

STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Meeting held in Stanley Village Hall
on 23 March 2026 at 19:00

1. Register of Attendees

- Ivan Carroll (Chair, SDCC)
- Neil Hardy (Secretary, SDCC)
- Katherin Rix (Treasurer, SDCC)
- John Graham (Member, SDCC)
- Fiona Hepburn (Member, SDCC)
- Joyce Jamieson (Member, SDCC)
- PC Ross Buchan (Police Scotland)
- Members of the public: several present.

2. Apologies

- None.

3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 26 January 2026

- Accepted as a true and accurate record.
- Proposed: Fiona Hepburn; Seconded: Katherin Rix.

4. Matters (Actions) Arising from Previous Meeting

- Action 1 – General road signage Duchess St/Benchil Rd: No update. Ongoing.
- Action 2 – Yellow line orders Percy St/Store St: No update. Ongoing.
- Action 3 – PKC options to progress ATR (Active Travel Route: proposed cycle route between Stanley & Luncarty): No update. Ongoing.
- Action 4 – Community escalation options for ATR (Active Travel Route: proposed cycle route between Stanley & Luncarty): No update. Ongoing.
- Action 5 – Duchess St footpath damage: Ownership believed to be Muir Homes; fencing erected. No update. Ongoing.
- Action 6 – PKC contact details for footpath enquiries: No update. Ongoing.
- Action 7 – Ogilvie Homes sign: Completed.
- Action 8 – Benchil Rd reclassification: No update. Ongoing.
- Action 9 – ‘Skid’ warning signs on Benchil Rd: No update. Ongoing.
- Action 10 – Enforcement options for 20mph zone: Police advise limited enforcement; NH to contact Traffic Scotland.
- Action 11 – 60→20mph transition entering village: No update. Ongoing.
- Action 12 – Double yellow lines: No update. Ongoing.

5. Reports from Office Bearers

- Chair: No updates.
- Secretary: None.
- Treasurer: PKC top-up grant received; balance approx. £1,000.
- John Graham: Noticeboard reinstated at old shop for SDCC use.

6. Matters Arising

a. Fiona Hepburn

- War Memorial: Black Watch rep will resolve lighting.
- Stagecoach: Larger buses struggling; awaiting response from Stagecoach.
- Luncarty bends foliage: PKC will address when able.

b. Joyce Jamieson

- Scottish Water: No response re Airntully tank/pipe.
- Sewage works: Contractor appointed; no details released.

c. Neil Hardy

- Shielhill Place road repairs: Suggestion Ogilvie Homes contribute; NH to contact IJ.
- Stanley Car Park: Spaces marked off; awaiting PKC response.

d. Mrs D Steel

- LDP3 mixed-use site: JG contacted PKC; referred to website. Bankfoot CC doing surveys. Mrs Coutts raised Local Place Plan concerns. JG to raise with PKC Planning. May expected for consultation. NH noted funding key for Local Place Plan. Mr Johnston stated SDT CAP should have been considered.
- Airntully walk/cycle route: IJ aware; investigating Linn Rd.

e. Mr Johnston traffic concerns:

- Requested that Benchil Road be reduced to 40mph.
- Questioned why Airntully Road is a higher priority than Duchess Street for 20mph measures.
- Noted increased traffic due to works on Stewart Tower Road.
- Highlighted recent accidents caused by road conditions.
- Believes legislation requires signage on the single-track bridge and considers the lack of signage unacceptable.
- Disputes PKC's claims that action has been taken on Duchess Street.
- Noted that removal of the school crossing patrol saved PKC money compared to what has been spent on traffic calming.
- Wrote to John Swinney MSP on 4 February 2026; received a response on 9 February confirming the matter would be raised with PKC.
- PKC's response provided a rollout date for the 20mph zone but no intention to install 40mph limits or countdown signs. Mr Johnston expressed dissatisfaction with this response and mentioned the possibility of a residents' meeting.

7. Community Groups / Community Matters

Police Scotland – PC Ross Buchan:

- No major crimes.
 - 46 incidents recorded; all isolated.
 - Reports of white flatbed vans involved in thefts.
 - Neighbourhood Alert to be promoted.
- Revd Ross Stirling-Young reported theft of lead from church roofs; CCTV installed.

8. Councillors' Update

- None present. No updates.

9. Planning (John Graham)

- Nothing to report.

10. Closed-Door Meeting

- Decisions will be included in formal minutes.
- Members voted in favour of a non-public meeting in April.

11. AOCB

- SSE resilience funding opportunities.
- Portable generators for vulnerable residents.
- JJ suggested promote priority registration for vulnerable users (electricity/water).
- JJ raised concerns about Teleswitch meters going offline 20 April 2026; uncertainty over smart meter reliability.

Meeting concluded at 20:06 hrs.

Next meeting: 27 May 2026 at 1900hrs

Updated Actions List:

1. Road signage Duchess St/Benchil Rd – ongoing.
2. Yellow lines Percy St–Store St – IJ to update. - ongoing
3. PKC options for ATR & options for community escalation for ATR – IJ to advise - ongoing
5. Duchess St footpath & PKC contacts for footpath – IJ to provide - ongoing
7. Ogilvie sign – **completed.**
8. Benchil Rd reclassification – IJ to enquire - ongoing
9. ‘Skid’ signs for Benchil Rd – IJ to investigate - ongoing
10. 20mph enforcement when rolled out – NH to contact Traffic Scotland.
11. 60→20mph transition when 20mph rolled out – IJ to enquire.
12. Double yellow lines Mill St – IJ to enquire - ongoing
13. Shielhill Place repairs – NH to contact IJ - ongoing
14. LDP3 mixed-use site off Airntully Rd – JG to raise with PKC Planning – ongoing

Accepted as correct and true version of events:

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