



## Minutes of Meeting of Bridge of Allan Community Council

Held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Allan Centre.

### Present:

Amanda Coulthard (AC) *Chair*; Leslie Harkness (LH) *Secretary*; Patricia Hammett (PH) *Treasurer*; Inga Bullen (IB) *Planning*; Kathryn Chadwick (KC); Rosemary Dodds (RD); Sybil Greig (SG); Karen McGregor (KMcG); Jenny Smith (JS); Mike Watson (MW);

### Apologies:

Councillor Thomas Heald; Douglas Neilson (*Vice-Chair, Friends of Bridge of Allan*); PC David Collins; PC Siobhan Rennie;

### In attendance:

Alexander Stewart (MSP); Councillor Robin Kleinman; Councillor Alasdair Tollemache; Councillor David Wilson; Pam Wilson (*DBOA Board Member*); Graham Russell (*Chair, Friends of Bridge of Allan*); 26 other residents; Brian Bullen (BB) (*Minute Secretary*);

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

### B 2568. Welcome, Apologies and Conflict of Interest

AC welcomed those present at 7.30 pm. The apologies were noted as indicated above. No conflict of interests were declared.

### B 2569. Approval of Minutes, Matters Arising and Action Log

IB proposed the September 2025 minutes be approved, Seconded by MW.

#### Matters Arising (LH)

Matters Arising (October 2025)

In relation to **Item B 2559.9**, Councillor Kleinman confirmed that the “No dogs allowed” signage was now in place in the MUGA and the tennis courts.

Regarding **Item B 2559.3**, and the cycle lane bollards at the station, KMcG contacted Councillor Kleinman to ask if he could arrange a meeting with an appropriate SC officer to discuss this option. In his response, Councillor Kleinman confirmed that both he and Councillor Tollemache had raised a similar proposal with SC, and that the relevant council officer had indicated that, for the time being, there would be no change to the current system, although he did feel it would be worthwhile for the CC to request that a SC officer attend a CC meeting. In a subsequent response, SC, while recognising the intention behind the proposal and while always valuing local suggestions, stressed that it was not in favour of the proposal for two reasons. The first is that the active travel route might well involve reconfiguration of this stretch of roadway, and the second is that removing a cycle way does not align with the council’s current policies, particularly in terms of its emerging Sustainable Mobility Strategy

In relation to the ongoing issue of the primary school crossing (**B 2559.6**), initially. Councillor Kleinman wrote to reiterate that, since April 2024, three locations had been considered and proposed by SC, and all three had received objections from local residents who do not wish to have a crossing close to their property. Subsequently, however, Councillor Kleinman reported that, after consultation with local residents, a new zebra crossing would be installed during the October school holiday fortnight, located between numbers 10 and 8 Pullar Avenue. We have also been provided with a copy of a communication sent to SC by residents, expressing concerns that, without proper

consultation, the location of the new crossing had been moved further north; that the key issue (for pupil safety) of the footfall figures appeared to have been neglected; that the original siting, ie that of the crossing patroller, appeared to be the best siting; that the council appeared to be closing one of the two access points to the school; that it was not clear where buses for school trips would park; and that the assertion that the new option was safer, as it takes the junction out of the issue, was open to question,. The residents also would have welcomed confirmation that the Belisha beacon lights would be switched off when the school is not in session. In its response to the residents, SC has stressed that the original design would cause difficulties for the double-gated vehicular access to the school. The council continued to be convinced that the new arrangement was safer as it removed the junction from the equation. Light overspill would be minimised by shrouds fitted to the beacons and by adjacent vegetation. Councillor Kleinman was assured by SC that all factors had been taken into account. The councillor expressed a readiness to attend any meeting of the council and the residents and, subsequently, SC organised a site meeting for all interested parties on October 9. The outcome of that meeting was that the site of the crossing would be positioned at the site of the lollipop crossing. While this was not a unanimous decision, it was supported by a majority. The CC has been forwarded a communication from a council officer, outlining in detail the steps towards this consensus

Regarding **Item B 2559.4** and the 'Pop Up Bobbies', Councillor Tollemache raised the matter with SC and, in its cautionary response, the council has stated firmly that the erection of a police cutout would require the permission of the authority and that, since the cutouts can be a hazard, it does not currently give permission to erect one, although it will add the issue as a discussion topic to the agenda of one of its Member Road Safety Workshops. The councillor has also reported (**Item B 2563**) that the disabled space outside the Fountain Road pharmacy is now in place.

In relation to **Item B 2563** and the interest of residents in having an Access Protection Marker white line for their property, Councillor Kleinman has confirmed that the charge will be £192 for a new marker and £97 for the replacement of an existing marker.

Regarding **Item B 2554** and the suggestion from a resident for easing congestion in terms of Allan vale Road, Keir Street and Fountain Road, SC has sent Councillor Tollemache a detailed response. Among the key points made in the response are that traffic volumes in Allan vale Road are low; that the double yellow lines at the Keir Street junction are to be extended by 6 metres to improve visibility for traffic exiting Keir Street; that the double lines at the triangle will be extended; that the council will investigate whether other sections of Allan vale Road require double lines; that because of these changes, instituting a one-way system is not justifiable; that marking out parking spaces on Allan vale Road is not justified; that there is no residents' permit scheme in Bridge of Allan; that a requisite Traffic Regulation Order will only be considered as part of the Community Parking Management Plan when this is reviewed; and that consideration is being given to introducing staggered lengths of double yellow lines on Fountain Road from the Keir Street junction to the fountain, but with removing parking on both sides of the road not being considered as this would both remove parking spaces and facilitate higher vehicle speeds. Councillor Tollemache has now written to confirm that SC, in reaction to residents' concerns about roads and parking, has offered a site visit involving councillors, community councillors and residents.

Regarding **Item B 2554** and local residents' concerns about Over the Bridge, the local residents have sent the CC a copy of a formal submission to SC that includes a proposed Good Neighbour Policy developed by the residents, along with a Community Letter of Objection. Fiona Leishman has recently written to report that the owners have been spoken to by Police Scotland and by a licensing official, and that the residents' Good Neighbour policy has been shared with the owners

Regarding the problem of the rats in the parking area behind Henderson Street (**Item B 2554**), Councillor Tollemache wrote to report that SC had visited the area and had not only located rat burrows where a treatment would be feasible but had observed where improvements could be effected with the waste bins. Councillor Kleinman has also written to confirm that the council is intending to eradicate the rats and that a rodent treatment programme has now begun.

With regard to **Item B 2554** and the sand digger in the Fountain Road play park, Councillor Kleinman reported that, although the part has arrived, the internal bearings have now seized up and, if they can not be released, it may not be possible to repair the digger.

Councillor Tollemache reported regarding road safety on Henderson St that SC had responded to his request for a Roads Officer to attend the CC meeting suggesting instead an on-site meeting with Councillors, representatives

from the community council and any interested residents to look first hand at the issues that are of concern. He added that in addition to a site meeting there should be a meeting indoors and asked if CC could make the arrangements. AC agreed that a meeting to discuss wider issues was needed.

**ACTION: AC to confirm site meeting with SC and arrange indoor meeting.**

**Action Log.**

- Re B 2559.3 and B 2559.4: SC Roads Officer to attend next CC meeting
- Re B 2559.5: Councillor Tollemach will liaise with Councillor Wilson re the state of the Darn Walk,.
- From B 2563: AC confirmed inviting owners of Royal Hotel to the November meeting to discuss options.
- From B 2563: AC confirmed being in touch with the owners of 103/105 Henderson St re their new planning application.
- ReB 25566: AC confirmed that the contractor has been paid for the MUGA work

**B 2570. Co-opted Membership.**

(This was Agenda item 3 but was moved to the end of meeting, before AOCB)

**B 2571. Police Report.**

PC Siobhan Rennie (email: DunblaneBridgeofAllanCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk) had emailed their report, which LH summarised. The full 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and 20<sup>th</sup> October 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025, a total of 20 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**

None.

**DRUG MISUSE**

None.

**VIOLENT CRIME**

None.

**HOUSEBREAKINGS/CRIMES OF DISHONESTY**

16<sup>th</sup> October- local resident has been defrauded through Linked-In application. No suspect identified.

**ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD TRAFFIC RELATED CRIME**

21st September- vehicle has been damaged by another vehicle while parked on Henderson Street who left without providing details. Enquiries are still ongoing.

28th September- Driver was stopped on M9 near to Bridge of Allan for speeding and driving on a provisional licence. Driver has been reported to the PF and vehicle has been seized.

7th October- Driver was stopped on M9 near to Bridge of Allan for speeding and for driving on a revoked licence. Driver has been reported to the PF and vehicle has been seized.

9th October- Road accident, Henderson Street. Vehicle on its roof, no offences identified. Minor injuries and vehicles uplifted.

12th October- Report of Dangerous driving on Strathallan Road, Bridge of Allan. Driver has drove at speed along the road close to a local resident. Enquires are still ongoing

### **OTHER CRIME**

None.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

None.

### **Community engagement and reassurance**

#### **Activity for forthcoming month:**

#### **Issues raised at the Meeting:**

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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 2572. Updates from BOA Community Groups.**

### **B 2572.1 Update from Friends of Bridge of Allan (FBOA).**

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

- Hanging baskets have been taken down and our volunteers doing maintenance on them.
- Most planters have been cleared.
- SC have done the final grass cut of the year at the Memorial Park and we have been tidying up the cut grass.
- Some edging work at the Memorial Park as well..
- Christmas wreaths – traders are being contacted.
- Christmas tree ordered.
- Christmas lights are being checked.
- SC have given planning approval for our container by the Tennis Courts.

### **B 2572.2 Update from the Allotment Association**

Jen Clarke, Secretary, Bridge of Allan Allotment Association gave an update.

The lease has now been drawn with SC – with thanks to Alex Stewart. Some allotments are being displaced due to the flood defence works.

### **B 2572.3 The Dr Welsh Trust.**

Gavin Drummond reported that the Trust has its AGM at 5.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov in the Allan Centre. After which Craig Mair will give a talk on Old Maps. AC commented on the various old BOA photos and portrait of Major Henderson in the GP room– there is an index by the door.

### **B 2572.4 Update from Discover Bridge of Allan.**

Pam Wilson (Board Member, DBOA) reported:

1. We put in an expression of interest to DTAS (Development Trusts Association Scotland) latest Strengthening Communities Programme funding which was successful and now we're developing a full application. It's due

on 2nd November. We've also been successful in a bid for funding from Community Enterprise's Accelerate programme for support with the financial details of the application.

2. On 7th October we held our first meeting to explore improving accessibility in BofA - there were some great discussions. Some researchers from the uni joined us and we explored ways their work might support us. Thanks to everyone who came along. We're now looking to put together a working group - anyone who is interested please email us.
3. Christmas- we will of course be supporting events in the town. The Meadowpark has also offered us the opportunity to fundraise at their Christmas market, which is great.
4. Finally there was a very successful wildflower planting day at the Sunnyslaw Community GreenSpace at the end of last month following the last cut of the year. Thank you to all the volunteers who attended - it was great to see such a good turnout

#### **B 2572.5 Update from the Community Activities Group (The Allan Centre).**

MW reported there had been a resignation from the board. Councillor Kleinman reported that work on the roof repairs is progressing. There will be no windows in the games hall – instead overhead lighting.

#### **B 2572.6 Tea's Company Cafe**

RD reported on the Tea's Company Cafe, which is a social get together event every Monday 2pm – 4pm in the Honeyman Hall in Bridge of Allan Parish Church. Open to all (people of all ages). With tea, coffee and cakes, with various activities including quizzes.

#### **B 2572.5 St Saviours**

A resident reported on the regular weekly drop in sessions at St Saviour's church, from 12 to 3pm with free soup and hot drinks.<sup>{1}</sup>

#### **B 2573. Residents' View.**

##### **B 2573.1 Over The Bridge concerns**

A resident living in a property next to the Over The Bridge premises gave an account of the major negative impact on her quality of life, due to the noise (especially bad language) at night, affecting her ability to sleep; also her grandchildren were no longer allowed to stay with her. AC referred to the need for a good neighbour policy.

The joint owner of the premises outlined the measures being taken to mitigate the issues raised. AC thanked her for coming to the meeting.

##### **B 2573.2 Primary School and Road Safety**

A resident made a request for help with signage on the road by the school. MW mentioned the Common Good Fund.

##### **B 2573.3 Fallen Tree and other tree issues on unclaimed land.**

A resident reported on the fallen tree that had crushed his car in the small private car park behind the Friend of Mine restaurant. The tree was also blocking access to the rubbish bins. He raised concerns over the state of other trees on the parcel land going up to Well Road. His request to SC for assistance was refused. Councillor Tollemache reported:

*"that he was contacted by a resident whose car was hit by fallen tree on Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>; He then contacted the out of hours of the council; Told initially Council would attend; Then spoke to senior officer of council who said after reviewing land ownership they would not attend, advising other arrangements should be looked at; He sent email to council on Monday morning 6th October formally asking about the removal of the tree; Visited the site himself on Monday 6th October; Copied into emails during the week to the resident; He had a formal reply on 13th Oct saying the council had no responsibility to remove the tree and an email saying Council had no responsibility over the land from where the tree fell"*

A resident who identified as the Landlord of the adjacent property said that he had previously offered to have some trees taken down but permission was refused by SC.

AC indicated she will help progress this.

**ACTION: AC to help progress fallen tree issue.****B 2573.4 Road Safety -.**

A resident queried the date of the road safety site meeting (mentioned early under Matters Arising) and if questions could be submitted beforehand. AC said that the date was to be confirmed. SC have refused permission for use of a pop-up Policeman.

Councillor Tollemache reported that the Community Speedwatch at Dunblane was getting underway with preliminary vetting of volunteers and seeking funding

**B 2573.5 Lower Westerton Wood fallen wall.**

Councillor Kleinman responded to a resident's query about the closure of the path in Lower Westerton Wood (otherwise known as Mid Wood) to say that SC were not responsible for the wall as it was private property.

**B 2574 Our Bridge of Allan Planning.**

AC reported on progress with the development of the Local Place Plan. A draft of the final version had been put out for consultation with Councillors and neighbouring Community Councils. It is due to be submitted to SC at the end of the month. It incorporates the issues raised in our engagement sessions with the community. SC will confirm when it may be published.

**B 2575. Planning Report.**

IB (*Planning Lead*) reported on the SC proposals for the Old Stables, Allan Vale Rd. Due to the estimated cost of £1.3 Million to make them safe, it was proposed to demolish them. This would make the flood defence construction easier, and provide a few more parking spaces. Members were happy not to object.

**B 2576 Chair's Report.**

AC reported on issues not covered already in this meeting. A SC Roads Officer would be invited to future meetings – Jan or Feb. The Remembrance Service at the Memorial Park Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2pm. SC would be holding Flood Defence Information Sessions. RD and KMcG reported that the Christmas Lights switch on event would be on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are visiting retailers to ask for sponsorship. AC thanked them for organising. KMcG reported that there would be a notice in the Love Local magazine, and also an event calender would be printed for display in shop windows.

**B 2577 Secretary's Report.****Communications from Councillors*****Councillor Kleinman***

Councillor Kleinman informed the CC that the payment system for booking the Keir Street tennis courts has been approved and would be implemented as soon as possible, with the payments used for ongoing maintenance of the courts.

***Councillor Tollemache***

Councillor Tollemache has raised the following issues with SC:

- an issue raised by KMcG, namely that, once again, rats have been spotted in the area behind the Right Pharmacy;
- the need for more detail on the 'no waiting at any time' restrictions to address indiscriminate parking on Union Street, particularly on the level of consultation with the CC and residents that was undertaken;
- the need to check on the Fountain Road diversion route to ensure that the signage was adequate and for SC to establish with the bus company why a bus took the wrong route;
- the need to restore the displaced signs on Henderson Street;
- the removal of a defunct barrier(SC in its response has confirmed that the barrier serves a road safety purpose and that, as it has been damaged, it would be replaced);
- the need for clarification of the implications of a letter from the Scottish Government indicating that more information is required from the council before its Flood Protection Scheme can be approved(Councillor Tollemache has subsequently forwarded a communication from SC indicating that the Scottish Government's requirements would be met);
- the danger of trees falling in Sunnyslaw Road;



- the need for leaf clearance, especially on the cycle tracks.
- Councillor Tollemache also reported that part of a mature tree came down behind 43-47 Henderson Street, during the recent storm.

### **Communications from Residents**

Residents have raised the following:

- a concern that the footpaths and pavements in the town are either closed off or thick with leaves and moss from overhanging branches, and, consequently, with walking being impeded. (Coincidentally, SC has reported that some funding has been found for a limited number of deep cleans in 2025/2926, with community councils being asked to identify, in their own area, the top one or two foot way priorities for a deep clean, with any unable to be actioned placed on a reserve list for possible future action );
- a report of two traffic 'near misses' at the mini roundabout at the junction of Keir Street and Henderson Street;
- a very detailed email in connection with the collapse of a tree from the embankment behind 43-47 Henderson Street, an apparent public safety concern, given that other mature trees in that area seem to have been neglected for some time; the resident is concerned that the council has not taken action, particularly in terms of clearing the tree. (Councillors Wilson, Tollemache and Kleinman have raised the issue with SC and, in its response, and after two site visits, the council insists that, since the land is not in council ownership and, since the public road is not affected, the council has no remit to undertake any works to address the issue);
- road safety concerns about the need for pedestrian-operated lights at the Avenue zebra crossing;
- a resident sent a detailed email recounting an unpleasant experience with apparently improperly supervised dogs, one of which knocked her down while she was walking near the Cocksburn reservoir down, causing a knee injury; she also wrote to Forestry and Land Scotland and has received a response indicating that the ranger on site had tried unsuccessfully to find the relevant dog walker

### **Communications from Stirling Council**

The CC received the following SC communications:

- an update from "Your Stirling, Your Say" on the current live consultations;
- details of the reconvened Licensing Forum meeting in September;
- details of the roll out of the new glass recycling bins;
- Stirling Funding updates

### **General Communications**

The CC received the following:

- a communication from BEAR Scotland reporting overnight closures of the M9, between Junctions 9 and 11, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 31<sup>st</sup> for bridge maintenance works;
- a copy of the September 2025 Minutes of the Meeting of the Friends of Bridge of Allan committee;
- a communication from Dunblane Community Council seeking comments on its Local Place Plan;
- a copy of the Kilmadock Local Place Plan;
- Alexander Stewart's October newsletter;
- details from Bridget Clark of some additional Glen Road drainage and maintenance work;
- a copy of the Scottish Community Councils newsletter;
- a copy of the Cornton Local Place Plan.

## **B 2578. Treasurer's Report**

PH (Trish) indicated she was still awaiting the invoice to pay the MUGA redevelopment, over £13,000 had been received as a grant from CSET. Donations were coming in for the Christmas Lights. An admin grant had been received from SC for the website hosting and also CC insurance. Her statement is at Appendix 1.

## **B 2570. Co-opted Membership**

AC introduced the agenda on Co-opted membership which had been moved down the agenda. PH and SG who were co-opted in the August 2025 meeting were formally asked if they wished now to become full members, and they both confirmed that they accepted the offer of full membership. The CC now has 10 full members and still has vacancies as the entitlement is for 13 members. It is hoped to be progressing co-opting members at the Nov meeting.

## **B 2579. AOCB**

JS gave an update on the Lecropt Bridge works. She had attended a public meeting back on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. She recently emailed the BEAR SE Unit regarding the delayed works. The Assistant Manager had replied explaining they had

significantly adjusted the planned work due to environmental constraints (bad weather) and also delays in delivery of concrete. Currently working on replacing bearing. Work should finish by end of the year.

KMcG reported she had sent a chasing email regarding the provision of a water tap for the village.

AC closed the meeting just on 9 pm.

### **B 2580. Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting is Tue 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at the Allan Centre.

### **Action Log Summary:**

- From B 2569: AC to confirm road safety site meeting with SC and arrange indoor meeting.
- From B 2573.3: AC to help progress fallen tree issue.

### **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. October 2025

Bridge of Allan Community Council			
<b>Treasurer's report</b>			
October 21st 2025 meeting			
Funds	Opening Balance	Expenditure	Closing Balance
1. SC Administration Fund	909.7		852.45
<b>Webhosting August</b>		<b>£6.00</b>	
<b>Service Charge August</b>		<b>£4.25</b>	
<b>IOC Web security annual charge</b>		<b>£47.00</b>	3
2. Unrestricted Fund	15915.62		16315.62
<b>Stirling Council</b>	400		2
3. Christmas Lights Fund	8889.2		9403.2
<b>Blachere Illuminations</b>		<b>£486.00</b>	
<b>Bonza Bars BOFA Ltd</b>			
<b>Bridge of Allan RO</b>	250		
<b>Margaret Grattan Christmas lights</b>			
<b>S Ferguson Chriddmas lights</b>	250		
<b>Bank balance at 30 September 2025</b>	25714.52		26571.27

Notes:

1 - Still waiting invoice to pay MUGA (£13,806.00)

2 - £400 received from Stirling Council for LPP grant

3 - Paid ICO £47.00 for web security annual fee

Other:

Patricia Hammett  
Treasurer

1 St Saviour's Episcopal Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintSaviours>