



## Minutes of Meeting of Bridge of Allan Community Council

Held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June in the Allan Centre.

### Present:

Amanda Coulthard (AC) *Chair*; Leslie Harkness (LH) *Secretary*; Graham Robertson (GR); *Treasurer*; Inga Bullen (IB) *Planning*; Rosemary Dodds (RD); Karen McGregor (KMcG); Jenny Smith (JS); Mike Watson (MW);

### Apologies:

Shumela Ahmed (SA); Kathryn Chadwick (KC); Councillor Thomas Heald; Alexander Stewart MSP; Douglas Neilson (*Vice-Chair, Friends of Bridge of Allan*); PC David Collins; PC Siobhan Rennie;

### In attendance:

Councillor Robin Kleinman; Councillor Alasdair Tollemache; Councillor David Wilson; Graham Russell (*Chair, Friends of Bridge of Allan*); 13 other residents; Brian Bullen (BB) (*Minute Secretary*);

*Abbreviations have moved to the end of the minutes.*

### B 2525. Welcome, Apologies and Conflict of Interest

AC welcomed those present at 7.30 pm. The apologies were noted as indicated above.

A conflict of interest was reported by LH regarding the FBOA Planning Application for a storage unit, and he will not participate in any vote on this, and will also be reluctant to take part in the discussion.

### B 2526. Approval of Minutes, Matters Arising and Action Log

JS proposed the May 2025 minutes be approved, Seconded by IB.

#### Matters Arising (LH)

In relation to **Item B 2513** and the Sunnyslaw Road closure, Councillor Tollemache forwarded a communication from SC confirming that the work on the wall would begin during the week beginning May 26, with details of the timescale for the duration of the work to follow.

Also regarding **Item B 2513**, in relation to the implications of the Co-op redevelopment for parking provision, a SC planning officer has replied to my communication and reiterated, as already confirmed by elected members, that this is a matter which is outwith the control of council planners. However, in the same response, Neil Pirie, Senior Development Control Officer, has indicated that the council will monitor the effects of the car park closure on the surrounding public roads and that, should any public safety concerns arise, appropriate mitigation measures would be considered. In addition, Councillor Tollemache has forwarded a communication from the Co-op confirming that a key issue for the Co-op is how to work around the old concrete-filled fuel tanks, that the temporary store will have an ATM, and that the Co-op had approached the Royal Hotel owners to establish whether parking spaces could be made available.

MW raised the issue of the (vehicle activated) speed indicator displays on the Henderson St approaches to BOA which are still not working. Councillor Kleinman agreed to pursue this with SC.

**ACTION: Councillor Kleinman to pursue the Henderson electronic speed monitoring signs with SC.**

KMcG raised the issue monitoring traffic with speed guns. Councillor Tollemache recounted the progress of the Dunblane Community Speedwatch scheme. This has now received approval from Police Scotland. It will be only the

2<sup>nd</sup> such Community Speedwatch scheme in Scotland. The speed detection kit will cost about £3000. Volunteers will be trained by the Police. It is planned to start operation in mid Sept. There was a possibility of extending the scheme to BOA. Data on speeding vehicles is passed to the Police who will issue a letter. It was suggested that CC invite a representative from Dunblane to one of our meetings.

**ACTION: LH to invite representative from Dunblane Community Speedwatch to a CC meeting.**

Councillor Kleinman gave a brief report that work on the MUGA was completed. Gavin Drummond reported sending the CSECT grant forms to AC.

**Action Log.**

- (from B 2516.3): KMcG to facilitate communications with University of Stirling Sabbatical Officer re Park and Ride. KMcG reported that the Office is keen to pursue. Possibly using one of the existing Park and Ride car parks..
- (from B 2520): CC to contact SC regarding the need to have Lovers' Walk reopened. Councillor Kleinman commented that SC will keep it closed until it's made safe. SC will have the whole wall checked by an engineer.

**ACTION: LH to write to SC regarding reopening of the Lovers' Walk path.**

The fact that the path is well used was noted.

**B 2527. Police Report.**

LH summarized the Police Report prepared by PC Ross Barclay (PC David Collins being on annual leave) and emailed to the Secretary. The report is reproduced here:

**Introduction / synopsis of previous month:**

This report should provide sufficient information regarding police activity since the last community council meeting. If you have any further questions about the police report or any incidents that you are aware of that are not included in this report, then please email us direct on the above email address and we will answer your questions.

If anyone has any information on any incidents that we have been unable to identify a suspect then please let us know by email, 101 or by contacting Crime stoppers.

The report encompasses all relevant crime and matters of note which have occurred between 19th May 2025 and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**Current Priorities:**

Our current priorities in the Bridge of Allan area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Housebreaking, Road Safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.

**Main Report:**

Between the 19th May 2025 and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025, a total of 15 crime reports were recorded within the Bridge of Allan area. The crimes detailed below are those that are of relevance to the local community.

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

19th May – Anti-social behaviour warnings issued to two drivers for driving carelessly within grounds of Stirling University

5th June – Report of a car having been vandalised (suspect identified)

**DRUG MISUSE**

None.

**VIOLENT CRIME**

31<sup>st</sup> May – Individual charged with assault.

**HOUSEBREAKINGS/CRIMES OF DISHONESTY**

21st May – report of a stolen motor vehicle (Enquiry ongoing).

**ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD TRAFFIC RELATED CRIME**

22nd May – Fixed penalty issued to driver for driving without a valid MOT and exceeding vehicle weight limit.

22nd May – Individual issued with fixed penalty for causing and permitting another to drive a vehicle without a valid MOT.

5th June – Driver issued with fixed penalty for speeding in 30mph zone on A9 on approach to Bridge of Allan from Keir.

**OTHER CRIME**

3x crimes recorded in relation to communication offences committed via phone (Enquiry ongoing).

**OTHER MATTERS**

None.

**Community engagement and reassurance****Activity for forthcoming month:****Issues raised at the Meeting:**

JS wanted to ask about the break-in at a house on Alexander Drive on June 1<sup>st</sup>, which is not in the report. A resident complained about a large vehicle parking in an anti-social way on Queen's Lane. There followed a discussion on the nuisance caused by the parking of large vehicles such as camper vans... It was felt that long stays should be reported to SC (via the SC Report It website or phone {1})

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<https://scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts>

Community Police Email Address: [DunblaneBridgeofAllanCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:DunblaneBridgeofAllanCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

**B 2528. Updates from BOA Community Groups.****B 2528.1 Update from Friends of Bridge of Allan (FBOA).**

FBOA Chair Graham Russell reported on the activities of FBOA since the last CC meeting.

- The Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on 24<sup>th</sup> May had gone well. With many thanks to growers and helpers. A useful contribution to funds was raised.
- Hanging baskets have been put up.
- Bedding plants have been planted.
- The Picnic in the Park {2} event in the Pullar Memorial Park was held with disappointingly wet weather, with many stalls, though a few stalls pulled out,
- In preparation for the Picnic, The Pullar Memorial Park grass had been cut and cuttings removed by our volunteers.
- FBOA will not organise the event in future; there is too much seasonal work in the spring.

AC commented that she was impressed with the turnout from the community, given the rain, which had been heavy at times.

**B 2528.2 Update from the Community Activities Group (The Allan Centre).**

Councillor Kleinman in his capacity as a trustee of the Group reported:

WiFi installation is still progressing, some boosters will be needed. Some good and useful feedback was received at the stall at the Picnic in the Park. The roof repairs will commence shortly.

Councillor Tollemache raised a question on behalf of a user about parking at the Allan Centre and whether spaces could be reserved for users. Councillor Kleinman replied that it was a SC Public car park and spaces could not be reserved. A resident enquired if the roof repairs would impact on parking places. Councillor Kleinman thought that it should not. MW added that the possibility of weekend opening was being explored with SC.

**B 2528.3 The Dr Welsh Trust.**

Gavin Drummond reported that the Trust had restored a sign which was close to the University entrance. It was proposed to hang on the arch at the entrance to The Avenue. Gavin passed around a photo impression of what it may look like once hung. Planning permission will be applied for.

JS reported that after the recent tidy up of the Peace Garden a plaque was noticed as missing. It was hoped to find a photo in the archives of the Dr Welsh Trust.

**B 2529. Residents' View.****B 2529.1 Zebra Crossing Concerns**

Several residents raised concerns about vehicles not stopping whilst they waited to cross at the Zebra Crossings – the new one on Fountain road which was adjacent to the junction with Kier St was particularly of concern for being in a difficult place.

AC added that she had received comments at the Picnic in the Park about the distances between crossings on Henderson St.

**B 2529.2 Henderson St Road Markings.**

A resident asked about the recent road marking work, with parking restrictions imposed for a full week, but work only undertaken on a couple of days, and queried if there was further work to be done. Councillor Kleinman said he had already asked SC about this.

**B 2529.3 Henderson St damaged bollard.**

KMcG raised the issue of the damaged traffic calming build-out, the damaged bollard has not been replaced and the traffic cone that had been put on it has now been removed. Councillor Kleinman promised to chase this with SC.

**ACTION: Councillor Kleinman to raise issue of damaged build-out with missing bollard on Henderson St**

**B 2530. Our Bridge of Allan Planning.**

AC reported on progress with the development of the Local Place Plan. A drop-in engagement session was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May in the Honeyman Hall of the Parish Church at the same time/place as the FBOA plant sale/coffee morning. Members of CC and DBOA were present. We also collected some feedback at our stall with DBOA at the Picnic in the Park. The display boards were in the library between the events, and also for the week after the Picnic. It is planned to have a draft of the LPP presented to the August CC meeting.

A resident enquired as to any news regarding the Royal Hotel. AC replied that she had spoken to the owners and that a sale was nearing completion. She hoped the purchasers would accept an invitation to our August Meeting.

There was no comms re 103/105 Henderson St, nor on progress with the Paterson Clock repair.

**B 2531. Planning Report.**

IB reported that there were three planning issues of note.

**B 2531.1 Lecropt Houses**

The applicant of the three proposed houses at Lecropt had asked to meet with the CC. IB will suggest a date.

**B 2531.2 FBOA Storage Container**

FBOA have applied to locate a storage container next to the tennis courts. There are objections from immediate neighbours. It is a conservation area. FBOA explained that they currently have a 40ft long container at the UCP site which is due to close, so they are seeking two locations for 20ft long containers. There was some discussion with both support for FBOA on the one hand, and the need to recognise the status of the conservation area, and for fairness to other proposed developments on greenbelt/conservation areas that CC normally opposes. There was support for the important work that FBOA does to maintain and develop the beauty of BOA.

LH stated that CC would automatically object to greenbelt/conservation area developments unless the members of CC were divided, and that this is a very rare case in which it has been impossible to establish a unanimous common view.

**B 2531.3 Cedar Tree Preservation Order Kier St Garden**

Residents wishing to extend a property on Keir St have applied to SC to have a large Cedar tree removed. The residents' believe it to be too big for the garden. However SC have issued a Tree Protection Order (TPO) which is apparently relatively unusual. LH and AC thought SC should be asked to clarify the reasons for the TPO.

**ACTION: IB to contact SC Tree Officer to query reasons for the Cedar Tree TPO.****B 2532. Chair's Report.**

AC reported on issues not covered already in this meeting. She first thanked the volunteers at the Picnic in the Park. The MUGA refurbishment has been completed and it's already being used. She thanks Gavin Drummond for securing CSET funding. Regarding limiting dog access, SC are procuring a sign 'No Admittance to Dogs'.

She expressed congratulations on behalf of the CC to Johnny Dreczkowski on being awarded an MBE for his services to the Eilidh Brown charity and respite home in the King's Birthday Honours List. His recent cycle ride from Stirling Castle to Morocco raised over £150,000.

**B 2533. Secretary's Report.****Communications from Councillors**

Most of these have been covered in Matters Arising.

Councillor Tollemache has raised with SC a bent parking sign on Henderson Street

**Communications from Residents**

The CC received the following communications:

- A resident wrote to draw attention to the vandalised Keir Street sign at the bottom of Coneyhill Road, and also to the fact that the automatic speed sign leaving the village has not worked for a year. Councillor Tollemache agreed to take up the issue of the sign with SC. In its response, the council has confirmed that a number of residents from Coneyhill Road have contacted them, proposing a range of measures, including CCTV cameras, speed cushions, and closing the road, and the council has also stressed that all options will be considered. Subsequently, the resident has reported the poor condition of the Eco flag in the Memorial Park. Councillor Tollemache will contact the council on this issue.
- A resident has written about the uncut grass bordering the 'Chicken Run' path and has also drawn attention to the need for a 20 mph speed limit along the stretch of Cornton Road running past the fire station and the football field; in terms of the latter, the Secretary has written to the resident to explain that SC intends to introduce a 20 mph limit all the way down to the railway crossing later in the year.
- A resident contacted the CC to express concern about the fact that the build-out from the pavement at the corner of Henderson Street and Blairforkie Drive forces vehicles turning left into Blairforkie Drive from the Keir roundabout direction may be forced over the centre line at what is a dangerously blind corner.

**Communications from Stirling Council**

The CC received the following SC communications:

- details of three new SC surveys inviting feedback, two dealing with the council's Sustainable Mobility Strategy and the third dealing with the council's Local Housing Strategy; a drop-in session is available in Bridge of Allan library between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm on Thursday, 26th June;
- the June issue of the Community Development News Bulletin;
- notification of a public procession application from the Vesta Club of Great Britain;;
- a copy of a presentation by SC's Access Officer on SC's Core Path Plan in the context of the Land Reform(Scotland) Act of 2003;
- an Engage Stirling poster on the council's Local Housing Strategy.

**General Communications**

The CC received the following:

- the Scottish Flood Forum's Spring 2025 newsletter;
- MSP Alexander Stewart's June 2025 newsletter;

- a SEPA document on the flooding risks for Bridge of Allan and Dunblane;

## **B 2534. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer reported just three outgoings. There was hire of the Church Hall and the monthly webhosting fee, plus our CC bank account has been changed by the bank to a Community Account with a monthly service fee of £4.25. The current balance is £11,927.93. The statement is at Appendix 1.

## **B 2535. AOCB**

### **B 2535.1 Henderson St Litter Bins between Union St and Blairforkie Drive junctions**

KMcG reported on the litter situation on the south side of Henderson St between Union St and Blairforkie Drive junctions, with an absence of bins between one outside Leeanne Kerr hairdressing establishment and one on the bridge giving rise to litter on the pavement. Councillor Kleinman promised to take this up with SC.

**ACTION: Councillor Kleinman to raise Henderson St Litter bins with SC.**

### **B 2535.2 Overgrown shrubbery on pavements/roads**

KMcG and RD commented on the overgrown shrubbery along side pavements and roads, particularly the East end of Henderson St. RD reported, after suggesting to Fairview School that they could help, that the bushes have been cut back.

AC commented we can report if the bushes are creating a safety issue. IB and GR commented on the bushes on Pendreich Road.

**ACTION: AC to contact the owners of 103/105 Henderson St regarding shrubbery over the pavement.**

### **B 2535.3 Defibrillator Training**

KMcG has arranged for Martin Stuart of Forth Valley First Responders {<sup>3</sup>} to deliver a first aid course including CPR and defibrillator training at the Honeyman Hall on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Booking via the link on our Facebook page.

### **B 2535.4 Cash Access Service**

Councillor Wilson announced the possibility of a cash access service being provided in BOA, as under new UK legislation {<sup>4</sup>} access to cash services should be within a reasonable distance of people's homes, within 3 miles in rural areas {<sup>5</sup>}. Communities can request a review of cash access services in their local area. {<sup>6</sup>}

### **B 2535.5 CGF Assets**

Councillor Tollemache spoke on how the SC Civic Panel have not properly addressed the need to update the CGF asset register. It was mentioned at a Panel meeting about 18 months ago, but has not been discussed since. He intends to pursue with SC.

**ACTION: AC to discuss the CGF asset register with SC**

AC closed the meeting just before 9 pm.

## **B 2536 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting is Tue 19<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm at the Allan Centre.

## **Action Log Summary:**

- (from B 2526): Councillor Kleinman to pursue the Henderson electronic speed monitoring signs with SC.
- (from B 2526): LH to invite representative from Dunblane Community Speedwatch to a CC meeting.
- (from B 2526): LH to write to SC regarding reopening of the Lovers' Walk path.
- (from B 2529.3) Councillor Kleinman to raise issue of damaged build-out with missing bollard on Henderson St

- (from B 2531.3): IB to contact SC Tree Officer to query reasons for the Cedar Tree TPO.
- (from B 2535.1): Councillor Kleinman to raise Henderson St Litter bins with SC.
- (from B 2535.2): AC to contact the owners of 103/105 Henderson St regarding shrubbery over the pavement.
- (from B 2535.5): AC to discuss the CGF asset register with SC.

**Abbreviations:**

Annual General Meeting (AGM), Bridge of Allan (BOA), Community Council (CC), Common Good Fund (CGF), Councillor (Cllr), Stirling Council (SC), Wallace Monument Stakeholder Advisory Group (WMSAG), Discover Bridge of Allan (DBOA), Residents Against Greenbelt Erosion (RAGE); Community Action Plan (CAP); Local Place Plan (LPP); Friends of Bridge of Allan (FBOA); Community Right to Buy (CrtB); Prospective Parliamentary Candidate (PPC); Lawn Tennis Association (LTA); School Crossing Patrol (SCP); Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environment Trust (CSET)

## Appendix 1. Treasurer's Report. 16 June 2025

### Bridge of Allan Community Council

Treasurer's report  
16 June 2025

Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
<b><u>1. Playparks Fund</u></b>	<u>£5.75</u>			<u>£5.75</u>
<b><u>2. SC Administration Fund</u></b>	<u>£768.42</u>			
BoFA Parish Church			£77.00	
Webhosting June			£6.00	
Service charge May			£4.25	
				<u>£681.17</u>
<b><u>3. Unrestricted Fund</u></b>	<u>£2,351.81</u>			
				<u>£2,351.81</u>
<b><u>4 Larder Fund</u></b>	<u>£0.00</u>			
				<u>£0.00</u>
<b><u>5. Christmas Lights Fund</u></b>	<u>£8,889.20</u>			
				<u>£8,889.20</u>
<b>Total Available Funds</b>				<u><b>£11,927.93</b></u>
<b>Add unpresented cheques/payments:</b>				
<b>Less outstanding receipts</b>				
<b>Bank balance at 16 June 2025</b>				<u><b>£11,927.93</b></u>
<b>Graham Robertson</b> <b>Treasurer</b>				



- 1 The SC Report It portal for complaints link and phone number are on the CC Useful Info webpage:  
<https://www.ccbridgeofallan.org.uk/info/>
- 2 FBOA first held their Picnic in the Park in the Pullar Memorial Park on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to celebrate 100 years of the park. Photos and comments are on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/foboafb>
- 3 Facebook page of Forth Valley Community First Responders: [https://www.facebook.com/FVCFR?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/FVCFR?locale=en_GB)
- 4 Financial Conduct Authority news on new rules to protect access to cash: <https://www.fca.org.uk/news/press-releases/new-fca-rules-protect-access-cash-already-having-impact>
- 5 UK Government's Cash Access Policy Statement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cash-access-policy-statement/cash-access-policy-statement>
- 6 FCA document on how to request a review in your local area: <https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/access-cash>