

Riverside Community Council Public Meeting Minutes
Riverside Primary School
Date: 25th February 2026

Members Present
Carol Robertson
Fiona Berrow
Jude Treliving
Creagh Warren
Parvin Morrissey
Nitish Ramparsad
Fiona Dyet
Ashleigh Phillips

In Attendance
Cllr Thompson
Gillian Armstrong
Katy Allen
Andrew Fraser
Di Alderdice
2 residents

Apologies
Joan Murphy

Minutes	Actions
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Carol Robertson welcomed everyone to the February meeting.</p> <p>Positive fact of the month: FD interested in adding boxes for swifts and martens in Riverside. There is potential to have a workshop for making the boxes out of old wood; FD to collate interest on the Riverside WhatsApp group for the coming Spring.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No Declaration of Interest was recorded.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes for January adopted: CW proposed; FD seconded.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>6. Reports</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Secretary</p> <p>Memorial Bench: The memorial bench for Ann Graham has been installed near her house, opposite the river. This was felt to be a fitting place for it.</p> <p>Roads Work: The works have been concluded for now, with work for Shore Road Park still to be confirmed.</p>	

Funding Opportunities: CR has looked into funding from the Community Service Payback Scheme and there was a discussion regarding funding to paint the underpass on Lovers Walk.

Stirling Studios:

Email from Sharon Marklow at Stirling Council:

- The work on the MOD site remains on track to be fully completed by the end of March 2026. All the key infrastructure is in place and we're now progressing testing and commissioning.
- The roads programme does slip a couple of weeks with work being undertaken on Forthside Way now expected on the 17th April.
- In relation to the gap site beside the Engine Shed, pre-application discussions are ongoing with prospective purchasers of the land.

b. Treasurer

There is currently £296.94 in the bank account of which: £106.60 is unrestricted funds; £88.48 of administration grant; £90.00 minutes grant; and £7.61 of seed grant funding.

February Income: We received funding from CSET for the Old Harbour Woods project (£642.26 and £1,580.93).

February Expenditure:

We paid the monthly charge for our banking services (£4.25), paid for another bench, trees and other plants for the Old Harbour Woods project (£642.26 and £1,580.93).

7. Subgroups

- a. **Accessibility:** GA reported that as resident Calum is happy with the resurfacing and the ease of use of his wheelchair, she is happy. There was agreement that residents seem content with the new zebra crossings.
- b. **Community:** NR to put message in Riverside WhatsApp group about the plant sale, as there haven't been any posts in the new channel yet. It might be possible to use the polytunnel at the Riverbank Centre for the plant sale; and Iain at the Centre may have trays, pots or plants up for grabs.
- c. **Old Harbour Woods:** There has been work done to replace large snowdrops in the woods with naturalised, smaller ones. Shrubs and woodrush have been planted to stabilise the bank and soil. The management plan is almost done, to be approved by Stirling Council. Sean and Alison have been working on the interpretation boards, and there are plans to add QR codes to the posts to provide a guided walk through the park. There was a suggestion to add this information to the RCC website. There had been concern from a resident regarding the fallen fencing, which will be addressed in the management plan.

<p>d. Planters: CR has the plaques to be added to the planters, which will be done soon. There are still a few planters looking for a caretaker – anyone interested can get more information by emailing riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com.</p> <p>e. Waverley Park: The work is finished, but there is continued interest in the caravan permanently parked beside the park. AP has been in contact with Cllr Nunn.</p> <p>f. Roads and Parking: There is a continued problem with drainage and flooding at the underpass on Lovers Walk. AF has reported on FixMyStreet and suggests a double gully being used, rather than a single. AF to discuss with Cllr Thompson regarding the wrongly marked zigzag markings in recently finished work.</p> <p>Street Names: The subgroup for the renaming of Forthside Way has suggested naming the street John Allan Avenue, to mark the life of the architect and social reformer who lived in Stirling and advocated for better buildings and living conditions. It was suggested that the use of the ‘avenue’ might encourage some trees to be planted.</p>	
<p>8. Local Groups</p> <p>Riverside Stories: A project to capture the essence of Riverside and the people who live here. Sue Dumbleton to meet with CR on 10th of March to discuss progressing the project. Anyone interested in getting involved, contact Carol Robertson.</p> <p>Riverside Naturally: Volunteer Session, Saturday 28th February. Meet at the Orchard at 0930.</p>	
<p>8. A.O.B.</p> <p>Spring Clean Scotland: Suggestion to do a litter pick on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March. More details to be added to WhatsApp group.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, 25th March 2026. Venue: RPS.</p>	