STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting

Monday 26 October 2026 • Stanley Village Hall

1. Attendance

Present: I Carroll; N Hardy; J Graham; J Jamieson; F Hepburn; five members of the community.

Apologies: Councillor Ian James; Baillie Claire McLaren; Community Council Treasurer K Rix.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 August 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: J Jamieson **Seconded:** F Hepburn

3. Matters / Actions Arising from Previous Meeting

3.1 Complete yellow line works at King Street / Mill Street junction
Status: Ongoing Lead: PKC

3.2 Report and monitor Duchess Street footpath damage
Status: Ongoing Lead: SDCC / Councillor Ian James

3.3 Progress Benchil Road reclassification assessment
Status: Ongoing Lead: PKC / J Jamieson

No update was available on gritting priorities. It was agreed that SDCC should write to PKC seeking reclassification of the U38 under the Road Traffic Act 1984 to a C classification, in the hope that this would result in regular gritting. The notes record that PKC can alter the classification.

ACTION	**Write to PKC, copy Ward Councillors requesting reclassification of the U38 to C classification under the Road Traffic Act 1984.** Lead: SDCC

3.4 Progress 60mph to 20mph transition entering village
Status: Ongoing Lead: Councillor Ian James

3.5 Pursue double yellow line proposals at The Square
Status: Ongoing Lead: N Hardy / F Hepburn / K Rix

3.6 Monitor roads maintenance works
Status: Ongoing Lead: N Hardy / J Jamieson

Airntully Road (U117) and Linn Road were noted in relation to reclassification as cycle/pedestrian routes for a reduced speed limit. A letter is required.

ACTION	**Write to PKC regarding proposed cycle/pedestrian route reclassification for Airntully Road (U117) and Linn Road.** Lead: SDCC

3.7 Pursue lighting improvements at The Square
Status: Ongoing Lead: N Hardy

3.8 Monitor H30 consultation and respond where required
Status: Ongoing Lead: J Graham

3.9 Follow up maintenance request for The Rookery / Wildwood
Status: Ongoing Lead: N Hardy

There had been no follow-up to the email sent and the myPKC request for works. Hedges had been trimmed, but tree maintenance had not been carried out. E Coutts, on behalf of West Stormont Working Group, advised that maintenance should form part of the management plan under the Stanley Biodiversity Plan. PKC had recently emailed the Working Group seeking an update on progress.

ACTION	**Send a follow-up email, copy Ward Councillors asking about progress on tree maintenance and confirming PKC communication channel Service Level Agreements** Lead: N Hardy

3.10 War Memorial flagpole / lighting installation
Status: Lighting ongoing; flagpole completed Lead: F Hepburn

Thanks were recorded to Ogilvie Homes for providing the village flagpole for the memorial.

3.11 Gemma Stewart assistance regarding roads resilience
Status: Ongoing Lead: I Carroll

3.12 Enquire whether an A9 resilience plan exists
Status: Ongoing Lead: Baillie Claire McLaren

4. Updates from Community Council Office Bearers

- Chair: nothing to add.
- Secretary: nothing to add.
- Treasurer: absent.

5. Matters Arising

Water Treatment Works: J Jamieson reported that site buildings were in situ. Archaeological remnants had been discovered in the banking and were awaiting investigation by PKC. Major works for new underground works were due in future.

Proposed Visitor Levy: Ward Councilors will be contacted to seek their position on the Levy. The notes recorded that the expected proposal was a fixed amount rather than a percentage, with no limit on the number of nights charged, and 10p per transaction for owners/managers for administration expenses. A member of the community asked for the Community Council's view; no stance had been taken at this stage. A question was also raised from the floor about PKC administration costs and assurance that funds would be ring-fenced as promised.

Future Leisure Facilities replacement: N Hardy will engage with Ward Councillors ask their stance on the future leisure facilities replacement proposed by PKC.

6. Community Matters / Community Groups

Police Scotland update: An update received by email advised that, since 17 August, 55 incidents had been recorded by Police, including one attempted break-in, with the majority relating to neighbourhood disputes and anti-social behaviour. Residents were reminded to secure properties, external buildings, garden furniture and equipment. A reminder was also given about safety in bad weather following incidents in Aberfeldy over the weekend.

The 20mph limits are now being enforced following a change in advice to Police Scotland, with enforcement being carried out as the previous 30mph limit was. Reports were noted of Police having stopped various drivers for excessive speed.

7. Update from Ward Councillors

Apologies received from Councillor Ian James and Baillie Claire McLaren

8. Planning Applications, Decisions and Appeals

Three planning matters were noted:

- Applications for solar panels on the old parish church, including a separate application for listed building permission.
- Duchess Street house: request for change of use from garage to short-term let conversion.
- Approval given for phases 3 and 4 of the Deer Pines development.

9. Report Back from SDCC Non-Public Meeting

The following matters were noted: increasing engagement; co-opting members; and Linn Road issues.

10. AOCB

National Emergency Briefing / People's Emergency Briefing: E Coutts spoke about a film covering the nature and climate emergency and asked for support to widen awareness and encourage a screening. She was speaking to Stanley Development Trust about a screening and asked the Community Council to support its advertising and promotion. Those Community Council members present agreed to support a screening alongside showings in Murthly and Bankfoot.

St Columba Church: F Hepburn advised that some food from the Harvest Thanksgiving had been kept back and was available for anyone who needed support.

GoFibre: J Jamieson reported on the recent open day in the Village Hall. On arrival there was no signal for the laptop; limited availability around the village centre was noted.

Remembrance Sunday: N Hardy advised that the event would take place on 8 November from 10.45am, with refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards.

Action Summary

The following actions remain ongoing or were agreed at this meeting for follow-up:

Status	Action	Lead
ONGOING	Complete yellow line works at King Street / Mill Street junction.	PKC
ONGOING	Report and monitor Duchess Street footpath damage.	SDCC / Councillor Ian James
NEW	Write to PKC requesting reclassification of the U38 to C classification under the Road Traffic Act 1984.	SDCC
ONGOING	Progress 60mph to 20mph transition entering village.	Councillor Ian James
ONGOING	Pursue double yellow line proposals at The Square.	N Hardy / F Hepburn / K Rix
NEW	Write regarding proposed cycle/pedestrian route reclassification for Airntully Road (U117) and Linn Road.	SDCC
ONGOING	Pursue lighting improvements at The Square.	N Hardy
ONGOING	Monitor H30 consultation and respond where required.	J Graham
NEW	Send a follow-up email asking about progress on tree maintenance at The Rookery / Wildwood	N Hardy
ONGOING	Progress War Memorial lighting installation.	F Hepburn
ONGOING	Follow up Gemma Stewart assistance regarding roads resilience.	I Carroll
ONGOING	Enquire whether an A9 resilience plan exists.	Baillie Claire McLaren

New actions agreed at the 26 October meeting are highlighted in green for quick reference.

Date of next meeting: Monday 30 November 2026