



Minutes of the Meeting of Bridge of Allan Community Council

Held on Tuesday, 16th June 2026 in the Allan Centre

Present:

Patricia Hammett (PH,) *Chair*; Leslie Harkness (LH, *Secretary*; Kathryn Chadwick (KC); Karen McGregor (KMG); Jenny Smith (JS); Mike Watson (MW);

Apologies:

Rosemary Dodds (RD), *Acting Treasurer*; Inga Bullen (IB), *Planning*; Scott Wylie (SW); Brian Bullen (BB) *Minute Secretary*; Councillor Thomas Heald; Douglas Neilson, *Secretary of the Friends of Bridge of Allan*; PC Siobhan Rennie; PC David Collins; Gavin Drummond, *The Dr Welsh Trust*

In Attendance:

Councillor Robin Kleinman; Councillor Alasdair Tollemache; Councillor David Wilson; Graham Russell, *Chair of the Friends of Bridge of Allan*; Scott Abercrombie, *Chair of Discover Bridge of Allan*; Maria Lucey *Flooding Team Leader, Stirling Council*; Katrina Smith *Senior Flooding Officer, Stirling Council*

B 2675. Welcome, Apologies and Conflict of Interest

PH opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed those present.
The apologies were noted as indicated above.

In response to a request from LH for declarations of conflicts of interest, none were declared

B 2676. Approval of Minutes, Matters Arising and Action Log

KMG proposed that the minutes of the May 2026 meeting be adopted. The seconder was KC.

Matters Arising

LH read from his Matters Arising Report, reproduced here.

In relation to **Item B 2659** and **parking in the town**, Councillor Kleinman has forwarded two SC road traffic notices.

The first of these is a 'Temporary No Waiting at any Time' order restricting parking at any time on Fountain Road for a period of 18 months from June 6th 2026. The purpose of the order, on grounds of road safety, is to prevent indiscriminate parking. This notice had not yet been implemented because SC has still to subcontract the painting of the yellow lines. When fully implemented, parking will still be available as the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions will be 'staggered' on both sides of the road, as indicated at a previous CC meeting. *(At this point, LH reminded the meeting that the purpose of the 'staggering' was to allow some parking, while ensuring that the safe flow of traffic would not be impeded.)*

The second of the notices covers two orders. One is a 'Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order' for Keir Street, and the second is a 'Temporary Suspension of Parking Order' covering Fountain Road, Henderson Street and Keir Street. The first involves Keir Street being closed from the Fountain Road junction to the Union Street junction. The second involves parking being suspended on both sides of Fountain Road from the Henderson Street junction for a distance of 140 metres: parking suspended on both sides of Henderson Street from No 78 to No 90 Henderson Street; and parking suspended on Keir Street from the Fountain Road junction to the boundary of Nos. 10-12. This temporary suspension of parking will run from June 24th 2026 to June 25th 2026 to facilitate the dismantling of the temporary Co-op store. Alternative routes will be via Fountain Road, Allanvale Road, Union Street and vice versa

In relation to the maintenance of the Health Centre car park surface, and in response to a suggestion from MW, Councillor Tollemache has contacted the estate department of NHS Forth Valley on the matter.

In the short discussion which followed, PH voiced her concern that residents had not been consulted about the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Fountain Road, and she also noted that not every Fountain Road property had a driveway. A resident of Fountain Road asserted that it would have been better had only one side of the road been involved. Councillor Tollemache indicated that, in the context of consultation, it depended on whether or not the order was a TRO.

Action Log

LH reported that three of PH's four action points had been secured, namely, inviting SC Flood Defences Project representatives to the present meeting for Bridge of Allan, following up the War Memorial ramp issue with SC, and printing a copy of the LPP for the Library. **Both PH and KMG will take forward the invitation to the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland engagement officer to attend a future CC meeting.** Establishing a CC subgroup to consider the SC Local Development Plan site options had been actioned. **IB will continue to action an invitation to an SC Tree Officer to attend a future meeting.**

B 2677 Flood Defences Update

Maria Lucey and Katrina Smith from SC's Flood Defences Project for Bridge of Allan provided an update on the project, the significant details of which are outlined below.

The two officers reminded the CC of the Community Engagement flood defences drop-in meeting on Monday, June 22nd between 4.30 pm and 8.00 pm in the PE Room in the Allan Centre. The main contractor, Balfour Beattie, will be present along with SC officers. In addition, there will be a sign-up online session and also a monthly newsletter, available on the first of the month, covering the course of the project. The webpage is a 'first stop' and includes a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section. One resident pointed out that a printed website page is available in the Library, while another suggested that a project map be placed in the Library. The project team welcomes feedback from all users of the website.

Katrina Smith reported that the 'flyer' leaflet included the relevant email address that provides access to the most up-to-date and detailed information about the project; the leaflet would be posted in local shops, and PH indicated that she would ensure that it appeared on the CC's website. Maria Lucey stressed the value of the recently updated webpage, particularly given the level of detail about the project that it contained.

It was confirmed that Balfour Beattie will commence construction work in mid-July, and its operations will last 18 months. A site compound will be established in July. The project is 80% government-funded, and the intention is to protect 87 properties. The contractor will work from 8 am to 6 pm from Monday to Friday, although there may be occasions when Saturdays and out-of-hours times are required i.e. out with the standard working hours, although residents will be informed when this happens. The fire service will have 24-hour access. The site clearance work will be at the beginning of the project. The date for the work on the replacement footbridge is November. There will be a 'network' impact over the 18 months e.g. road closures, the use of single-track lanes, and a Traffic Management Diversion Plan. The details of these will be available at the forthcoming drop-in meeting; the plan is designed to be 'user friendly', clearly indicating how road users get from A to B. Maria Lucey underlined the importance of taking bus services into account.

During the discussion generated by the presentation, a number of significant issues were raised by members of the CC. PH emphasised the need for the CC to 'have a handle' on the road closures and also to know precisely the routes involved during the project. She felt that there should be a social media outreach since very few people under 30 used Google. MW, in the context of the 'chicken run', asked if pedestrian access would be maintained and the officers confirmed that the replacement bridge would have ramp access and a cycle lane. PH felt it was unfortunate that the two projects, the Flood project and the Active Travel project, were, in a sense, not 'talking to each other' and linking up appropriately, but the officers explained there were two different funding streams involved. In response to PH's concerns about the impact on bird life, it was confirmed that the necessary ecological surveys have been undertaken. Given that two allotment plots would be lost, Councillor Tollemache expressed the hope that the allotments would be adequately protected.

PH thanked the officers for their invaluable update and suggested that they provide a further update in 6 months' time.

B 2678 Police Report

LH provide a summary of the Police Report as follows

A total of 19 crime reports had been recorded since the last CC meeting. There were no recorded instances of **Drug Misuse** or **Violent Crime**. There were three recorded instances of **Anti-Social Behaviour**: a traffic cone was thrown at and damaged a moving vehicle, and there were two instances of the ongoing issue of youths accessing and causing damage in the former Royal Hotel building, including starting a small fire. There have been three recorded instances of **Crimes of Dishonesty**, with two involving the theft of alcohol by the same male from the Stirling University shop, and one involving theft of alcohol from the Co-op. There has been one recorded instance of **Road Traffic-Related Crime** involving a driver in Henderson Street having an illegal number plate. The current priorities in the Bridge of Allan area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Housebreakings, Road Safety, and Community Engagement and Reassurance.

B 2679 Active Travel Update

KC indicated that there was nothing new to report on the route itself. In the context of cycling and walking maps for Bridge of Allan, she noted that SC intended to refresh these. MW, reiterating the point made by PH, suggested that, given there would be a 'new' bridge across the river, behind the fire station, it would be preferable for the Active Travel route to follow this route i.e. over the bridge and up the 'Chicken Run'. Councillor Kleinman stressed that the bridge was not 'new'.

B 2680 War Memorial Ramp Update

PH explained that, although she and JS had met with SC, it was still unclear if planning permission would be needed. Given that wheelchair users were involved in the Remembrance Ceremony, the lack of a ramp was an embarrassment and the need to have a temporary ramp for this coming November had still to be discussed.

B 2681 Planning Report

Since she was unable to attend the meeting, IB submitted a written report, reproduced immediately below.

1. Allan Lodge Care Home Demolition and build 18 new homes for social rent

There are 8 objections already. In summary, these mostly support the demolition creation of more homes for social rent, but object in terms of density, with 2-storied buildings overlooking neighbouring homes and back gardens, rather than the existing single-storied buildings; the removal of trees and hedges; and concerns about parking and overflow onto Castlevue Drive, which already suffers from parking congestion. Surface water drainage was also raised and it is noted that SEPA's future flood risk maps show potential flooding on this site.

The CC has discussed this amongst its members and broadly supports the application but considers that the neighbours have raised valid points which we hope SC will take into account. More affordable housing and housing for rent were raised in our Local Place Plan consultation last year, and we welcome this. However, it is important that these new homes fit into the existing community and do not cause a negative impact on surrounding homes. The written objections detail the issues, and we would like to see adjustments to the application to reduce the number of units and increase the proportion of single-storey homes, which would also meet the need for those with mobility issues, reduce overlooking, increase parking spaces and retain more trees and hedges.

2. Approval of education facility at Cocksburn Woods

The wooden hut providing an off-grid shelter for the Drumbrae Woodland Creation project run by Edinburgh University has been approved. It is located off the Sheriffmuir Road at the Cocksburn Wood car park. They intend to use it for education groups. There will be small landscaped areas with planting and with paths for disabled access.

3. Local development plan – Site Options Consultation

A paper with numerous sites put forward by landowners/developers/others for inclusion in the next LDP was published. SC Planning Department held an information session on June 3rd in the Allan Centre. Individuals and CCs have until July 23rd to make comments.

BoA CC has decided to hold a special meeting on June 24th at 7.30 pm in the Allan Centre to discuss the CC's response. We are fortunate that the Planning Manager, Sharon Marklow, has agreed to come to the initial part of the meeting to explain the context of the new process brought in by the 2019 Planning (Scotland) Act. These sites will **not** necessarily pass this stage, but, if they are included in the next LDP (2028), then any future planning application is more likely to be approved.

The details can be seen via the **engage.stirling.gov.uk** website – Site Options, where comments can also be submitted.

Please come to our meeting or submit your own comments online.

Since neighbouring residents were in attendance at the meeting, the discussion inevitably focused upon the Allan Lodge proposal. LH stressed that the CC's view was straightforward and was as carefully outlined in IB's report. Firstly, given the CC's LPP and the views of the community which it reflects, the CC is totally in favour of the proposal to build social housing on the site, and, secondly, given the thoughtful, measured and detailed objections of substance raised by the residents, the CC firmly believes that these have merit, have the potential to enhance the quality of the proposal by more appropriately meeting the needs of the community, and deserve the fullest consideration by Stirling Council.. The residents in attendance signified their approval of the view taken by the CC.

B 2682 Chair's Report

The chair indicated that everything significant which she had to report was covered in the rest of the agenda. She did, however, underline the fact that the CC always welcomed new members and also valued having extra hands to assist with CC projects

B 2683 Secretary's Report

LH delivered his Secretary's Report, reproduced immediately below

Communications from Elected Members

Councillor Tollemache has raised the following with SC:

- kerbside damage in Well Road;
- residents disturbed in the middle of the night by noise from the rail track close to the Cornton Road crossing;
- the state of disrepair of a stone wall in the town (*In its response, SC has stated that, since the wall is safe and presents no hazard to road users, including pedestrians, and, since the barriers do not restrict pedestrian progress on the footway, the council has no legal power to enforce action, although it will contact the owner to request an update on the repair of the wall.*)
- in response to a resident's request, clarity on whether the new Co-op store will have an access link with Henderson Street;
- the purpose of the cameras installed on lampposts on Henderson Street, adjacent to the Memorial Park.

The councillor has also forwarded the following:

- a copy of SC's Henderson Street Speed Measurement Survey;
- details of Scotrail's forthcoming minimum fare policy;
- details of grants now open for Community-Led Climate Action, from the Forth Valley Climate Action Hub.

Communications from Residents

The CC has received the following:

- a complaint about the nuisance arising allegedly from a neighbour's feeding of birds;
- an inquiry about any local market in the town;
- in relation to the site options in SC's Local Development Plan, a resident's concerns about the potential impact of 300 new houses on the road network, flood management, congestion and air pollution, and, in terms of building adjacent to the river, concerns about the potential impact on river pollution, the salmon stock, drainage and water management especially in relation to the flood run off areas;
- confirmation from Gavin Drummond that the 'Burgh' sign he had refurbished on behalf of the Dr Welsh Trust was now in place;
- copies from neighbouring residents of their formal objections to the proposed development of the former Allan Lodge Care Home.

Communications from Stirling Council

The CC has received the following:

- the latest Funding Stirling updates;

- details of an extension to the closing date of the “Shaping the Future of Scotland’s Forests” consultation survey;
- confirmation of the launch of a Stirling literary history map.

B 2684 Treasurer’s Report

In light of the absence of the Treasurer, discussion of the June report already submitted by RD would be deferred to the August meeting.

B 2685. Updates from Community Organisations

B 2685.1 The Dr Welsh Trust

Since he was unable to be at the meeting, Gavin Drummond submitted a written report that is summarised below.

The ‘Burgh’ plaque has been mounted on the wall, adjacent to the Avenue Arch, and it has received a positive response on social media and elsewhere. Mr Drummond has a meeting arranged with Scottish Water to discuss the undertaking of a similar exercise with the cast iron plaque from the Cocksburn Reservoir that is currently in the custody of the Dr Welsh Trust. Matters are moving ahead with regard to the reprinting of Craig Mair’s book on the history of Bridge of Allan, and it is hoped that copies will be available in the not-too-distant future.

B 2685.2 The Allan Centre

MW reported that the exterior work on the roof and windows has been completed, but there has been a major ingress of water during the work, causing damage to the floor.

B 2685.3 The Friends of Bridge of Allan

Graham Russell reported that the baskets were now in place throughout the town, and that, as agreed by the Allan Centre trustees, three new baskets had been installed in the outside area of the Allan Centre and the planters cleared out and the stonework repointed. The Friends are clearing the vegetation in Henderson Street and Blairforkie Drive, and the importance of SC addressing the problem of weeds by spraying in the spring was emphasised. The weed issue from Lecropt down was noted, and it was also pointed out that the vegetation was returning in Airthey Road as it had been cut but not sprayed in the spring. The current priority was ongoing maintenance.

B 2685.4 Discover Bridge of Allan

Scott Abercrombie reported that, at the AGM, he had been appointed as the new chair. He explained that a refresh/reset was a priority

B 2698 Residents’ View

No issue, other than the Allan Lodge development, was raised by the residents.

B 2699 AOCB

JS raised the matter of the repair of the Paterson Clock. **The elected members will provide an update on progress for the August meeting.**

PH closed the meeting at 9.01pm

B 2700 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th August 2026

Action Log Summary

Actions by members

From B 2676: KMG and PH to invite a Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Engage Officer to a CC meeting (Carried Forward)

From B 2676: IB to invite an SC Tree officer to a CC meeting (carried forward)

From B 2677: PH to contact the Flood Defences Team in 6 months' time to arrange for an update CC meeting.

From B 2699 Elected members to provide an update on progress made towards the full repair of the Paterson Clock for the August Meeting

Appendix 1 – Treasurer’s Report June 2026

Bridge of Allan Community Council				
Treasurer’s report				
June 26 Treasurers Report				
Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
2. SC Administration Fund	£965.22			£954.97
Webhosting			£6.00	
Service Charge			£4.25	
5. Christmas Lights Fund	£10,877.70			£10,877.70
3. Unrestricted Fund	£2,682.78			£2,682.78
Total Available Funds				£14,515.45
Bank balance at 31 May 2026	£14,525.70			£14,515.45
Rosemary Dodds				
Treasurers				
Notes:				

Appendix 2 – Police Report June 2026

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Meeting



Community Council:	Bridge of Allan
Month:	June 2026 meeting
Officer completing:	PC C524 David Collins
Email address:	DunblaneBridgeofAllanCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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 2026 and 15th June 2026.

Current Priorities:

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

Main Report:

Between the 19th of May 2026 and 15th June 2026, a total of 19 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

4th June – vehicle damaged after a traffic cone was thrown at it while moving in Fountain Rd. Suspect identified and will be charged when traced.

6th June - - Ongoing issue with youths accessing the former Royal Hotel and causing damage. Called after a small fire was started within. No youths traced and fire extinguished with no damage caused to property.

12th June - 6 youths found within former Royal Hotel by Police and charged with vandalism.

DRUG MISUSE

None.

VIOLENT CRIME

None.

HOUSEBREAKINGS/CRIMES OF DISHONESTY

2nd & 3rd June – theft of alcohol from the shop at Stirling University by the same male. He was arrested by police on the campus after the theft on the 3rd and stolen property recovered. He was also found in possession of offensive weapons (not used in any crime) and arrested.

3rd June – theft of alcohol from Co-Op in Fountain Rd. Culprit identified by Police and charged.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD TRAFFIC RELATED CRIME

8th June – driver issued with a defect form for an illegal number plate after being stopped in Henderson St.

OTHER CRIME

None.

OTHER MATTERS

None

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