

STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 24TH JUNE, 2025.

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen Mc Mann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chair); Les Hoggan (Secretary); John Graham (Minute Secretary); Linda Brown; Margot McDonald and Aileen Stewart.
Police Scotland: Thomas McEwan.
2. **Apologies:** Morag Arnot; Douglas Scott; Sheila Munro Tulloch and Scott Shankie (Police Scotland).
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (27/05/2025).**
The Minutes were approved with the following change:-
Item 12(f) - Nether Lethame Farm: Add at the end of the section - "A Freedom of Information request to be sent to SLC following these investigations."
Proposed - G. McAllan. Seconded - A. Stewart.
4. **Police Report.**
 - (a) There has been a regular Police presence in the Strathaven and Glassford area during the past four weeks.
 - (b) The Town Mill has been contacted regarding the congregating of youths around the grounds at the Mill. The site has been visited on several occasions by the Police but no sign of youths has been detected.
 - (c) There have been seventeen Crime Reports since the May CC meeting. These included youth disorder, attempted theft of vehicles, domestic offences, on-line harassment, threatening calls, traffic offences, shoplifting and drugs offences. Regarding the attempted theft of vehicles, the officer stressed the need for the public to be diligent in ensuring that car doors are locked when parked.
 - (d) Over the previous four weeks there were 35 calls to the Police. Youth disorder accounted for eight of the calls.
 - (e) Police Scotland officers attended Hangerfest and Strathaven Gala Day.
 - (f) The theft of an electric Bike from Climate Action Strathaven (CAS) was reported.
 - (g) Police Scotland to meet with CAS regarding their Transport and Traffic Reports on the 9th July, 2025.
 - (h) The problem of souped up electric bikes speeding around the centre of the town was raised with the Police.
 - (i) T. McEwan was asked about an incident at Nether Lethame Farm and he reported that the Police had received two calls to attend the site.
[T. McEwan left the meeting at 7.20pm].
5. **Visitor Input.**
No visitors were in attendance.
6. **Community Action Plan (CAP and Local Place Plan (LPP).**
A further meeting took place on the 10th June, 2025 to discuss the implementation of the CAP and good progress was made. CC Members to meet at 6.00pm on the 26th August, 2025 to discuss this matter again.
7. **Planning Applications.**
No concerns were raised regarding the latest Planning Applications.

8. Funding Opportunities.

There was nothing new to report regarding possible funding.

9. Play Park Consultation.

The Consultation was completed by CC Members at the meeting. The view was that improvements were needed in the quality and quantity of such spaces. Strathaven Park caters for all ages but there are no facilities for people with disabilities. Smaller parks only cater for younger children. The above comments also apply to Glassford.

10. Kype Muir Community Fund.

(a) The new Terms of Reference are still awaited and they should be known soon.

(b) The AGM will be held on the 21st August, 2025.

11. CC Micro Grants.

(a) Three new Applications have been received since the May CC meeting:-

1. **002: Avondale Early Learning Unit** - This Application is currently on hold pending further detail.

2. **003: Strathaven Balloon Festival** - Seeking a grant of £500 to be used for hardware which will provide a reliable internet connection during the busy period of the festival when connectivity in the area of the Park is at a premium. It is proposed that an award of £500 be made to this event.

3. **004: Michael W. Ferguson** - An Application for £500 was received in respect of assistance funding to attend the Berlin Opera summer program. As a professional opera singer living in London and having already received a bursary of £9,000 for this event. We do not recommend the awarding of a Micro Grant as appropriate.

(b) The above recommendations were approved by the CC Members.

(c) £4,700 remains in the Fund.

(d) During the past month two further Micro Grants have been signed off.

(e) Outstanding paperwork is still required for four projects from 2025.

12. Secretary's Report.

(a) The Glassford Community Group continue to work on developing the Community Hall. Progress has been deferred until November, 2025. Funding is being sought from the Renewable Energy Fund (REF), the National Lottery and the Kype Muir Fund. This should be in place by April, 2026 to allow work to begin and this is scheduled to be completed by March, 2027.

(b) Parking has been agreed for the Park and Ride facilities for the Balloon Festival and there will also be a site for Camper Vans this year.

(c) Loaves and Fishes are now open in their new site in East Kilbride.

(d) CAS are discussing the possibility of seeking permission for an extra stop for the 3C Bus in Strathaven.

13. Treasurer's Report.

As agreed at the May CC meeting a Micro Grant payment of £300 was made to E. Wisdich (2025/26: 001).

14. Reports from CC Members.

(a) Fly tipping is still causing a problem in the area.

(b) No information has come to light regarding the possible housing of asylum seekers in the Buck's Head Hotel.

- (c) A letter to be sent to SLC thanking them for their help regarding the COVID Stone. L. Hoggan to do this.
- (d) Still no information regarding a new cemetery site for Strathaven.
- (e) An update regarding the setting up of a Patient Participation Group (PPG) at the Strathaven Alba Practice will be given at the August CC meeting.
- (f) The new plan for the building of flats on the former Ballgreen Hall site has been published. Jonathan Reid from SLC to attend the August meeting to brief CC Members on the changes.
- (g) It was suggested that it would be beneficial to have an independent Pharmacy in the area.

15. Reports from SLC Councillors.

No Councillors were present at the meeting.

16. AOCB.

The August CC meeting will be an Open Meeting to try to attract new CC Members. This will be advertised on Avondale Radio and via Flyers and Posters.

17. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 26th August, 2025 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

Members of the Public are most welcome to all our Meetings.
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