

STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 23RD JUNE, 2026.

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chair); Sheila Munro Tulloch (Treasurer); John Graham (Secretary); Morag Arnot; Linda Callan; Sandra Davidson; Dylan Hampshire; Anna McCann; Margot McDonald and Douglas Scott.
Police Scotland: Thomas McEwan.
Visitors: Graham Davidson; Haley Farrell; Graeme Rogers; Marjorie Rogers; Sheila Stewart; Jim Stovell; Angela Strachan and Beth Thomson.
2. **Apologies:** Andy Aird; Jenni Hall and Aileen Stewart.
3. **Welcome.**
The Chairperson welcome all to the meeting and especially welcomed the visitors.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (26/05/2026)**
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed - A. McCann. Seconded - D. Scott.
5. **Police Report.**
 - (a) There have been ten Reports to Police Scotland in the past month. These included:- 2 Traffic Offences; 2 Breach of the Peace; 2 Domestic; 2 Theft; 1 Fraud and 1 Hoax Call.
 - (b) During the past four weekends there have been 28 calls to Police Scotland from the CC area. Only one of these involved youth disorder.
 - (c) Speed traps will be operating in the area in the future.
 - (d) Schools have been visited giving advice on how to deal with and prevent bullying.
 - (e) No issues arose on Gala Day.
 - (f) There have been some issues at nights around Lethame House.
 - (g) The residents from the North Street area raised parking problems with the officer. They are having to park cars on the road going to the Cemetery and there have been issues with people drinking in the area and damage being done to cars. The officer said that the Police were aware of issues in that area and were keeping an eye on the situation.
[Thomas McEwan left the meeting at this point].
6. **Visitor Input.**
 - (a) G. Davidson informed the CC that the Strathaven Men's Shed had procured land in the Park to build premises for the Shed and to create a Community Garden. The Shed will host the June meeting of the South Lanarkshire Shed Network on Monday 29th June in the Barrie Shelter.
 - (b) Pavements in the North Street/Castle Street area are very narrow and some people have been struck by the wing mirrors of cars using the streets. Some of the residents have also fallen due to the poor condition of the pavements and this needs to be addressed by SLC. As children use these streets to get to school there is a danger that they could be injured.
 - (c) The road at the junction of North Street/Commercial Road is not wide enough to easily allow vehicles to pass one another. The new rules regarding Pavement Parking is making it difficult for the Crossing Patrol person to safely see the children across the road. The residents wondered if Commercial Road could be

exempt from the Pavement Parking rules.

- (d) Heavy vehicles are still using these roads although they are not supposed to do so. They and other vehicles are also speeding on the roads. Residents asked if the notices informing heavy goods vehicles that they should not be using the roads could be made more prominent and if speed bumps could be considered in an attempt to reduce the speeds on the roads.
- (e) Parked cars are being clipped by larger vehicles using the roads and the volume of traffic is increasing.
- (f) The residents were informed that these issues had been raised with SLC on many previous occasions by the CC.
- (g) D. Scott reported on the meeting held recently between the Transport Sub-Group and SLC with reference to the issues raised by the residents of North Street.
 - 1. SLC has a preferred route which heavy goods vehicles should be using but they are aware that some companies are not using the appropriate SATNAV system. They are going to contact companies advising them that they should be using systems designed for use by heavy goods vehicles and that these should be kept updated.
 - 2. Installing roundabouts and speed bumps is an expensive process and, due to financial constraints, SLC will not consider these options at present. Residents asked if traffic lights could be considered as an option.
 - 3. The new Pavement Parking Laws are causing blockages on Commercial Road and heavy goods vehicles are finding that it is difficult to negotiate through the parked vehicles. SLC have been approached by Police Scotland asking for an exemption to the Pavement Parking Laws be granted for Commercial Road.
 - 4. SLC have a programme for pavement resurfacing in place. Residents were advised to take photographs of the area and make a note of falls. These could then be sent to SLC appraising them about the problems. Any correspondence should be factual and not given to over-embellishment.
 - 5. D. Scott said that the CC had been working on many of the points raised by the residents, especially the triangle at the junction with Commercial Road.
[The residents left the meeting at this point].

7. Strathaven Castle Update.

The CC are meeting with the Friends of Strathaven Castle on Wednesday 24th June to discuss the way forward regarding funding bids.

8. Transport Sub-Group.

A brief summary of what took place at the meeting with SLC is contained in the Secretary's Report.

9. Local Place Plan (LPP).

A meeting to update the LPP and to take it forward to be arranged before the CC meet again in August. This to be held in the Strathaven Museum on Todshill Street.

10. Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3).

- (a) SLC are consulting on the LDP3 and are looking for ideas for sites which could be developed and sites which should be protected.
- (b) It was agreed that the CC Members forward ideas to A. Mc Mann regarding which sites could be developed and which protected prior to the August CC meeting. It was stated that finding a site for a new Cemetery should be the priority.

(c) A. McMann to consult in order to see what other CCs are doing.

11. Planning Applications.

No concerns were raised regarding any Applications proposed during the past month.

12. Kype Muir Community Fund.

(a) There has been a mix up regarding Applications from groups connected to Kirklandpark School and these cannot go forward in July, 2026. The Applications will have to be re-written before being resubmitted.

(b) There are Applications pending from the Town Mill, the Tennis Club, the Curling Club and the Golf Club.

(c) A Development Worker has still to be appointed.

(d) It was asked if the East Kilbryde Hospice was eligible to apply for funding from this Fund. As they organise events within the CC area it was possible that they could apply for funding. This to be checked out.

13. Advertising Sign in Common Green.

This sign has now been removed.

14. CC Micro Grants.

(a) Two new Applications have been received during the past month:-

1. 003: Strathaven Balloon Festival - A Grant of £500 has been requested to assist with additional signage, walkie talkie radios and costs associated with Starlink satellite internet connections. It is proposed that a payment of £500 be awarded.

2. 004: Strathaven Choral Society - A Grant of £500 has been requested to enable them to put on a free Christmas concert in the Scout and Guide Hall. The money will be used to cover hall rental etc.. It is proposed that a payment of £500 be awarded.

The above recommendations were agreed at the meeting.

(b) No further Grants have been signed off in the past month and paperwork is still required for 9 Projects.

15. Treasurer's Report.

(a) As agreed at the May meeting a Micro Grants of £485 was paid to the Town Mill and £300 to the Early Learning Centre.

(b) The CC monies are now in the Account.

16. Secretary's Report.

(a) A Notice regarding a temporary road closure of the A726 was received.

(b) SLC are carrying out a Survey regarding the prohibiting of the consumption of alcohol in designated public places. The Survey should be completed by 8th July.

(c) The Mossmulloch Wind Farm Application was refused at the Planning Committee meeting.

(d) Notification was received regarding an emergency road closure on Crosshill Road between the 1st - 5th June, 2026 to allow for Scottish Water Work repairs.

(e) A Leaflet from Police Scotland was received giving details of the Law regarding the use of Quad Bikes, E-Scooters and other off road motor vehicles.

(f) During the past month the CC website had 161 visits and 331 views.

(g) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.

17. Reports from CC Members.

- (a) When road closures are required in the area it seems as if more than one route into Strathaven is affected on many occasions. Would it be possible to plan the works to ensure that only one route into the town is closed at any one time?
- (b) The pot holes on Glasgow Road are still causing a danger to vehicles.
- (c) While one unsafe tree has been removed from the Cemetery there is still one which is also in danger of falling down and many of the gravestones are also in a dangerous condition. SLC to be contacted regarding these issues.
- (d) A response to the SLC Consultation on the allocation of housing has to be in by the beginning of July. The CC require to respond to this as soon as possible.
- (e) Bollards on Colinhill Road and Lethame Road have been knocked down and need to be repaired.
- (f) There is a problem in the area with overgrown hedges overhanging on to the pavements and roads. A. McMann to contact Councillor Kerr regarding this and also the problem in the Cemetery.
- (g) Ashkirk Road and car parks were totally resurfaced and lined within three days during the Wester Overton Primary School Easter holiday and this good work and programming was much appreciated.

18. Reports from SLC Councillors.

No Councillors were present at the meeting.

19. AOCB.

The £50,000 in the Local Action Fund is available to Councillors to spend on projects in the area. Consultation on this should take place with the community before any decision on how to spend the money is taken. A. McMann to speak to Councillor Kerr about this.

20. Date of Next Meeting.

To be held on Tuesday 25th August, 2026 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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