



STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Stanley Village Hall on 31 March 2025 at 19:00.

Present: Neil Hardy, Jackie McLeod, Suzanne Tattersall, Katherine Rix, Ivan Carroll, John Graham, Fiona Hepburn, Joyce Jamieson

In attendance: Claire McLaren, Ian James

1. Apologies: Mark Peebles (Police)

2. Pre-Meeting statement

Stanley & District Community Council is a Volunteer organisation established to be the voice of our Community: we are required to adhere to processes and policies laid down by both local and national Government. It is expected that everyone attending this meeting is treated with mutual respect. In the event of disorder the Chair has the authority to request someone to leave, or to adjourn the meeting to a later time. Today's meeting will follow the published agenda. If you have a question on any item please raise your hand and wait to be directed to speak by the Chair. Please be brief and to the point. When speaking please begin by giving your name as this is required for the minutes. You may also be asked for your address by the Secretary."

3. Minutes of previous meeting

FH proposed & IC seconded the previous minutes.

4. Matters arising from previous meeting/minutes

CMcL noted that she received a written apology which she was grateful for.

Councillor Bailie Chris Ahern has agreed to ask a few people what would be possible in relation to lighting on the war memorial. He is unsure if the War Memorial Fund would extend to lighting but will make some enquires.

5. Finance - Treasurer update

No transactions since the last meeting.

There is some money left from the previous community council. We intend to use some of this money for notice boards and name badges.

5. Ongoing matters

a. 'Old' Stanley Church

No update from the community council.

The buyer attended the meeting and was welcomed by the chair on behalf of SDCC. NH advised that we are interested in the church in relation to the clock mechanism.

He advised that he intends to live in the village.

The church building is now secure, reducing risk to young people who have been entering the building.

b. Manse Crescent flooding

No update

c. Newbigging - Poultry farm

SDCC have received 3 lots of correspondence – 2 in opposition and 1 in support. NH has directed individuals to the planning portal as a place to object or support. SDCC can only make representations if there is a strong view from the community in relation to the proposals.

Mark Richardson advised that he runs a planning firm with his wife. They are representing Avigan who are their client. No planning application has been submitted at this time. They have submitted a planning application proposal to say we are planning to put in a planning application. They are in the process of a three month consultation with the community to inform the neighbourhood and anyone who is interested. They have held consultation events at the village hall and Mr Richardson reported that people came because they want to learn more, were looking for jobs, have concerns, to offer support etc. They are hosting another session next Tuesday. They are also offering any interested parties the opportunity to visit a nearby facility ran by Avigan. JJ raised that consultations have been in the day time, when most people work. Next Tuesday's session will be held until 8pm. Mr Richardson advised that they are promoting jobs for local people. Newbigging farm was previously a poultry farm.

SDCC made Mr Richardson aware Connected Community Event taking place at the Tayside Hotel on 3 May 2025 and invited him to attend.

7a. Community matters/community groups (SDT, WSWG, Stanley Biodiversity Village)

Stanley Development Trust update provided by Anne Sweet:

Active travel route - PKC have applied for funding and should hear back this month whether this has been successful.

HUB – SDT are continuing to work with PKC and interested parties.

SDT have successfully appointed a new Well-Being co-ordinator.

SDT attended event Birnam Art – Feedback session for Soup Club and Family Fun and Food events.

St Columba's Church

Rev Ross Stirling-Young updated that they have had 276 people using the warm space at the church. They have just received almost £16000 funding from the National lottery to set up an Arts and Craft group to combat loneliness and isolation. Rev Ross Stirling-Young is looking forward to opening the doors to the community. The Chatty Crafters group will be held on a Monday between 10:00-13:00 and Thursday 13:00-16:00.

WSWG – Resubmitted interest to the heritage lottery fund for a two phase application. The first phase will be to support the recruitment of staff to enable to project to increase in momentum. They are aiming for May 2025 application. So far, the board of trustees and volunteers have been undertaking all the work but now they need more hands on deck.

Elsbeth asked if Stanley Biodiversity village could be added as an agenda item for SDCC meetings. SDCC agreed that she could speak to this under the community groups section of the agenda and that we would welcome any updates.

C406 – Recent litter picking session led to traffic issues for Litter Picker with traffic still coming along the road – need clearer signage. On a positive note, those involved reported reduced amounts of litter over the past couple of years which is positive.

6. Road and Traffic Safety/Police

Oglivie Homes have put up a temporary stop sign until the roads department put up proper signage.

The pavement on Station Road is damaged and a resident has sustained a significant injury to the shoulder, arm and ribs. Fiona has reported to PKC and CLARNA. Had a reply that this will be looked at. Several injuries had occurred here over recent years.

NH has asked for a Staggered Junction. Also sent a big wish list. Cllr's asking for a copy of this email and to be kept in the loop so they can support. NH agreed to forward on this information.

Police attended at NH's address at 6pm this evening to provide an update for the meeting. Boy racers are using the village as a race-track. Their cars are modified and loud. Police are requesting that if anyone has any information, to share this directly with the police. They need the make, model and registration number. However, they also advise that people need keep themselves safe and ask that individuals not to intervene or take photos etc.

IJ – Signage and cameras are one thing but he expressed that speed police man on Dutchess Street is especially effective noting that the LED is a great idea and really makes you take notice, even if you already know the police man is there. NH advised this was the residents of Duchess Street who did.

CMcL asked locals to be aware of agricultural vehicles, be patient, give them space. She suggested that it would be a good idea to share a reminder about this to social media channels.

There will be a 5 week road closure from the bottom end of Airtully Road. Although this is an inconvenience to some, infrastructure improvements will inevitably result in some disruption.

7. Update from Councillors

Destiny Bridge is now open!

Light sequence at Inveralmond – BEAR officer have said there is a problem with the lights – apparently there might be a change to the light sequence in April, whilst 6 months of traffic surveys are taking place.

Traffic survey in the village - KR asking who do we contact about the results. Matt Welsh arranged this. FH highlighting that we have had no contact with him and wondering if he has changed job. CMcL advised that there has been a lot of energy put into implementing the 20 mph speed limit across PKC, noting that legislative work has to take priority. Luncarty is perhaps next in line for signage for this. Blair Watt is a possible contact.

8. Emergency plan

Plans risk assessment workshop at St Colomba's Church once they have recruited more people – hopefully at the Connected Community event on 3 May 2025.

NH has some contacts from the ambulance service.

9. Planning application, decisions and appeals

Planning application – Thistlebrig planning application was not rejected at local review body – JJ advised that this could be on the enforcement list. CmcL advised to ask for clarity because if this has been missed we could ask for an extension to submit any objections.

Oglivie – amendment to change building plan – approved. Amendment to the footprint to allow an extra two social houses

10. AOCB

Police provided the following advice to NH in response to him seeking advice due to community concerns about NM's recent convictions and some members of the community then taking matters into their own hands. Police stated that NM in the village was subjected to a court hearing in Edinburgh and is currently on bail. Police are aware of the concern in the village. If we like it or not, she is on bail and lives in the village. She is entitled to the same rights to live in her home and to privacy.

Police and courts have made an assessment of risk and there is no identified risk to the wider community. NH advised that SDCC will not make any comment in relation to this matter. If anyone has any concerns, they can report to 101 or 999 – this holds true for NM or any other individual.

Rev Ross Stirling-Young added that she was a member of the church and Ross spent a lot of time with NM in a Safeguarding role. He was not aware of the concerns and wanted to highlight that the church do take safeguarding seriously. He reported that NM is no longer a member of the church.

Rookery – JJ asking for an update. EC advised that there is no significant update. Stanley Biodiversity Village is where this will sit opposed to WSWG.

Connected Community Event – SDCC are looking to have a community event which was initially in response to the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) switch off. This started as an energy roadshow with SCARF and Home-energy Scotland. It is now showcasing a range of local businesses along with the fire brigade, Scottish Water, local businesses recognising that a lot goes on that people don't know about. The event will take place between 11am-2pm at Tayside Hotel.

WSWG/biodiversity village would like to have a table.

NH attended a training event on Local place plans. This is where local communities put their thoughts together as part of a development plan. It is recognised that SDT have already undertaken a lot of this work. He is looking at a community action plan – what the village wants for the future. This is something SDCC and SDT could work together on. There should be small group to work alongside the SDT. NH advised that he is looking for a committee and some funding to support this.

NH advised that the basic theme is looking at what the community wants. One idea might be a questionnaire online to inform a plan. Some ideas could be energy, affordability, traffic, support for older people etc. You need to evidence that you have spoken to the community to be able to apply for funding. This is an expectation of the Scottish Government.

Concerns raised about a sewage problem from a property in Store Street. This is a housing association property on the right hand side. Sewage is leaking onto the street. An individual fell when this froze and sustained a serious head injury, with lifelong implications. SEPA and Environmental health were contacted but couldn't get access to the house. The person living there has moved out and someone else has moved in which may result in the necessary repairs being carried out.

Date of next meeting: Monday 28 April 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall