



## STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES of a General Meeting Held in Stanley Village Hall on 26 January 2026 at 19:00.

1. – Register of attendees

Ivan Carroll (Chair, SDCC)

Neil Hardy (Secretary, SDCC)

Katherin Rix (Treasurer, SDCC)

John Graham (Member, SDCC)

Joyce Jamieson (Member, SDCC)

Ian James (Ward Councillor PKC)

There were also present 12 members of the Community.

2. Apologies

Fiona Hepburn (Member, SDCC)

Claire McLaren (Baillie, PKC)

3. Minutes from general meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

a. Accepted as a true and accurate record and have been signed accordingly by Chair and submitted to PKC.

b. Prop: JG, 2<sup>nd</sup>: JJ

4. Matters (actions) arising from meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025:

a. Action 3: NH to amend minutes from October to include apologies from Baillie McLaren. NH confirmed done. **Action closed.**

b. Action 4: IJ to update re: 20mph rollout. IJ confirms rollout due for Autumn 2026. 20mph limit will be extended to rail bridge on Duchess St. **Action closed**

c. Action 5: Mr Johnston, IJ & FH to discuss signage on Duchess St / Benchil Rd. **Action on-going.**

d. Action 6: JJ asked IJ for any updates on yellow line orders being completed for Percy St-Store St. IJ confirms no update as yet. **Action on-going.**

e. Action 7: WSWG confirms PKC would be happy to retain ownership of The Rookery/Wildwood if a community group can be formed to take on maintenance. WSWG. **Action closed** - WSWG to update as appropriate.

f. Action 8: Mr I Johnston raised concerns re: progress of Active Travel Route (ATR – cycle route) between Stanley-Luncarty to IJ. IJ reports no further movement to report – issue is down to landowners and purchase of land. Mr I Johnston expressed dissatisfaction at lack of progress and had contacted The Courier IJ said that he was of course free to speak to whomever he wished but that Mr Johnston should be aware that by doing so it would require Council Officer time to respond to any press enquiries. Mrs Coutts said that perhaps the ATR should be raised higher than PKC and asked if PKC have powers to force progress. IJ explained that only powers would be compulsory purchase. **Original action closed. New Action: IJ to look into options available to PKC to progress the ATR and report back. New Action: IJ to identify whom the Stanley Community can contact to escalate this issue.**

g. Action 9: footpath on rail bridge end of Duchess St, originally raised by Mr Johnston with IJ/FH. FH has since investigated and reported to IJ and CM and PKC. IJ can confirm that it is believed the damaged path/cover belongs to telecoms utility company but it is strongly believed the footpath is unadopted and private land. Utility company yet to reply to enquiries/requests to repair. Mr Johnston expressed extreme dissatisfaction at lack of movement on this issue and stated that PKC have a duty of care. IJ explained that while this may be true if it is private land they can only request the landowner take action to repair. **Original action closed. New action – IJ to follow-up on to utility co on progress**

to repair and also investigate if land is private and see if request to landowner has been lodged. New Action: IJ to share details of whom PKC has contacted such that the Stanley Community can also contact if so inclined.

- h. Action 10: Mrs Coutts raised concern over core path Stanley-Ballathie/Taymount. NH confirms that currently project has been paused by P&C Countryside Trust due to poor engagement from landowners to permit works. Funding has been returned but with strong hope of availability on reapplication. IC advises that Core Paths is on list of potential projects for SDCC to adopt this year. **Action closed.**
  - i. Action 11: SDCC Members + Mr Fraser raised issue of appearance of advertising sign in The Square for Ogilvie Homes. JG reports that there is no reference in their original planning applications and no indication of advertising signage. JG has lodged Enforcement Notice with PKC and it is currently with PKC Planning & Development. IJ liaised with JG and provided name of PKC Officer to engage with. **Action: JG to update as appropriate.**
5. Reports from Office Bearers:
- a. Chair – nothing to add after actions above.
  - b. Secretary – telecoms planned for Percy St in early February requiring parking restrictions and possible road closure' works on Airntully Rd for Scottish water now extended to mid-March.
  - c. Treasurer – no further updates since EGM/AGM report.
6. Matters arising
- a. Gritting Duchess St / Benchil Rd: JJ reports have spoken to PKC and road is currently classed as priority 3 – for comparison B9099 (Perth Rd) is 2 and A9 is a priority 1. IJ believes reclassification of Benchil Rd may occur once works to Stewart Tower Rd are completed. **Action: IJ to enquire.** Mrs Johnston raised concerns at removal of 'skid' warning signs from Benchil Rd since the resurfacing works. **Action: IJ to raise enquiry with PKC Roads Dept**  
Mr Johnston raised concerns over overall issues with Duchess St speeding and traffic issues and is concerned that if Benchil Rd is to be reclassified why wasn't it raised with SDCC or community. Also questioned why no signage warning of bridge and pedestrians. IJ repeated message from previous SDCC meetings that signage and traffic calming can be requested however requirements will be based on safety and budget and that regardless of signage etc it is down to drivers to observe and follow the law. IJ advised that there are 1600miles of roads in PKC area and Stanley in last 5yrs has had close to £100,000 spent on speed-table and pedestrian crossing as well as 20mph zone around school. **Action: Mrs Coutts requested information on how soon the 20mph limits will be enforced. IJ and NH to enquire with PKC/PolScot.**
  - b. Footpath repair on Duchess St – see item 4g above
  - c. Phone Mast: IC reports information from CM that land sale agreement has now been signed and contractor expects work to commence in Q1 of 2026.
7. Community Groups / Community Matters
- a. Police – not present
  - b. West Stormont Woodland Group: reports that since formation have been pursuing opportunity to purchase Taymount / 5 mile woods. However Forrestry Land have now determined, due to major engagement and works by WSWG, that other options may be possible and both woods now removed from the 'sale' list. WSWG in discussions regarding management agreement.
8. Councillors updates – nothing to add over reports given in item 4 and 6
9. Planning applications, decisions and appeals
- a. Only 1 of note since last meeting regarding Stanley Water Treatment Works expansion which is expected to pass.
  - b. Application for new dog park on Gowrie Straight was approved.

- c. Application lodged to convert formers Kinclaven Episcopal Church into residential use. Expected to be approved.
- d. JG asked if IJ was aware of any 'ties' placed on sale of land for phone mast – IJ not aware of any.

10. AOCB

- a. Mrs Steel raised question regarding rollout of 20mph on village and drop from 60mph on approach from all directions. IJ believes a step-down approach will be required, for eg 60mph to 40mph to 20mph. **Action: IJ to check plans and report back.**
- b. Mr Fraser raised issue of dog fouling around the village. This is an on-going matter of some disgust and is inexcusable. All PKC rubbish bins can take bags of picked-up- dog faeces. Possibility that this is not widely known. JJ raised possibility of working with Stanley Primary School for a poster competition. Mr Clark said he had spoken with Dog Warden and had been given a sign for own gate advising that offenders would be reported and faced fines.
- c. Mr Fraser asked for update on double yellow lines on junctions around The Square. Orders had been confirmed last year by PKC for Mill St junction with Store St and Linn Rd junction with Clunie Way. **Action remains open – IJ noted and will try to enquire.**

Meeting concluded at 2006hrs.

Next meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026.

List of actions:

1. General road signage Duchess St/Benchil Rd: Mr Johnston, IJ & FH to discuss. Action on-going.
2. Yellow line orders being completed for Percy St-Store St: JJ asked IJ for any updates on. IJ confirms no update as yet, will enquire.
3. Options available to PKC to force progress on ATR: IJ to look into.
4. Options available to the Stanley Community to escalate the ATR matter. IJ to advise options.
5. Duchess St footpath damage: IJ to follow-up on to utility co on progress to repair and also investigate if land is private and see if request to landowner has been lodged.
6. Duchess St damage: IJ to share the details on whom PKC contacted such that the Community can also contact.
7. Ogilvie homes sign in The Square: JG to update as appropriate
8. Re-classification of Benchil Rd: IJ to enquire
9. 'skid' warning signs on Benchil Rd: IJ to investigate
10. Enforcement options for 20mph zone when arrives in village: IJ & NH to action with PKC & PolScot
11. 20mph zone drop from 60mph when entering village, what do the "plans" show: IJ to enquire with PKC roads
12. Double yellow lines installation on Percy St/Perth Rd, King St/Perth Rd & Duchess St/Perth Rd: IJ to enquire.

<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	Chair, SDCC
<b>Date:</b>	09/02/2026

