

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

Members Present

Joan Murphy
 Fiona Berrow
 Carol Robertson
 Ashleigh Philips
 Fiona Dyet
 Nitish Ramparsad
 Parvin Morrissey

In Attendance

Gillian Armstrong
 Di Alderdice
 Andrew Fraser
 Christine Rogers
 Anne Kirkwood

Apologies

Jude Treliving

Cllr Gibson, +9 residents

Minutes	Actions
1. Welcome No declaration of interest declared Previous minutes adopted by Fiona Dyet, seconded by Fiona Berrow.	
2. Positive facts: The pre-school enrolment rate in Uzbekistan has jumped from 27% in 2017 to 75% in 2024 – World Bank data. Thanks partly to initiatives like Kindergarten on Wheels project which educates rural children on adapted buses.	
1. Matters arising: Riverside Stories Project Proposal The project would operate under the auspices of the Community Council and report to the CC. It would be led by a Community Councillor supported by interested residents. Funding would be sought by the project group. The CC would not be expected to make any financial contribution but it would be helpful if the project group could use the CC's name and bank account when making funding applications. The purpose of the project is to create an archive of material about life in Riverside. The archive material will cover three areas of Riverside life: • People • Places • Environment Stages: Endorsement agreed by RCC at its April 2026 meeting. - Form small working group (May/June 2026) - Working group to decide what and how information will be gathered and how it will be stored and disseminated. There are existing examples e.g. a digital archive (https://memorymapper.github.io/) or a paper based one (	

papawestray.com/papay-archive) https://www.thekelpstore 4. Possible outputs and ethical considerations to be discussed (GDPR etc) 5. Working group to advertise the project and ask for interested people to make contact. (summer 2026) 6. Working group to contact individuals, organisations and services which might hold relevant information e.g. Stirling Council Archivists 7. Gather information from individuals, organisations and services (Autumn 2026) 8. Organise outputs e.g. an exhibition, a booklet, a video (winter 2026/27) [It is accepted that these timescales might slip] The working group will inform the CC of progress and ask for support with advertising or information gathering as appropriate. Carol Robertson, RCC Sue Dumbleton	
Chair's Report Change of members: • Fiona and Joan standing down at May elections – time to restructure • Creagh Warrender has resigned • Alison Giles appointed as Associate. She will take over the website and organisation of CC files • 2 vacancies • SB will send details of procedure for May elections Forthside Masterplan/ Stirling Studios <u>Email from Sharon Marklow, Service Manager - Planning & Building Standards</u> • All the onsite building and infrastructure work finishes this month. • We've started refurbishing another building onsite through City Region Development funding – that will be completed early June 2026 • Roads completion date slips to 19th April – we won't open the new road from Kerse road until then. • We continue to progress through the process of appointing a Studio Operator. • There is a paper to the full Council on the 2 April 2026 regarding the preferred bidder for the vacant site next to the Engine Shed. Roadworks: Now complete	
2. Secretary's Report: Police Report: Crimes: Four detected crimes for minor road traffic offences. No undetected crimes. Calls: Six calls to Police. Nothing of note/concern. The new mailbox address is: forthvalleycommunitypolicestirling@scotland.police.uk • Community Police Officers are Greig Lowery and Olivia Black	FD to contact Gym owners

• New system of reporting – either email or short standardised report • Aim to visit CC quarterly Parking on Forth Street Fiona has contacted SC re dangerous parking near Gym and Church on Forth Street	
3. Treasurer's Report: We currently have £288.44 in the bank account of which: £106.60 unrestricted funds; £84.23 administration grant; £90.00 minutes grant; and £7.61 seed grant funding. March Income: We received funding from CSET for groundwork for the Old Harbour Woods project (£1,401.94). March Expenditure: We paid the monthly charge for our banking services (£4.25) and for groundwork in Old Harbour Woods (£1,401.94). Approx £2000 from Jabob's has been received by Riverside Naturally and needs to be transferred across to RCC account so it can be used for Shore Rd Park.	FB to speak to Emily McLaughlin
4. Community Engagement/enhancement Shore Rd Park – Temporary fence is in place, shielding the newly planted hedge. Hedge is not as extensive as was originally agreed and this has resulted in a gap which is filling with litter. RCC will not have to maintain the hedge – the supplier will maintain it for the first year, and after that SC will. Shrubs will not now be removed by SC due to lack of resources. Alternative means were discussed Bench is in place, but citing is not as agreed. Plant Sale to be organized to raise funds for RCC May 9th most likely date. Venue will be the polytunnel at Riverbank Centre.	NR to follow up issues.
5. Old Harbour Woods: Management plan to be discussed with SC next week. Picnic bench will go in soon. Assets Insurance is due soon – any changes required? A local resident has contacted RCC, concerned about the dangerous broken fencing near Riverside Quay. The land is apparently owned by a Chinese company and up for sale (Graham and Sibbald). DG suggested that a Planning Enforcement Order might be a way to remove the fencing.	DA to inform FB if any changes required to insurance cover.
6. Defibrillators Pads are up for renewal. Paediatric pads could be purchased for machine at	

school.	
7. Planters Meeting to be held on 19 April to add the plaques. 2 still available if anyone interested. Kelly Kessing has funds for plants which could be used for Shore Rd Park.	RP to contact KK
8. Forthside Way Feedback from residents of Forthside Way (parallel to railway) suggests they do not wish it to be renamed. However, more consultation may be helpful before a final decision is made.	AF to pursue
9. AOB Cars are parking on the pavement at the corner of Millar Pl and Abbey Rd. Bollards could possibly be erected to prevent this. Gary Fraser @ SC is the contact person	JM to contact GF. FD to contact police.
NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 29th April 2026. Brian Robertson, Chief Exec SC to attend.	