

STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 25TH NOVEMBER, 2025.

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chair); Sheila Munro Tulloch (Treasurer); John Graham (Minute Secretary); Anna McCann; Margot McDonald and Douglas Scott.
SLC Councillors: Susan Kerr.
Police Scotland: Thomas McEwan.
Visitors: Andy Aird; Alison Curtis; Catherine Doyle; Billy Gibson; Dylan Hampshire; Laurie Jackson; Jonathan Read (SLC) and Dorrie Stewart.
2. **Apologies:** Morag Arnot; Linda Callan; Sandra Davidson; Scott Shankie (Police Scotland) and Aileen Stewart.
3. **Welcome.**
The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and gave a special welcome to those visiting.
4. **Previous Minutes (28/10/2025).**
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed - D. Scott. Seconded - A. McMann.
5. **Glasgow Road Development (Jonathan Read).**
 - (a) J. Read updated on the suggested changes to the design of the proposed flats. These include - Reduction from 4 to 3 storeys; One lift and one stair instead of two of each; Balconies removed; Air Source Heat Pumps to be sited inside the 12 flats instead of being placed outside the building; Garden area at the rear and there will be 13 parking spaces and a bin store. Copies of the Plans were made available to those present.
 - (b) A decision has still to be taken regarding the choice of rendering for the building.
 - (c) The proposed changes to be submitted to Planning in either January or February, 2026. Once approved, the project is expected to be completed in 2027.
 - (d) In reply to a query it was stated that the gap from the gable end wall of the neighbouring property to the flats would be 7.5 metres.
 - (e) Using one Heat Pump for the property was considered but was rejected as this would have restricted the choice of supplier for the tenants.
 - (f) A two storey option was considered but was rejected for practical reasons.
 - (g) The garden area will be fenced in but will be open to the tenants. Opaque glass or planting can be used to give the neighbours privacy.
 - (h) It was asked if something could be done to incorporate a feature which would tie in with the architecture of Strathaven. This can be considered.
[J. Read left the meeting at this point].
6. **New Members.**
 - (a) A. Aird, A. Curtis and D. Hampshire were informed that, as only three places were available on the CC , there was no need for a ballot to take place and their names would be submitted to SLC for approval.
 - (b) After A. McMann had briefed them on what was involved in being a CC member, all three gave a presentation giving their background and stating why they wished to join the CC.

(c) It was confirmed that the CC was eligible to have a maximum of 14 members.

7. Police Report.

(a) Officers have not been as active in the area recently due to them being assigned to other duties.

(b) It was confirmed that the body of the missing local man had been recovered.

(c) Over the previous 28 days there were 9 Crime Reports for the area. These included - E-Mail scams; Vandalism; Disturbances and people seen snooping around parked cars.

(d) The public were advised not to leave cars unlocked with their engines running while defrosting them in cold weather.

(e) Officers have been stopping white vans at nights in the area and will be carrying out speed checks in the near future.

(f) Visits to local schools have been restarted.

(g) Parking issues on Station Road were reported and T. McEwan said that the Police would monitor this.

(h) The No Pavement Parking Law is causing problems for traffic on Commercial Road. T. McEwan reported that an exemption to not parking on pavements on Commercial Road had been requested but this had been rejected by SLC.

(i) Motor cycles speeding at night on the Muirkirk Road was raised with the Police.

(j) Fly tipping is still a problem in some parts of the local area.

(k) Youths on E-Bikes are still causing problems in the Park.

[T. McEwan left the meeting at this point].

8. Visitor Input.

All input was covered during the discussion under Section 5 of the Minutes.

9. Community Action Plan (CAP)/Local Place Plan (LPP).

The Plans are well advanced but the CC will meet in January, 2026 to discuss further how they can be implemented.

10. Planning Applications.

No issues of concern were raised.

11. Funding Opportunities.

There are few opportunities available at present but the VASLan Health and Wellbeing Fund is currently open for applications.

12. Nether Lethame Farm.

(a) In response to the CC Freedom of Information (FOI) request, regarding a Care Home for the housing of youths being run on the site, SLC replied saying that they no had information about this issue. SLC recommended that the CC contact other relevant groups.

(b) The CC contacted Common Thread, who run the facility. The owner of the Farm then contacted the CC to offer co-operation going forward.

(c) It was agreed that communication on this matter would be conducted through Common Thread in the future.

13. Kype Muir Community Fund.

(a) George Smith has resigned as Chairperson and A. McMann will be interim Chair until an AGM is held.

- (b) The Pot 1 Fund for Strathaven and Glassford stands at £33,939.20. Money in Pot 2 stands at £263,947.63.
- (c) Applications approved are:-
 - Kirkland Park Nursery £5,000 (Pot 1).
 - Strathaven Dynamos £8625 (Pot 1). £2625 of this came from Sandford CC money.
 - Avondale Beekeepers £1,866.
 - The Acting Bairns of Stonehouse £30,000 (Pot 2).
- (d) An Application from the Early Learning Centre was withdrawn and will be resubmitted.
- (e) The date for new Applications is 1st February, 2026. An Expression of Interest is required prior to a full Application being submitted.
- (f) The next meeting is on 9th February, 2026.

14. CC Micro Grants.

- (a) Two new Applications have been received since the August meeting:-
 - 1. 008: Strathaven and District Probus Club** - Requested £300 to fund a Christmas lunch for the widows of former Club members. Proposed that an Award of £300 be granted. This was approved at the CC meeting.
 - 2. 009: Strathaven Evangelical Church (Toddler Group)** - Requested £500 to purchase toys and play equipment. Proposed to make an Award of £300 in the current year. This was approved at the CC meeting.
- (b) Funds remaining at 24/11/2025 are £3,900.
- (c) One further Micro Grant has been signed off and outstanding paperwork for two projects is still required.

15. Treasurers Report.

- (a) The full Report was circulated to CC members prior to the meeting.
- (b) Agreed payments for the wreath and Micro Grant awards have been made during the month.
- (c) £488.25 remains in the CC Administration Grant and ideas are needed for how to spend this money.

16. Reports from CC Members.

- (a) The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust Exhibitions are proving to be popular with over 400 visitors over the past few months. Good discussions have taken place with many of the visitors, especially with those from overseas. A person living in the USA has offered to make a donation to the Trust.
- (b) The covers at the traffic lights on Barn Street are starting to bend and are now a hazard. Councillor Kerr agreed to report this to the Roads department.
- (c) An update on progress for getting a site for a new cemetery in Strathaven was requested. Councillor Kerr agreed to find out the latest information on this.
- (d) It was suggested that apologies from members for meetings be sent to a named person rather than them being sent to everyone. A. McMann said that they could be sent to her.
- (e) D. Scott has applied to join the South Lanarkshire Licensing Forum.

17. Reports from SLC Councillors.

Councillor Susan Kerr.

- (a) Met with Grounds Maintenance to discuss putting bird proof bins in the Common



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Green and in the Park. The Rotary Club of Strathaven has been asked if SLC can replace their bin in the Alison Green with a bird proof bin.

- (b) The fence on Bridge Street, damaged by an HGV, is being repaired. Councillor Kerr has asked if better signage can be erected to advise HGV drivers of the unsuitability of using Waterside Street and Bridge Street in the future.
- (c) After the Hearing it was agreed that the one way system involving Bridge Street and Wellbrae should go ahead. Due to time restraints the project has to go back to the start and will be delayed.

18. AOCB.

- (a) D. Scott has become a member of the Transport Sub-Group.
- (b) Issues to be raised by the Transport Sub-Group with SLC were requested from CC members. The CC are keen to see the Transport Sub-Group restarted.
- (c) Paving slabs around the Castle and the Town Mill were damaged during previous transportations of wind turbines. The current movement of these is likely to worsen the damage and remedial action may be needed.
- (d) Flooding around the Town Mill is again an issue.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 27th January, 2026 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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