



## Minutes of Meeting of Bridge of Allan Community Council

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

### Present:

Mike Watson (MW) *Chair Pro Tem*; Patricia Hammett (PH) *Treasurer*; Inga Bullen (IB) *Planning*; Kathryn Chadwick (KC); Rosemary Dodds (RD); Sybil Greig (SG); Karen McGregor (KMcG); Jenny Smith (JS);

### Apologies:

Amanda Coulthard (AC) *Chair*; Leslie Harkness (LH) *Secretary*; Alexander Stewart (MSP); PC Siobhan Rennie; PC David Collins;

### In attendance:

Councillor Alasdair Tollemache; Councillor Robin Kleinman; Councillor David Wilson; Isabel Walter (*Secretary, DBOA*); Graham Russell (*Chair, Friends of Bridge of Allan*); Douglas Nielsen (*Vice-Chair, Friends of Bridge of Allan*); 10 other residents; Brian Bullen (BB) (*Minute Secretary*);

*Abbreviations are at the end of the minutes.*

### B 2610. Welcome, Apologies and Conflict of Interest

MW acted as Chair in the absence of AC. MW welcomed those present at 7.30 pm. The apologies were noted as indicated above.

No conflict of interests were declared.

### B 2611. Approval of Minutes, Matters Arising and Action Log

JS proposed the January 2026 minutes be approved, Seconded by KMcG.

#### Matters Arising (MW/LH)

MW gave an overview of the Secretary's report on Matters Arising, which is reproduced here:

In relation to Items **B 2597** and **B 2600.1**, dealing with local residents' concerns about Over the Bridge, Councillor Heald forwarded his response to the communication from the spokesperson for the residents received just before the last meeting. In his response, the councillor confirmed that it was not possible for him to be involved in any formal complaint against an officer of the council, and, also that it would be inappropriate for a council officer the subject of a complaint to engage directly with the complainant. He did, however, also stress that ongoing issues in relation to the premises should be addressed as a matter of urgency, with a clear plan of action provided. He also reiterated the value, for the residents, of having a single point of contact.

Regarding road traffic safety concerns raised under Items **B 2597** and **B 2604**, a resident has contacted Councillor Tollemache to stress that, while, in general, he does not support the use of blanket speed limits, he feels a 30 mph limit is essential for the Keir roundabout, given the density of the traffic, the number of people joining and leaving the roundabout, and the mix of private and commercial vehicles.

In relation to Item **B 2606** and the Shinty Club's CGF grant application, the club has expressed its gratitude to the CC for its support, but has indicated that an external source has now offered to pay the full cost of the defibrillator.

#### Action Log.

MW reported on Actions summarised in the January minutes:

Regarding the restoration of the Patterson Clock he reported that the Secretary's report included an update.

The rubbish has now been cleared from near the railway bridge on Inverallan Road.

Councillor Kleinman confirmed that the wooden structure in the woods by Alexander Road has just been cleared.

Councillor Wilson reported that after the January meeting he had attempted to inspect the Library exterior, but in the dark he was unable to see any.

## **B 2612. Police Report.**

PC Siobhan Rennie (email: [Forthvalleycommunitypolice.stirling@scotland.police.uk](mailto:Forthvalleycommunitypolice.stirling@scotland.police.uk)) had emailed their report Tuesday afternoon and as he was away from home the Secretary had been unable to forward to members. Councillor Kleinman reports he had seen the report, he mentioned the report included several incidents of shoplifting at the University supermarket, and a jewellery theft from a house in Kenilworth Rd. 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 16th January 2026 and 17th February 2026..

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026, a total of 14 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**

19<sup>th</sup> January- Local resident was threatening towards another neighbour in Cornton Crescent. Local resident has been cautioned and charged and a report has been sent to the PF.

#### **DRUG MISUSE**

N/A.

#### **VIOLENT CRIME**

N/A.

#### **HOUSEBREAKINGS/CRIMES OF DISHONESTY**

21<sup>st</sup> January- housebreaking occurred in Kenilworth Road, Bridge of Allan. High value theft of Jewellery. Enquiries are still ongoing to identify the suspects.

Between 25/01/26-26/01/26 a vehicle parked on Kenilworth Road, Bridge of Allan was broken into, and a bike was stolen from the vehicle. Enquiries are ongoing. Currently there is nothing to suggest this is linked to the housebreaking.

23<sup>rd</sup> January- Theft by shoplifting occurred at Nisa, Stirling university- Youths identified and a report has been submitted.

6<sup>th</sup> February- Theft by Shoplifting occurred at Nisa, Stirling University. Enquiries are still ongoing to identify person responsible.

6<sup>th</sup> February- Theft shoplifting occurred at Nisa, Stirling University. Enquiries are still ongoing to identify the suspect. At this time these incidents do not appear to be linked.

#### **ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD TRAFFIC RELATED CRIME**

16/02- Driver issued with a fixed penalty for speeding on the A9 into Bridge of Allan.

**OTHER CRIME**

30<sup>th</sup> January- Culpable and reckless fire raising reported in Wellgate drive, Bridge of Allan. Male has been arrested, cautioned and charged. Report has been submitted to PF

**OTHER MATTERS**

None.

**Community engagement and reassurance****Activity for forthcoming month:**

Continued road safety/speed checks due to the increased number of accidents within the Bridge of Allan area.

Inputs at local schools/out of school activities.

**Issues raised at the Meeting:**

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

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

**B 2613. Updates from BOA Community Groups.****B 2613.1 Update from Friends of Bridge of Allan (FBOA).**

FBOA *Chair* Graham Russell reported on the activities of FBOA since the last CC meeting. He opened his remarks saying it will be fairly brief, due to a combination of the inclement weather and not much activity.

- Pruning of the dogwood plants at Memorial Park.
- Some maintenance and replanting at other locations..
- A second storage container has been installed at the (Strathallan) Games Park.

**B 2613.2 Allan Centre**

Councillor Kleinman reported that the refurbishment work was a few weeks behind schedule, however should be done around end of month. 2 new trustees have been inducted. Wiring for wi-fi is being installed.

**B 2613.3 Update from Discover Bridge of Allan.**

Isabel Walters (*Secretary, DBOA*) reported:

- Sarah Cameron has stepped down from the board.
- In response to a query from MW, she said that the financial support for the Sunnyslaw Greenspace was on the agenda for a meeting next week.
- Their AGM would be held before May.
- She confirmed that Douglas Ross had also stepped down from the board.

**B 2613.4 The Dr Welsh Trust.**

Gavin Drummond reported that the erection of a plaque was awaiting warmer weather (for the fittings to work better)

**B 2613.5 Teas Company.**

RD reported that Teas Company meetings continue to thrive. She had been distributing flyers to homes of older people. As the meetings were well attended, more volunteers would help, especially so that the Nursery could return to visiting.

## **B 2614. Residents' View.**

### **B 2614.1 UCP.**

A resident (Gavin Drummond) who had raised the issue at the November meeting of the future of the UCP site {B 2587.2} asked if there was an update. PH and KMcG said they would pursue this. Councillor Wilson said he had asked SC and that there was nothing to report. The resident raised concerns that small businesses in BOA had nowhere to go, and he suggested that UCP could offer something similar to STEP. PH reiterated that she would ask them and report back at the next CC meeting. MW commented that the CC had no feedback from SC on the LPP which included a list of initiatives for the UCP site. IB reported she had been on a tour of the site two years ago at which members of STEP had said they were not interested. The resident emphasised that the site was an important part of the village.

### **B 2614.2 Lovers' Loan**

Mr Drummond then raised the issue of the ongoing closure of the Lovers' Loan footpath. IB confirmed that it's not part of the Sunnyslaw Greenspace. Councillor Kleinman said he understood that SC owned the path, but not the wall that has collapsed. There followed a discussion around who owned the land. Councillor Kleinman said he would check this again with SC.

### **B 2614.3 Active Travel Dunblane to Causewayhead**

Mr Drummond referred to the presentation on the proposed Active Travel route between Dunblane and Causewayhead at the November 2024 CC meeting, and wondered if there was an update. IB said that there was now a planning application for the section from Wallace High School to opposite the Kenilworth Road junction.

KMcG reported attending meetings of the Project's Community Advisory Group but that there had been no news recently. She added that she would email Flora Chirnside (*SC Senior Active Travel Project Manager who had presented at the Nov 2024 meeting*).

### **ACTION: KMcG to contact Flora Chirnside re Active Travel update.**

### **B 2614.4. Derelict Buildings**

RD reported contacting the owners of 103 (former Ivy Hotel) and 105 Henderson St regarding maintaining the trees.

Apparently it was going to be a lot of work, and they may only tackle the overhanging branches. RD mentioned the award to BOA of 'Best Small Town in Scotland 2010' and also 2011 and how the derelict buildings significantly detract from the image of the town. She and her husband would be starting a petition about the derelict buildings (including the Royal Hotel). IB noted on a recent walk up Well Rd. she had observed the roof was in a poor state, with missing slate, exposed woodwork. A discussion followed as to whether SC could do something, KMcG thought they could only do so if there was a risk to health and safety.

### **B 2614.5 BOA Flood Prevention Scheme.**

SC are hosting some drop-in information sessions on the BOA Flood Scheme. KMcG asked for the poster to be shared on social media (BB will post on the cc Facebook feed and share the SC announcement). Councillor Tollemache confirmed that funding is in place and construction is due to start in June for about 18 months.

## **B 2615 SEPA Flood Risk Management Consultation**

The discussion was about the SC BOA Flood Prevention Scheme ( though the agenda item was the SEPA Flood Risk Management Consultation which Community Councils had been asked to consider at their next meeting {1}.)

SC had sent a poster about the BOA Flood Prevention Scheme drop in information sessions. It was decided the poster should go on our Facebook site and our website. Councillor Tollemache clarified that funding was in place and work was due to start in June, lasting 18 months.

## **B 2616 Tree Issue**

KMcG referred to the incident of 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 when a large tree fell on top of a Graham's diary lorry on the A9 near the entrance to Graham's Diary . About two weeks prior to this meeting she had contact Councillor Kleinman who in turn contact SC, and was waiting on an answer. Councillor Kleinman said that SC had informed him that none of the

trees were on SC land, most at the site opposite the Diary were on Fairview School land. He had heard that Mount Hope residents were to have work done on their trees. KMcG listed three queries:

1. Have SC performed a risk assessment on this section of the A9
2. Have SC given Fairview School any guidance as to risks from the trees
3. Have SC been in touch with Mount Hope residents?

Councillor Kleinman said he would pursue these with SC.

IB commented that she had seen the planning schedule for Mount Hope and it referenced four oak trees to be reduced.

### **B 2617 Recruitment - Co Opt Launch**

MW outlined an immediate launch of the process to Co Opt new members at the next meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, following advice from Stephen Bly (SC [Community Liaison Officer](#) ). [The deadline for application forms to be returned to the CC is March 10<sup>th</sup>](#), and this should be publicised on our social media. KMcG to update the previous poster which she will post around the village. (BB to post on Facebook and update the website post).

KMcG and RD planned to get out and about in the village and talk to people. ( about becoming members).

**ACTION: KMcG/BB Updated poster to be posted on Facebook & website with deadline of March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### **B 2618 Our Bridge of Allan Planning.**

IB reported that though the LPP was submitted to SC in October 2025, there has been no response from SC.

### **B 2619. Planning Report.**

IB spoke about three new planning applications of significance.

#### **B 2619.1 Active Travel – Causewayhead to Bridge of Allan**

SC have submitted a planning application for the Active Travel cycle way from Wallace High School, along the south side of Airthrey Road until opposite the Bright Starts Nursery (Kenilworth Rd junction).

#### **B 2619.2 Sports Club Padel Courts**

BOA Sports Club have submitted a planning application to convert a tennis court into Padel courts with floodlighting.

Padel courts have reinforced glass end walls and the game resembles squash. Though the balls are softer than tennis balls the rackets are solid. Local residents had a meeting with AC and IB asking for support to object. In addition to the noise of the balls being hit against the glass walls there was a lot of anti-social verbal noise. The floodlights shine into the windows of neighbouring residential houses. As there is only 21 days for community members to submit a comment after the application is posted, IB has already submitted an objection on behalf of the CC, noting that the courts are in a conservation area. Councillor Wilson said he had also been approached by the nearby residents, and another factor was playing in the evening up to 10pm. Apparently there was no noise impact assessment on the original planning application, and now SC should look at controls for the noise and lights. {2}

#### **B 2619.3 House on Pendreich Road**

IB explained there was an application for a single storey house near the former site of glamping pods off Pendreich Road (roughly opposite halfway up the North East side of the golf course). A planning application in 2021 has now expired and this is a slightly different location. SC Roads Dept. have objected on sustainable transport grounds.

IB pointed out that the site is outwith the BOA settlement boundary and is within the local landscape area. There was a discussion of the new National Planning Framework 4. An exchange of views followed, on one side the prospect of urban crawl and on the other the need for housing, particularly it was only for one house. MW asked for members to vote for/against objecting, and he noted that the majority of members present did not want to object.

### **B 2620. Chair's Report.**

In the absence of AC there was no Chair's report.

**B 2621. Secretary's Report.**

*MW noted that LH had sent his apologies for missing the meeting and emailed his report, which is reproduced here followed by the updates which Councillors and Members announced at the meeting.*

**B 2621.1 Secretary's Report****Communications from Councillors*****Councillor Tollemache***

Councillor Tollemache has raised the following with SC:

fly-tipping near the railway on Inverallan Road; the condition of Sunnyslaw Road; a damaged drain near the entrance of Graham's Dairy; the condition of garages off Strathallan Road; a dislodged kerb stone at Pendreich Road junction; the fencing at the entrance at the Orchard Road play park; the faded road signs on the Carse road; the faded lining on Allanvale Road; the waste on the Allanvale Road pavement; an update on the repair of the Airthrey Road wall; a number issues, raised by the Friends of Bridge of Allan, relating to the ageing infrastructure in the Provost's Park; a blocked drain on Cornton Road; the need to reline the cycle lanes on Cornton Road; pedestrians falling due to the uneven pavement outside the butcher's premises; potholes in station road

- *In relation to the retaining wall, SC, in its response, has noted that the wall is private property, and that the landowner will be contacted for an update on proposed repairs. In addition, SC has ensured the barriers are properly secured and located on the foot way to allow sufficient room for pedestrians to proceed.*
- *In relation to the play park, Stirling Council will repair the park fencing temporarily and replace it with Bowtop fencing in the next financial year.*
- *In terms of the fly tipping, SC Land Services has confirmed that when the plant from Road Services required for the uplift becomes available, the issue will be addressed.*
- *In relation to Sunnyslaw Road, SC has reported that Scottish Water will effect repairs, and that this section of Sunnyslaw Road is being considered for inclusion in next year's capital works programme.*

Councillor Tollemache has informed the CC that the Stirling Sightseer tour bus will not be operating this year.

***Councillor Kleinman***

Councillor Kleinman wrote to inform the CC that, following the recent road safety inspections, involving council officers, elected members, community council members and residents, SC has promised two actions, firstly, that, work will begin on on March 23, 2026 to move the bus stop and shelter on Henderson Street, at its junction with Graham Street, back a few yards to allow improved visibility for drivers joining Henderson Street, and, secondly, that the new signage of 'New zebra crossing ahead' at the Fountain Road/Keir Street junction would finally be positioned by mid-February, 2026. The council has also confirmed that the maintenance of the large, overhanging trees at the foot of Mount Hope is the responsibility of the Mount Hope residents.

The councillor has also written to say that, in relation to the restoration contract for the Paterson Clock, SC has to carry out a wider invitation to tender; in addition, he has informed the CC of the closure of Sunnyslaw Road for one day (March 12) for essential utility works.

The councillor has forwarded the following:

- the response of the Scottish Government to MSP Mark Ruskell's communication reporting constituents' concerns about traffic using the Keir Roundabout. (The response confirms that Amey's draft report will be presented for comment to Transport Scotland by the end of January, 2026. The response also confirmed that the completed resurfacing works between Junctions 9 and 11 of the M9 had been designed to improve the skid resistance of the carriageway and reduce the frequency of non-injury accidents;
- a copy of January's Railway Roundup newsletter.

Both **Councillor Wilson** and **Councillor Kleinman** have forwarded the details of SEPA 's Flood Risk Management public consultation.

### **Communications from Residents**

Residents have raised the following:

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- A resident has expressed concern about the continued closure of the Lovers' Loan path, with two years now having elapsed. The same resident has also raised the issue of the future of the UCP/Guala site.
- A resident has reported potholes in Station Road and storm damage at the junction of Hume Crescent and Patterson Place.

### **Communications from Stirling Council**

The CC has received a communication from SC relating to the recent complaint made by a resident about a member of the CC.

After the CC had considered the complaint and submitted a formal statement of its recommendation to SC, the complainant exercised his right to appeal to SC against the CC's decision. In January, the complainant wrote to the CC for an update on the matter. The Secretary of the CC subsequently wrote to SC since the CC had not received any indication of the outcome of the complaints process.

SC has now indicated in its communication to the CC that the CC should not expect any such notification, since this would be communicated only to the member of the public who had appealed. SC also indicated that it had, in fact, already contacted the complainant on the matter.

The CC also received the following SC communications:

- notice that the Community development team is compiling a list of free or low-cost cafe, lunch, coffee morning and warm space social interaction sessions;
- Funding Stirling updates;
- a reminder of the online consultation on the updated Children's Services Plan;
- details of Children First cash funding for families;
- the February Community Development bulletin;
- details of the Roads Forward Works programme;
- a reminder of the SEPA consultation on its flood risk management plans;
- details of the upcoming engagement events for the Bridge of Allan Flood Protection Scheme in February/March at the Bridge of Allan Library

### **General Communications**

The CC received the following:

- Newsletter 3 from New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils, covering the next steps (an action plan);
- a copy of SVE's monitoring and evaluation survey;
- a "Which" Scam Alert bulletin;
- a copy of the Met Office's 2026 Online Community Resilience Training Prospectus;
- an intimation that nominations for the SVE Inspire Volunteer Awards are now open;
- details of the next meeting of the Stirling Local Licensing Forum;
- a webinar for community councils with an update on the 'Democracy Matters' policy development from the Scottish Government's Local Governance review team;
- details of grants available from the Community Growing Spaces and Park Wellbeing Fund;

## **B 2621.2 Updates from Councillors and Members**

- Councillor Tollemache announced that the entrance to the Strathallan garages had been resurfaced.
- Councillor Tollemache had visited the Provost's park with FBOA, their Chair, Graham Russell, had concerns about the deteriorating state of the fixtures in the park. A meeting was planned with SC Officers forthcoming Monday.
- Councillor Kleinman reported on road safety, that the bus stop at the Graham St junction was being moved back and that warning signs were being erected for the new zebra crossing at the Fountain Rd/Keir St junction.
- IB commented on a licensing application for the Old Bridge Inn, which included opening hours of 11am until Midnight nightly except Fri/Sat until 1am, with off-sales 10am until 10pm, and including outdoor drinking facilities. PH noted her concern re parking. Members agreed to comment on the outdoor drinking being undesirable.

- Councillor Kleinman expanded on the delay to the repair of the Patterson Clock, and that it will eventually be repaired after an open tender exercise was completed.

## **B 2622. Treasurer's Report**

PH reported that the invoice for the MUGA has now been received and about £13000 paid. A donation was made for the appearance of the ponies at the Christmas lights event – details are in the statement at Appendix 1.

## **B 2623. AOCB**

### **B 2623.1 Picnic in the Park**

JS reported that the Vicar from the Church was keen to see the event go ahead this year. Isabel Walter said DBOA could support the event..

### **B 2623.2 Leaves on Henderson St Pavement**

RD reported that the pavement by the build outs on Henderson St was covered in leaves, on the section from Chalmers Court to the build outs. Councillor Tollemache promised to contact SC.

### **B 2623.3 Guala/UCP:**

KMcG and RD said they would contact Guala regarding there plans.

### **B 2623.4 Ramp at Pullar Park War Memorial.**

PH said it was important that a permanent ramp be provided for access to wheelchair users to the War Memorial. She and JS would work on this.

### **ACTION: PH and JS to progress issue of a ramp at the War Memorial**

MW closed the meeting just on 8.54 pm.

## **B 2624. Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting is Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7.30pm at the Allan Centre.

## **Action Log Summary:**

Actions for members:

- From B 2614.3: KMcG to contact Flora Chirnside re Active Travel update.
- From B 2617: KMcG/BB updated poster for Facebook and website with deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> March..
- From B 2623.4 PH and JS to progress issue of a ramp at the War Memorial.

Councillors were to pursue these issues with SC:

From B 2614.2: Councillor Kleinman to pursue issue of Lovers' Loan with SC.

From B 2616: Councillor Kleinman to pursue the trees overhanging the A9.

From B 2621.2 Councillor Tollemache to visit Provost's park with SC Officers.

From B 2623.2: Councillor Tollemache to contact SC re leaves on Henderson St. pavement.

**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. February 2026

Bridge of Allan Community Council				
Treasurer's report				
February 17th 2026 Meeting				
Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
<b>1. SC Administration Fund</b>	£1,006.22			£995.97
Webhosting sept			£6.00	
Service Charge sept			£4.25	
<b>2. Unrestricted Fund</b>	£16,315.62			£16,315.62
<b>3. Christmas Lights Fund</b>	£14,323.00			£10,944.91
Xmas lights electrician bill			£3,178.09	
Lunar Eclipse ponies - donation			£200.00	
<b>Bank balance at 31 January 2026</b>	<b>£31,644.84</b>			<b>£28,256.50</b>

### Notes:

1 - Invoice received from Strirling Council and paid 9 Feb 26. MUGA (£13,806.00)

### Other:

Patricia Hammett  
Treasurer

- 1 SEPA had requested the CC to share their consultation on Flood Risk and invited communities to take part in the on line consultation: <https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/evidence-and-flooding/frmp-phase-1-consultation/>
- 2 There is research on the noise impact of padel such as that reported in this paper: <https://maywalters.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Summary-Paper-A-Noise-Assessment-for-Padel.pdf>