



STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Stanley Village Hall on 26 May 2025 at 19:00.

*Neil Hardy, Ivan Carroll, Suzanne Tattersall, Katherine Rix, Fiona Hepburn, Joyce Jamieson.
John Graham*

Grant Laing

1. Apologies: Jackie McLeod, Claire McLaren
2. Pre-Meeting statement/revert back to original standing order.

NH summarised that we learned that we are not allowed to change the SO without permission so have reverted to the original document and this can be reviewed following elections in October

3. Minutes of previous meeting
 - a. Proposed JG, Seconded IC
4. Matters arising from previous meeting/minutes
 - a. None noted
5. Finance:
 - a. Treasurer updateSpend:
 - £93.15 19.99 for name badges,
 - £34.17 for leaflets,
 - £37.37 for a roller banner,
 - Domain name/email - £1 per month for 1st year and then £2.50 per month.
6. Ongoing matters
 - a. 'Old' Stanley Church
 - Church is now wind and watertight.
 - Youths broke into a container
 - b. Manse Crescent flooding
 - No update at present.
 - c. Newbigging Poultry farm
 - Mark Richardson, Planning consultant. Bought this last year and looking at a poultry rearing farm.
 - This is the third event he has come along to and has been engaging with survey work and community consultation. They have taken feedback on board.
 - 20 full time jobs available, these are high paid jobs in modern farming.
 - Connected Community Event – interest in employment opportunities
 - Looking to submit planning permission likely within 10 days.

- Looking to address issues raised in relation noise and smell. This will be a closed system to minimise this.
 - Twice a month truck delivery for food and fuel.
 - Impact of staff travelling and take responsibility for traffic and want to work with stakeholders/partners.
 - Management of construction, estimated to be 6 months, to minimise the amount of disruption
- d. Hedge between West Brougham Street and West Park.
- S. Tattersall to email Grant Laing regarding responsibility for managing the hedges.
7. Community matters/community groups
- West Stormont Woodland Group
 - Elspeth has copies of maps and a list of projects.
 - WSWG AGM is on Saturday 7 June 2025
 - Stanley Biodiversity Village – Ongoing as a PK wide project
 - Taymount woods, Stanley, 5 mile woods are covered
 - Cath Lloyd – Stanley Swift Project,
 - Wildwood Rockery (planned),
 - Save our Hedgehogs – Hedgehog populations are improving in Villages and Towns but struggling in the countryside.
 - Bat Walk in July down the Mills. Can lend equipment such as trail cams to show what animals are visiting.
 - We need a wee group of people to get things up and running.
 - Community Council to put an advert on social media.
 - Toad patrol and amphibian ladders, people go out during the migration period. Danielle Muir invented the ladder and was recognised with this.
 - Bee posts for them to roost in.
 - Magnifying glass posts for kids to look at bugs and leaves etc.
 - Plans to approach Ogilvie Homes to see if they would fund a pond around the Mills/Stanley Men's Shed.
 - Coordinating group to look at the Biodiversity Group. Bioblitz – 21/22 June 2025 – Casual Walk through the woods looking for butterflies.
 - 1 metre square and counting bugs/flies etc that appear in a 10 minute period. FIT count – there Fly, Insect, Time Count. There will be a training event coming up about this.
 - GL reported the reduction in “pinned butterflies” down from 3 drawers in the 1950's to 1.5 drawers. EC reported that there has been a 75% decline in the last century.
8. Road and Traffic Safety/Police
- a. General issues
- MR White's property damaged on the Perth Road following a RTA – driver has been charged.
 - Directed to Blair Watt by Counsellors.
 - FH was shown plans to expand the 20 mph route on Perth Road – Calming procedures will be looked at.
 - 980 requests for calming measures in place, accident twice elevates the need (GL).
 - Only thing that will slow down is physical measures such as road bumps. Poor drivers will continue to make poor choices.
 - “Boy Racers” appear to have toned it down.
 - Continuing issues with individuals on E-bikes.
- b. Traffic at Inveralmond Roundabout.

- Considered to be outside our remit but members of the community have approached the CC about the queues in the right-hand light.
- Lights have now been reset and more cars are getting through.
 - Would need to approach Transport Scotland.
 - Link road to Bertha Park will hopefully reduce some of this – allowing a direct link to A9 West.
 - GL said SDCC could email PKC and they will forward this to the most appropriate person.

c. Traffic Survey

- Tubes were placed down for a week in March to conduct a traffic survey.
 - Suggestion that the timing of the traffic survey would have been impacted on because there were road work signs which encouraged people to slow down.
 - Despite this, there is still evidence of speeding.
 - Would be interesting to see how the Destiny bridge and Stewart Tower Road opening impacts on the traffic flow in Stanley.
 - GL suggested you can put in a request for an additional traffic survey to show this.
- Police were speed trapping for a short period.

9. Update from Councillors

- Full Council comes on 18 June.
- Outcome of the leisure review, in public domain on 11th June.
- Consultation short term let control zone in areas where there is deemed to be a lack of housing for locals.
- Don't have enough people to care for older people Health and Social Care to encourage
- Double council tax for people who own second homes. This money is reinvested in council housing.
- Transient visitor levy is out for consultation, proposes 5% to enhance roads and facilities.
- Rural buses consultation, encourage members of the community to complete this.
- Lack of available taxis.
 - £11m per year transporting children to school, parental contracts £0.45 per mile. Different ways of delivering public transport.

10. Emergency plan

- Drafted the risk register tool.
- Will run some workshops to look at risks and resilience plan.
 - Funding available for community resilience.
- Need plans to identify the most vulnerable people in the community. Need to be careful in respect of GDPR.

11. Connected Community Event

- Event went really well, loads of feedback and everyone who participated were positive.
- Keen to arrange another one in the future.
- SSE and OVO have better smart meters which will work when there is a poor signal.
- Scottish Water took a lot of feedback about Manse Crescent flooding and agreed to look into this.
- Welfare Rights reported that they didn't expect many people to approach them but they did have a lot of people engaging with them.
- Limited space reduced how many people they could invite.

12. Planning application, decisions and appeals

- Application for the demolish and rebuild at Thistlebrig – approved.
 - Application for an extension came in today.
13. October AGM and re-election of community councillors
- Community Councillors need to be re-elected in October 2025. If anyone is interested in volunteering, they can contact PKC to express interest.
 - Office bearers also need to step down and be re-elected in October 2025.
 - Contact Christine Grant for clarity about the process.
 - NH is due to be away for the October 2025 meeting, requesting this is brought forward by one week.
14. AOCB
- FOSPS AGM on Thursday and there will also be discussion about proposals for breakfast club.

Date of next meeting: Monday 30 June 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall