



STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Stanley Village Hall on 20 October 2025 at 19:30.

General Public Meeting

1. Apologies: Joyce Jamieson, Ian James
2. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed: JG
Seconded: FH

3. Matters arising from previous meeting/minutes

Airtully pipe work – postponed until next financial year.
Major works on Water works lasting about 6 months
Village hall looking to recruit committee members and trustees.

4. Finance :
 - a. Treasurer update (KR)
 - b. Arnold Clark Community fund – possible funding for noticeboard?
Could apply for £500 from Arnold Clark but this would only cover a small amount. Still looking for clarity from PKC if they can provide financial support.
Isla Moncur – Common Good Fund. Westbank may be able to make this.
Explored the Men's Shed.
Could we approach Stan and ask if he still has the ones that were outside the shop?
Noticeboard to be managed by SDCC for community benefit. This will not be used for buying/selling.
Tesco/ASDA/SPAR – supporting communities funds.
5. Community matters/community groups (SDT, WSWG)
 - a. Concerns about tree safety and maintenance after recent storms.
 - b. Update from WSWG

Looking at a different way forward – Lease management agreement as they have been unable to secure funding to purchase.

West Stormont Connect – all have a responsibility for climate change/nature.

Supporting SDT's greener living fund this year.

Stanley Swift project – increase in nesting birds. Increase from 3 to 14 nests being used in the Muir homes site which is great to see.

WSGW will provide an update re: the Rookery next month.

They will be looking to hold a community consultation in the new year.

FH raised that some of the trees are leaning towards houses on West Brougham Street which is a concern. A contractor working for the council took down a tree at the beginning of the year.

6. Road and Traffic Safety/Police

a. Community Safety and Engagement

Jill Liversedge, Community Support & Enforcement Team

Presentation from Jill Liversedge about changes in team structure and responsibilities within PKC Community and Parking Teams.

Ongoing efforts to address vandalism and anti-social behaviour among youths.

Discussion about the visibility and approachability of community officers.

Parking enforcement and accessibility issues highlighted, especially for disabled residents.

Discussion about successful intervention with YP involved in vandalism in the village in the past. Members of the public can report concerns directly to the team or via main PKC customer services number.

Although the team cannot take any enforcement action in relation to people parking over dropped kerbs, they can speak to individuals and hopefully help them think about their actions.

Discussed concerns about the changes in uniform/ability to engage with YP. Feedback can be provided to sskene@pkc.gov.uk

b. Ongoing concerns in relation to speeding vehicles. Fiona will report concerns to community police.

Issues with parking and no lighting at the school. People are afraid to walk in the area because it is pitch dark. Barrier still not repaired at the school. This was raised on 15 June 2024 last year by Fiona and Katherine.

There will be an increase in HGV's whilst works take place to increase the capacity of the Water Treatment works

7. Update from Councillors

None in attendance.

8. Emergency plan (IC)

- a. Ongoing work to complete risk mitigation workshops.
- b. Need for better access to infrastructure plans (water, sewage, electricity) for emergency planning, some ideas as to how to achieve this and when,
- c. Local knowledge is valuable for resilience efforts and should be documented.
- d. Ivan C to reconnect with Frank Campbell at PKC re the development of the Emergency Plan and Stanley and District Resilience and the wider Emergency and Resilience Communication Strategy.

9. Planning application, decisions and appeals (JG)

- a. Only one planning objection submitted in the past year (holiday lodges).
- b. Most planning applications are routine; major objections are rare.
- c. Only one application this month – replacement windows at East Mill.

10. November EGM

- a. Demit of Officer Bearers
- b. Election of Office Bearers

17 November 2025 – Officer bearers to resign and be elected. Can recruit for vacancies in the new year if they wish.

Councillor to come along to begin the meeting because no officer bearers appointed.

11. AOCB

Consideration of another networking event / directory.

Development Trust can take on making a directory as they have the funding to take this forward. Online version – One available on SDT website.

Directory of local services discussed; suggestion to maintain both print and online versions. SDT take a lead on this and have a online version on their website.

Reflections from the outgoing chair on the challenges and achievements of the past year, with hopes that groundwork laid will yield results in the future

- **Gratitude and Teamwork**

- The outgoing chair expressed sincere thanks to all members who volunteered and contributed over the past 18 months, emphasising the importance of sharing the workload to prevent burnout.
- There was appreciation for the support and hard work of the team, noting that volunteering can easily become overwhelming, but the group managed to avoid this by working together.

- **Achievements and Challenges**

- The chair highlighted the council's efforts to represent the needs and concerns of Stanley and the surrounding area, particularly in planning applications, flooding, drainage, roads, and road safety.
- The “connected community” event was singled out as the biggest success, with very positive feedback from the community.
- However, the chair also acknowledged persistent challenges, especially in getting support and responses from both the local council and national government agencies. There was frustration at the lack of follow-up and action from these bodies, despite initial engagement.

- **Reflections on Progress**

- The chair noted that while there was a burst of progress and engagement in the first 4–6 months, the last year had seen a slowdown, with fewer tangible outcomes.
- There was a sense of disappointment that promises made by officials were often not fulfilled, and that the community council system risks becoming a “box-ticking exercise” if genuine partnership working is not achieved.

- **Optimism for the Future**

- Despite the challenges, the chair suggested that the groundwork laid over the past year might soon yield positive results, and encouraged continued involvement and collective action from the community.
- The chair emphasised the importance of “getting our voices together” to be heard and achieve change, using the metaphor of many voices uniting to make an impact.

- **Personal Note**

- The outgoing chair made it clear they would remain involved with the council, just not as chair, and encouraged others to step up and continue the work.

Date of next meeting: EGM - Monday 17 November 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall