

STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Stanley Village Hall on 30 September 2024 at 19:00.

Present: Neil Hardy, Ivan Carroll, Suzanne Tattersall, Katherine Rix, Joyce Jamison

In attendance: Claire McLaren

1. Apologies:  
Jackie McLeod, John Graham, Fiona Hepburn, Ian James, Grant Laing, Police
2. Minutes of previous meeting  
Proposed KR  
Seconded IC
3. Matters arising  
None noted
4. Finance:
  - a. Treasurer update

KR provided update – SDCC received funds of £276.79 which is a proportion of the £700 annual admin grant community councils are given for the running of the community council.

We used this money to purchase a laptop and stationary costing £264.66. This leaves £12.13 in the bank account. This will be topped up again to £700 in October 2024. There is also an outstanding amount of money from the previous community council to be deposited into the bank account.

5. Ongoing issues
  - a. Ogilvie Development  
Road has now reopened from yesterday.  
CMcL advised that street names have been chosen for the new development.

Roberts Drive which is named after the designer of the church clock.  
Buchanan Street

- b. Deer Pines Development  
No formal update. JJ advised that a new drain has been put in, going into the burn.

- c. Wildwood  
NH expressed some personal concerns about the Wildwood consultation:  
He is disappointed that the CC have received no direct contact from PKC regarding this.  
He also expressed some concerns about the involvement of Tayside Woodland Partnership as they are not part of the community and he cannot find much information about them online. NH is concerned that TWP are allegedly funding the ownership.

CMcL questioned who had the issue – NH or the community and clarified to role of the CC is to represent the views of the wider community without the influence of any personal views.

Elsbeth Coutts clarified that WSWG have has some preliminary discussions with PKC and TWP but no formal plans have taken place. The consultation was to give community a choice regarding private ownership by the owners at Wildwood or a community based option. WSWG are one possible community group, who has expressed interest in managing the area. She explained that any other community group could also be considered if they expressed an interest.

NH had some direct contact with PKC who told him that WSWG and TWP would be taking ownership of the Woodland Area. EC was clear that her understanding of the situation was that they are still in preliminary discussions with PKC and other community groups could come forward.

EC advised that previously WSWG were invited to give monthly updates re: their work at CC meetings. ST advised that this would be a great idea and that she would add WSWG as a standing item on the agenda.

d. Church clock & Church Auction

Church went to Auction on Tuesday 24 September 2024. Auctioneer advised that sellers were prepared to take a considerably lower price than the £51000 offered at the last auction. No sale, there will be another auction on 24 October 2024.

There was some discussion about an application to change the land registration which may have an impact on the proposed cottages. No formal application submitted at this time.

e. Manse Crescent – Update re: meeting with First Minister

Manse Crescent – NH and ST met with John Swinney on Friday 27 September 2024. They will send on an email with images to his office. He will write to the landowner and PKC in relation to the overall flooding issues.

6. Road and Traffic Safety

KR and CMcL have contacted Matt Walsh regarding an update on the Road Traffic survey.

Duchess Street – Residents raised concerns about traffic levels. They feel there is a need for double Yellow lines at bottom of Duchess Street and King Street due to unsafe parking. They also reported issues regarding parking on dipped kerbs. They report that there are no signs on the road and that the road is too narrow for buses and lorries, causing wearing to the outside of the road.

CMcL advised that the road is a Public Highway so there is nothing that can be done to prevent all types of vehicles using this. It has been upgraded at request of the community. The road has been measured the road to make sure it complies.

CMcL advised that there are plans to change the speed limit to 20mph in all urban areas 20mph throughout Scotland. She is attending a briefing on Wednesday.

Fines for parking on pavement parking will be enforced by PKC Parking Enforcement Officers moving forward. Noting this could be an issue in Russell Street due to the street being so narrow. Concerns raised about corner of Perth Road if people park too close to the bends. Reminder to community about parking rules and request that individuals do not park on pavements as this blocks access for individuals using mobility scooters/wheelchairs/prams etc. Also, there should be no parking across dipped kerbs.

Residents continue to raise concerns about speeding within the village. CMcL noted that this is a police matter and that the police should be asked to attend and respond to reports of speeding.

Double yellow lines – CMcL noted that the problem with additional yellow lines is that this results in the displacement of traffic. Cars will be parked elsewhere in the village and this will also cause challenges.

Residents strongly feel there is a need for additional traffic calming measures in the village. Discussion around the fact it took the death of a child in Coupar Angus for traffic lights to be put in place there. Members of the community expressed concern that without action, a similar tragedy could happen here. CMcL advised that traffic calming comes at a cost and there is no budget for this at the present time. She advised that there is a need for individual responsibility and that the 20mph speed restrictions are aimed to address safety concerns in urban areas but this will only be effective if people adhere to this. She expressed that the current financial situation is dire and highlighted that some people in Luncarty having to cross a four lane motorway to access a bus stop.

Concerns also raised about the bridge to access access Active Kids having no pavement and the risk to children. JJ noted that this belongs to National Rail and they won't do anything due to their 30 year plan to electrify trains.

## 7. Police

Members of the community expressed their disappointment that the police have been unable to attend CC meeting. ST advised that they have been in contact with the CC and are keen to attend meetings but unfortunately this can be difficult due to shift patterns and the nature of the job means that even when they have planned to attend, emergencies have occurred resulting in officers being diverted elsewhere.

ST and FH have plans to meet with DC Mark Pebbles tomorrow.

Discussion about e-bikes. Members of the public are requested to call 101 if they have concerns about e-bikes and 999 if they believe there is an immediate risk.

Community Council members are planning to have further discussions with police regarding a Road Safety Event. They will also continue to share with police community concerns about vandalism, speeding, ebikes and any other issues were are made aware of. CMcL asked to be updated in relation to any meetings/intel from the police.

## 8. Planning applications and appeals:

19.08.2024 Formation of access road/footpath/cycle way to Active Kids from the Airtully Road/Perth Road Junction, following to contours of field along the back on Manse Crescent – Withdrawn. 19 objections and one note of support. Would have gone to Planning Committee.

02.09.2024 - 24/01235/FLL P5- Strathtay Extension to dwellinghouse and associated works at Rosslyn Perth Road Stanley Perth PH1 4NF. Small one level extension, family member of the applicant attended the meeting and reported that this would not be visible from the road.

09.09.2024 – Nil

16.09.2024 – Ni

23.09.2024 – 21/01482/IPL Renewal of permission – Erection of dwellinghouse and siting of caravan (in principle) at land 50 metres South West of the Old Smiddy Kinclaven.

Applicant came to the meeting and updated that she wishes to continue to live on the grounds of Old Smiddy Cottage. She is looking to build a smaller house in part of the garden. She lives a sustainable lifestyle and intends to continue promote/support sustainable World Wide Work on Organic Farms She provides Bed and Board and teaches people how to live sustainably. Her plan is to continue her current lifestyle in smaller more maintainable home. She also advised that she has an abundance of Apples and Pears available from her orchard and would welcome people stopping by to collect some.

It was noted that there are new planning applications which the CC have been notified of today in Airtully. These can be accessed via the PKC Planning portal if interested.

Stanley Mills – There is a planning application for internal works.

9. Correspondence – None

10. Emergency plan

IC continues to work on the emergency plan for the village. There are currently two volunteers for the core emergency plan and we will be looking to recruit additional volunteers.

IC has made contact with Frank Campbell – Civil Contingencies.

IC attended webinar for resilience group and will be looking to develop this. Flooding, Mental health, RTA are areas the resilience group feel should be included in the emergency plan. CMcL requested that the CC consider the role/response with the plan in the even of the A9 being shut for a prolonged period of time. This could include practical steps such as local community going out with water etc. How can we provide supporting in the wider context?

IC reports that some 'Groovy adverts are on the way!' It would be great to recruit some volunteers to be part of the village contingency plan.

## 11. A.O.C.B.

Reverent Ross Stirling-Young attended to introduce himself as the new Reverent of St. Columba's Church. He is keen to involve the local community and has arranged for the church to be open on a Tuesday morning for 3 hours for a coffee morning, open to all. He is hoping to use the church space as a 'warm space'. Please follow on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news.

We were advised by a member of the community that the community council have an asset that was purchased by the previous community council. The old phone box in Airtully is actually owned by SDCC!

NH has been working hard to secure a second defibrillator for the village. He has now secured this and has funding which was secured previously which is held by Stanley Development Trust for fitting this. He is hoping to secure a further two defibrillators in the new housing developments by approaching Muir Homes and Ogilvie.

NH also advised that Scottish Ambulance Service are looking to set a new CPR world record on 10 October 2024, running 15 minute Restart a Heart Live stream CPR training.

Date of next meeting (AGM): Monday 21 October 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall