KIPPEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
YOUR LOCAL VOICE

MINUTES

Date: 8th April 2026
Time: 19.30 hrs.
Location: Reading Rooms, Kippen

(1) Members present: Barbara Ross (Chair), Christine Stewart (Secretary), Robert Clubb (Treasurer), Scott Crawford (Vice Chair), Pippa MacLean, Neil Beaton, Ann Milligan and 2 members of the community.
Councilor Present: Apologies
Apologies -, Jackie Graham

(2) Minutes of last meeting; accepted as accurate; approved by Christine Stewart, seconded by Pippa MacLean.

(3) Matters arising from the last meeting: *See separate action list*

(4) Matters for discussion:

(a) Police Report

See Attached

(b) Correspondence

- Rural crime increase email – looking to have ideas on how to actively progress have said that we are happy to be a part of this. Letter for us to send to local council and MSP.
- Stall at Street Fayre – no
- Neighbourhood watch – invitation to watch post on Facebook – Action: Christine
- Kings Highway – Gargunnock CC have put together suggestions and recommendations based on the consultation this can be shared if wanted.
- We have been informed that Age Scotland is facing serious financial pressures. This is predominantly due to a significant drop in income from gifts in Wills, the absorption of rising costs and the conclusion of some grant funded programmes of work. Age Scotland has no other option but to undertake a drastic cut in expenditure and restructure the charity.
- Parking – Stirling having a consultation information to be put on Facebook – Action: Barbara
- Mobile Vaccinations – information to be put on Facebook – Action: Barbara
- Stirling Visitor Levy – call to join the advisory forum information to be put on Facebook – Action: Christine
- Clean up your area information has already been posted on Facebook
- Community council Elections – now 2028
- Emergency heating – information already put on Facebook
- Southwest Stirling Action – looking for reps from community council Barbara has volunteered. Setting up resilience hubs information to be forwarded to Risk and resilience – Action: Barbara

(c) Planning Applications – Nothing to report

(d) *Treasurers Report* – See attached. Accounts to be completed for the AGM

(e) *Councilor's Report* – None present

(f) *Community Action Plan*

Proposed date 28th April however need to tie up with Alan Beaton beforehand. Robert and Christine to agree structure and desired outcome of the meeting. – Action Robert and Christine

(g) *Buses*

Pilot Bus

Printed timetables available, some user feedback about the C62 and X10 do not connect. Looking at alternative Kippen bus stop.

(h) AGM - 13/5 checking that we have a councillor for chair. This will be followed by a general meeting. Agenda available – to be posted on Facebook – Action: Barbara

(i) *Any Other competent business*

a. Boat on Castlehill Loan – Complaint was raised before however, contact community police officer as this is now a bus route – Action: Christine
b. Rewilding on the green update – look at getting yellow rattle plugs – build into local community plan – need to clear the grass. Next steps to be agreed - Action: Barbara
c. Christine has contacted Striling council regarding war memorial advice on cleaning and maintenance - Action: Christine
d. Reporting of potholes has been put in the Wee Vine

(j) Date of the next meeting; 13th May *2026* in The Reading Rooms AGM at 19:00, General Meeting at 19:30

Appendix 1 – Police Report

Community Engagement and Reassurance

It is important to you to have community officers who you know, who are accessible and who address local problems.

PC Matt McCammon and PC Darren Gibson are the Ward Officers for the Forth and Endrick area. They are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, by calling 101, or by email at Forthvalleycommunitypolicestirling@scotland.police.uk.

It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact however this should not be used to report crimes.

Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at:

https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotlandForthValley
https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland
X - @PSOSForthValley
X - @PoliceScotland

ADVICE/REASSURANCE

We have encountered a number of dishonesty offences within the Forth and Endrick area this month with Quad Bikes, Fuel and various tools being the targets.

TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE YOU CAN:

- keep front hedges, walls, and fences low and rear fences and walls high
- grow plants that have natural spikes and are hard to climb
- add security lights such as motion sensor or timer-activated lights
- consider using CCTV to check and record activity on your property
- make sure bins are not left where they can be used to climb on
- lock away tools and garden valuables
- make sure gates can be locked

TO KEEP YOUR HOME/OUTBUILDINGS SAFE YOU CAN:

- lock your doors and windows or fit extra locks
- use a security bar for your door
- use security items certified by Secured By Design or Sold Secure
- put your keys somewhere safe
- avoid putting your address or room number on your keys
- install a security alarm
- add security lights such as motion sensor or timer-activated lights
- consider using CCTV to check and record activity on your property

- add window grills or heavy wire mesh
- lock valuable tools/equipment/machinery in outbuildings

KIPPEN	**Crime:** Two speeding offences detected on the A811 near Kippen by the Safety Camera Unit. The highest speed recorded being 70 mph. Police received a report of a driver having collided with an Ambulance on A811 near Kippen. Officers attended the scene and it was established the driver failed to give way at a junction. Driver was offered a Fixed Penalty Notice for Careless Driving. Police received a report of a theft of fuel from a digger which was sited in a field near Kippen. No suspect has yet been identified however enquires are still ongoing. Police received a report of a male acting in an aggressive manner toward a member of the public. Enquiries conducted to establish identity of the male were unsuccessful therefore manner filed. **Incidents of Note:** No incidents of note.

APPENDIX 2 – Treasurers Report (April)

KIPPEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CASH FLOW STATEMENT 2025-2026														
Period up to 04/08/2026														
Balance 2024-25 b/fwd		£2,276.10												
INCOME	Category	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Total
Admin Grant	CORE													£0.00
GoFundMe (Defibrillator)														£0.00
Kippen Initiative (Village Tubs Project)							£832.00							£832.00
Total Income		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£832.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£832.00**
EXPENDITURE		Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Total
ICO Registration (reimburse RC)	CORE					£52.00								£52.00
Website (reimburse RC)	CORE					£85.85						£83.10		£168.95
Meeting Room hire	CORE						£50.00					£130.00		£180.00
Defib Pads (Trossachs SARS)														£0.00
Printing costs - village consultation (reimburse Barbara Ross)	CORE			£282.10										£282.10
Kippen Street Fayre Stall	CORE			£25.00										£25.00
Defibrillator cabinet (Trossachs SARS)														£0.00
Michael/Naomi Hirst (Village tubs Project)								£464.22	£32.25					£496.47
GeoxPhere (renewal of mapping licence)							£60.00							£60.00
Bank Service charges	CORE	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£4.25	£51.00
We Are Stirling (LPP Printing event costs)	CORE								£150.00					£150.00
Minute Taker Payment	CORE								£40.00	£40.00			£40.00	£120.00
Total Expenditure		£4.25	£4.25	£311.35	£4.25	£142.10	£114.25	£468.47	£226.50	£44.25	£4.25	£217.35	£44.25	**£1,585.52**
Current Balance		**£1,522.58**												
Notes														