if BCC were OK to may a reduced £60 fee to ensure that we do not lose access to mapping and data provided by Parish Online. Generally, it was considered that we could not afford to keep the subscription going, particularly if there is access to other sources of mapping data e.g. through Stirling Council. Craig to make some enquiries about access to Stirling Council mapping before cancelling the subscription to Parish Online **(Action: CP)**

(iv) New Housing Development Sites

Craig informed everyone about the new potential Housing Development Sites for Balfiron, which are currently out for consultation as part of the LDP process. Dorothy Simpson (Balfiron Pathways and local resident), had expressed some comments about the proposals prior to the meeting and was in attendance to discuss with BCC. It was decided that there

was a need to get the new potential Housing Development Sites more widely publicised, so Craig agreed to come up with some wording for a poster, Facebook post and the BCC website. Craig to contact Stuart (SD) and request he organise publicity, with the help of Chelsea (CM), Fiona (FS) and Dorothy (DS). **(Action: CP, SD, CM, FS, DS)**

4) Declarations of Interest

None.

5) Police Report

None.

6) Elected Councillors Report

None.

7) Treasurer report

Sue (SB) said that she was attempting to get Stuart McDonagh (our usual accountant) to audit our annual accounts. Sue said that he is very busy so we may need to find someone else. Dorothy (DS) suggested Mary Bates, who she has previously used for McLintock Hall may be possible alternative. Dorothy said that she could ask Mary if we request it. **(Action: SB)** Otherwise, SB provided an update on the monthly account outgoings and general matters including reallocation of insurance.

8) Planning report

There were no new applications this month.

Update on application we discussed initially in March:

Erection of dwellinghouse in principle

Land Adjacent And North Of 147 - 149 Buchanan Street, Balfroun

Ref. No: 26/00076/PPP | Received: Thu 12 Feb 2026 | Validated: Mon 16 Feb 2026 | Status:

Decided.

Comment: The application has now been approved in principle for a dwelling house. It is going to be for a 'No Car' development, and if a full application comes forward it will need to be with a reduced number of bedrooms to help alleviate the pressure on local parking. This seems like a sensible approval, and it will be interesting to see if a full application comes forward.

9) Chair's report

SF mentioned about the potential litter pick and said that he would contact the school and organise a suitable date around the end of May. **(Action: SF)** Update: Litter pick confirmed for Sunday 31st May between 1pm and 3pm. Need to get the word out and posters **(Action: SD, CM)**

10) AOB None.

11) Next meeting and AGM 4th June 2026, 7.30pm, at Balfroun High School. All welcome.

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