Minutes of Meeting of Bridge of Allan Community Council

Held on Tuesday 15th September in the Allan Centre.

Present:

Mike Watson (MW) ;Rosemary Dodds (RD) *Treasurer*; Inga Bullen (IB) *Planning;* Karen McGregor (KMcG); Jenny Smith (JS);

Apologies:

Patricia Hammett (PH) *Chair;* Leslie Harkness (LH) *Secretary*; Kathryn Chadwick (KC);; Councillor Robin Kleinman; PC Siobhan Rennie; PC David Collins;

In attendance:

Councillor Alasdair Tollemache; Councillor David Wilson; Graham Russell (*Chair of the Friends of Bridge of Allan*); 8 other residents; Brian Bullen (BB) (Minute Secretary);

Abbreviations are at the end of the minutes.

B 2718. Welcome, Apologies and Conflict of Interest

MW welcomed those present at 7.30pm.
He then reported the apologies which were noted as indicated above.
In response to MW asking members for any declaration of conflicts - none were declared.

B 2719. Approval of Minutes, Matters Arising and Action Log

IB proposed the August 2026 minutes be approved, Seconded by KMcG.

Matters Arising

In the Secretary's absence, MW read from his report on Matters Arising, which is reproduced here:

In relation to **Item B 2703** and **the repair of the Paterson Clock**, Councillor Kleinman forwarded confirmation that the formal appointment process for the contractor was being concluded and that, in parallel, the project team was working with the contractor to finalise arrangements to support the delivery of the works. Further updates would be forthcoming. KMcG has suggested that, when the repair has been completed, some form of special event to mark the occasion might be worth consideration.

Regarding **Item B 2710** and **the concealed road sign**, Councillor Tollemache confirmed that SC officers would promptly attend the site and attempt to cut back the vegetation.

Regarding **Item B 2710** and the problem, raised by a resident, of **the safety implications for vehicles exiting the Health Centre car park** because of cars being parked up to the exit, the resident has contacted SC, and he has forwarded a response confirming that, added to the TRO, would be the installation of access protection marking. The resident has pointed out that, of itself, this would not resolve the restricted line of sight issue.

Action Log.

MW reviewed the outstanding Actions:

From B 2703 (Carried forward from B 2676): KMcG and PH to contact Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Engagement Officer. KMcG reported she had had an email exchange with the Dunblane representative, and she will follow up with an invite to a CC meeting.

From B 2703 (Carried forward from B 2676): IB to invite the SC Tree Officer to a CC meeting. IB had emailed but no response so far.

B 2720. Police Report.

PC Siobhan Rennie (email: Forthvalleycommunitypolicestirling@scotland.police.uk) had emailed their report Sat 12th September with apologies for being unable to attend due to assigned duties. MW summarised the reports, which is reproduced in full 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 August 2026 and 12th September 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 16th August 2026 and 12th September 2026, a total of 12 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

20th August- Perpetrator attended at victim's workplace shouting and swearing while in possession of a hammer. Perpetrator has since been arrested and charged for the offences.

4th September- Vandalism to a holiday glamping pod- window has been smashed. Enquiries are still ongoing..

DRUG MISUSE

N/A.

VIOLENT CRIME

N/A.

HOUSEBREAKINGS/CRIMES OF DISHONESTY

16th August - Local resident was the victim of a fraud, workmen have attended and completed work however thereafter requested a substantial amount of money over the agreed price, which the local resident has been pressured into paying. Enquiries are still ongoing

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD TRAFFIC RELATED CRIME

8th September- Driver has been issued with a fixed penalty ticket for driving whilst using their mobile phone on Henderson Street.

11th September- two vehicle road traffic accident occurred on Henderson Street. One driver has been reported for Careless driving, and the other driver has been issued with a fixed penalty ticket for failing to display L Plates correctly

OTHER CRIME

None.

OTHER MATTERS

None.

Community engagement and reassurance

Activity for forthcoming month:

Continue road safety/speed checks

Inputs at local schools/out of school activities.

Continued patrols at the Royal hotel (significantly less calls again)

Patrols around the area, especially at weekends due to ongoing antisocial behaviour with youths. Letters have been sent out to youth's parents who were traced in the area..

Issues raised at the Meeting:

https://scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

Community Police Email Address: ***Forthvalleycommunitypolicestirling@scotland.police.uk***

B 2721. Flood Defences Update.

MW reported that letters had been distributed to local residents, and that a temporary path was open as an alternative to the chicken run whilst it was closed for works.

B 2722. Active Travel.

MW reported there was no update.

B 2723. War Memorial Ramp Update.

It was reported that PH had hoped to progress the detailed drawings requested by SC, JS said this would be followed up.. .Mr Gavin Drummond (who had been invited in the May CC meeting to join a sub-committee on the ramp) presented a digital image of a proposal for reducing the length of the ramp (and hence the overhang at top and bottom), by raising the height of the path by 5 inches.

B 2724. Planning Report..

IB reported there were no new applications of note.

CC had received two emails relating to the proposed tree felling at the Drumdruills farm.

The first from the project manager of the forestry company with details of the proposed tree felling and preliminary works to create a short access road on the North side of the Drumdruills farm, which will enable access for harvesting on the west side of the Glen Road. His email gave full details of the work, with the Glen Road remaining open during the work, but with some temporary restrictions controlled by forestry staff who will manage safe passage.

Most felling should be complete this autumn, details can be posted on our website.

The harvested sites will then be replanted with a range of broadleaf and conifer species to provide increased future resilience to disease and to provide increased biodiversity within the woodlands at Drumduills.

The second email was from RTS Forestry indicating that harvesting will being in October. Haulage lorries will avoid school drop off times (08:00-09:00 and 14:30 - 15:30).

B 2725. Chair's Report.

MW summarised PH's Chair's report – which is reproduced here:

"Firstly, I would like to apologise for not attending tonight's meeting. I am in Dubai to attend both of my nephews' birthdays. "
Updates:

Community facilities and events

Co-op opening: still on track to open on 2 October.
Remembrance service: plans are well underway. This will be held on Sunday 8 November at 2pm at the war memorial.

Infrastructure and transport

Flood works: No update provided from Balfour Beatty but the three way traffic lights at Henderson Street/ Inverallan road have been put o hold.
Fountain Road parking restrictions: objection sent to Stirling Council regarding the proposal for double yellow lines. No response has been received to date.
War memorial access: proposal for a ramp at the war memorial is ongoing.
Active Travel: contacted by the Active Travel senior co-ordinator; an update meeting is planned before the October CC meeting.

Planning and council liaison

103/105 Henderson Street: Scottish Heritage has lodged an objection to the building plans. The developers are trying to provide extra information, but this could delay the project by up to a year.

Membership and partnerships

CC membership: Scott has had to resign his position due to work commitments. We will continue to seek additional members to increase the diversity of the CC.
Dunblane CC partnership: Anthony Delleur, the new Chair of Dunblane CC, attended the last BofA CC meeting. He and I will meet to explore where the two councils can work together on strategic community issues.

B 2726. Secretary's Report.

In the absence of the Secretary, MW summarised the report which is reproduced in full here, with references inserted to issues raised from the floor minuted in Residents View (**B 2729**) for clarity.

Communications from Councillors

Councillor Tollemache

Councillor Tollemache has raised the following with SC:

- fly-tipping on the Carse road, close to the railway;
- dangerous speeding reported by a resident of Pullar Avenue;
- overflowing dog and litter bins in Haws Park;
- a resident's concerns about the three-way traffic lights at the Henderson Street/Inverallan Drive junction that, along with the traffic closures at the Back o Hill/Drip Road area, could limit access to Dunblane (*In its response, SC has confirmed that there is no longer any need for temporary traffic signals at this location*);
- a request for an update on flooding in Ann Drive {see B 2729.1 Flooding of Ann Drive}
- the danger to cyclists using the forest track arising from the upgrading of Sunnylaw Road {see B 2729.2 Egress of cyclists from path by Wolfcrag onto Sunnylaw Rd.}
- the concealment by tree foliage of the 20 mph sign for traffic coming into Bridge of Allan from the Keir roundabout

The Councillor has also forwarded notification of a temporary core path (the 'Chicken Run') diversion.

Councillor Kleinman

Councillor Kleinman has informed the CC that residents have informed him that the anti-social behaviour of large groups of youths congregating in the town in the evening, particularly at the weekends, is causing concern. Large stones from the recently refurbished beds at the Union Street entrance to the Allan Centre have been thrown into the gardens of Union Street properties {see B 2729.3 Stone throwing from tubs outside Allan Centre}. The Councillor has requested a regular police presence in the area and, in its response, Police Scotland has confirmed that it will step up its police presence in the areas where the youths congregate, although it has emphasised that, in the context of stretched police resources. Bridge of Allan is only one of many areas where anti-social behaviour of young people is on the increase. Subsequently, the police have undertaken reassurance patrols for targeted properties and patrols covering a wider area, involving warning youths not from Bridge of Allan about their anti-social behaviour
The Councillor has also noted that young people are again building a den in the woods at Well Road/Alexander Drive.
In relation to the sewer flooding in Ann Drive, an issue raised by Councillor Tollemache, SC has confirmed that this is likely caused by blockages in the combined sewer network, although a site inspection by the council's flooding team has found no obvious issues,. Scottish Water has asked that they be informed immediately when a further issue should arise.
Councillor Kleinman has also forwarded the following:

- details of the proposed speed restrictions for parts of Forglen Road, Keir Street, Mayne Avenue, Melville Place and Westerton Drive;
- in relation to the Co-op development, as requested by the Councillor, a sub-contractor has been appointed to cut back the large tree overhanging Fountain Road to provide a clear view of the Parish Church from the extreme north end of Fountain Road

Communications from Residents

A resident has written to suggest that the CC could ask the council to consider whether it is necessary to proceed with the Fountain Road TRO, given that the reopening of the Co-op car park could resolve the need for yellow lines. Councillor Kleinman raised the matter with SC, and the deadline for CC responses was shifted to Wednesday, September 2nd.

IB reported an email had been received this afternoon (of the 15th Sept) from a resident on behalf of the Primary School regarding traffic re-routing during the flood prevention works and the potential increases in volume through Forglen Road and Pullar Avenue {minuted in B 2729.5)

Communications from Stirling Council

The CC received the following:

- an intimation that Structural Patch works on Henderson Street would begin, for a week, on September 7th;
- in response to concern expressed by KMcG forwarded to SC by the Secretary, SC has responded by emphasizing that, despite the timing, the already delayed Structural Patch works have to go ahead on the specific date, before the carriageway deteriorates any further with the onset of winter, and that, in addition, should the flood protection works require revised traffic management, there is a possibility that the patch works might not proceed at all; {see B 2729.4 Patching of Henderson St}
- Issue 3 of the Bridge of Allan Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter;
- the postponement of the patch works on Henderson Street;
- details of the next free employability programme for Stirling residents in the Raploch Community Campus;
- details of the launch of the new waste and recycling portal for residents;
- details of Doors Open Day 2026;
- the intention to replace the multi-unit in the Fountain Road play park;
- consultation on the council's review of taxi fares and charges;
- the launch of a review of the Community Council Administration and Minute Taking Grant;
- a breakdown of Land Services'planned deep clean priorities

General Communications

The CC received the following:

- a formal letter of resignation from the CC from Scott Wylie
- the Scottish Rural Action bulletin;
- details of a proposed working group set up by Community Enterprise (on behalf of SC) to develop community resilience solutions;
- an invitation for CC members to attend the Dunblane screening of the "People's Emergency Briefing" film on September 29th;
- details of an SP Energy Networks survey;
- the Accounts Commission's annual review

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B 2727. Treasurer's Report

RD reported that August was a relatively quite month, the CC bank balance was £12,363.1

Details are in the statement at Appendix 1

B 2728. Updates from BOA Community Groups.

B 2728.1 Friends of Bridge of Allan

Graham Russell (*Chair of the Friends of Bridge of Allan*) reported that the hanging baskets will have their last water and then be taken down by the end of month. MW commented that this seems to have been the best year for the baskets. Friends have been continuing with maintenance work, such as cutting the bushes and hedges in the Memorial Park. Graham observed that SC have done more grass cutting this year in the Memorial Park, including lifting the cuttings.

B 2728.2 Dr Welsh Trust.

Gavin Drummond reported the trust will have it's AGM on 12th Dec at the library, at which historian Craig Mair will give a talk.

B 2728.3 Allan Centre.

MW reported on an issue with the floor needing a patchwork of repairs. He thought a replacement might be better, and a costing was needed. Wi-Fi was now operational. The screen in the GP room was due to be upgraded for better connectivity to IT equipment, including the capability for hybrid meetings.

B 2728.4 Discover Bridge of Allan

Scott Abercrombie, {Chair DBOA} sent their apologies for being unable to attend, but provide an email update:

1. The **Sunnylaw Community Greenspace Group** committee is currently preparing a draft accessibility improvement plan for the green space. This will focus particularly on improving paths and making the space easier for everyone to access and enjoy. The draft plan will be shared more widely in the near future, when we will also be seeking community input on further improvements that could help make Sunnylaw a more inclusive and welcoming space for all.

2. Our **Community Access and Inclusion Group** also continues to meet and is currently gathering information about accessibility issues across Bridge of Allan. We are looking at how best to collate and share this information to build a clearer picture of areas where accessibility could be improved over time, and to help inform decision making.

3. Our **Culture, Heritage and Events Group** is also looking forward to engaging with Rev. Dan and other members of the Christmas committee, with the aim of helping to bring together and share information about everything taking place in Bridge of Allan over the festive period. The Events group is also feeding into plans for Sunnylaw Community Greenspace, helping to ensure the site can offer the best possible opportunities for small community events, activities and accessible events.

As always, if anyone would like to hear more about Discover Bridge of Allan, our activities, volunteering opportunities or current vacancies, we welcome all enquiries and contact. Anyone interested can get in touch by email: hello@discoverbridgeofallan.org.

B 2728.5 Allotments Association.

Councillor Tollemache reported that the agreement on the extension of the allotments displaced by the flood protection works was progressing.

B 2729 Residents' View.

{Items B 2729.1 through B 2729.5 were raised under the Secretaries Report, but minuted here for clarity}

B 2729.1 Flooding of Ann Drive

Councillor Tollemache said he had received a response on the flooding of Ann Drive and that there were no plans from Scottish Water. However the drains at the bottom of Coney Hill and on the Graham's field were being cleared.

B 2729.2 Egress of cyclists from path by Wolfcrag onto Sunnylaw Rd.

Councillor Tollemache clarified the danger of cyclists not stopping as they left the track (coming down the side of Wolfcrag quarry) onto Sunnylaw Road. He had communicated this to SC asking for measures to be put in place, such as warning signs, barriers.

B 2729.3 Stone throwing from tubs outside Allan Centre

Graham Forest (Chair, FBOA) indicated the stones had been replaced in the tubs and that the anti-social behaviour had ceased.

B 2729.4 Patching of Henderson St

Councillor Tollemache indicated he will contact SC re the proposed patching, it was believed to be on the section of Henderson St nearer the Lecropt Church).

ACTION: Councillor Tollemache to contact SC re Henderson St. patching.

B 2729.5 Traffic Speeds on Pullar Avenue

Two residents spoke on the issue of traffic speeds on Pullar avenue and the potential impact of the Cornton road closures due to the flood prevention works. One resident reported on statistics collected by SC on traffic speeds along Pullar Avenue between 8 and 9 am in March. His recalculation of the mean speed was 24.5 mph. The 85% percentile in the official data was 28.8mph (he calculated 29.5). Various speed calming measures were discussed,

including Exclusion Zones (which Councillor Wilson reported had been enforced at schools in Edinburgh) in which most vehicular traffic is prohibited from outside schools during drop-off/pickup times {[1]}. MW suggested a site meeting during School drop-off/pickup time.

ACTION: Councillor Tollemache to arrange site meeting at Primary School re traffic at Drop off/Pickup Times

B 2729.6 Speed Tables on Keir St.

A resident queried the recent traffic notice in the Stirling Observer regarding speed tables and road humps along Kier St {[2]}. In the following discussion the proposed speed table at the Kier St/Melville Place junction was considered significant.

B 2730. AOCB

B 2730.1 Well road/Alexander drive den and fires

JS commented that Councillor Kleinman had reported to SC and Police that youths had been again building a den in the woods at Well Road/Alexandar Drive and that debris had been left on the Alexandar Drive footpath which needs clearing away. She also suggested that schools be encouraged to do some fire awareness training given the serious fires occurring across the country this summer.

B 2730.2: Centenary Walk Erosion by River Allan

A resident raised the issue of erosion of the bank of the River Allan on the Centenary Path (from behind the fire station and the allotments). Councillor Tollemache said he would check if this was a core path and hence responsibility of SC.

ACTION: Councillor Tollemache to check if the Centenary Path is a Core Path.

MW closed the meeting just after 8.30 pm.

B 2731. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Tue 20th October 2026, 7.30pm at the Allan Centre.

Action Log Summary:

Actions for Members:

From B 2719: (Carried forward from B 2676): KMcG to contact Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Engagement Officer From Dunblane CC.

From B 2719 (Carried forward from B 2676): IB to invite the SC Tree Officer to a CC meeting.

Councillors were to pursue these issues with SC:

From B 2729.5 Councillor Tollemache to arrange site meeting at Primary School re traffic at Drop-off/Pi

From B 2730.2 Councillor Tollemache to check if the Centenary Path is a Core Path.

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. September 2026

Bridge of Allan Community Council				
Treasurer's report				
Sept 26 Meeting				
Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
2. SC Administration Fund	934.47			924.22
Webhosting			6	
Service Charge			4.25	
Treasurers report Sept Meeting				
5. Christmas Lights Fund	8756.1			8756.1
3. Unrestricted Fund	2682.78			2682.78
Total Available Funds				12363.1
Treasurer report to 31 Aug 26	12373.35			12363.1
Rosemay Dodds				
Treasurer				
Notes:				

End Notes:

1 Details of School Streets exclusion zones (whereby most vehicular traffic is prohibited during drop-off/pickup times) is on the website at: https://www.streetsaheadedinburgh.org.uk/school-streets-1/school-streets.

2 The traffic notice appeared in the Wed 9th Sept 2026 issue of the Stirling Observer and detailed the following: 4x Speed tables at these junctions with Kier St: Melville Place, Westerton Drive, Forglen Rd and Graham Street combined, Mayne Avenue; and 5x Road Humps on Kier St situated roughly: 95 m. West of Melville Place, 60 m. East of Melville Place, 84 m. West of Forglen Rd, 59m West of Mayne Avenue, 88 m. East of Mayne Avenue.