

**Riverside Community Council Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Riverside Primary School**  
**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**

**Members Present**

Joan Murphy  
 Fiona Berrow  
 Creagh Warren  
 Ashleigh Philips  
 Fiona Dyet  
 Nitish Ramparsad  
 Parvin Morrissey

**In Attendance**

Cllr Nunn  
 Gillian Armstrong  
 Di Alderdice  
 Andrew Fraser  
 Christine Rogers

**Apologies**

Carol Robertson  
 Jude Treliving

+18 residents

Minutes	Actions
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>No declaration of interest declared</p> <p>Previous minutes adopted by Ashleigh Philips, seconded by Creagh Warren.</p>	
<p><b>2. Positive facts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. World’s largest vertical farm, ECO1 is located south west of Dubai, one of the hottest and driest places on the planet. Its covers 30,000 square metres and grows lettuce, spinach, kale, arugula and other vegetables. It uses 95% less water than traditional farms and no pesticides are required. <a href="https://greenverti.com/news/worlds-biggest-vertical-farm-eco-1.html">https://greenverti.com/news/worlds-biggest-vertical-farm-eco-1.html</a></li> <li>2. Time Out has ranked 14 places across Britain that will be particularly worth a visit in 2026 and their number one must-see place in the UK in 2026 is Stirling. <a href="https://www.timeout.com/uk/news/the-legendary-former-capital-city-with-a-game-changing-new-train-route-that-is-time-outs-best-place-to-visit-in-britain-in-2026-010826">https://www.timeout.com/uk/news/the-legendary-former-capital-city-with-a-game-changing-new-train-route-that-is-time-outs-best-place-to-visit-in-britain-in-2026-010826</a></li> </ol>	
<p><b>3. Matters arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riverside Stories – Carol will follow up next month</li> <li>• Street Names: ongoing - waiting to hear from Cllr Jim Thomson</li> <li>• Phone Box Space: Nitish to update later</li> </ul>	

#### **4. Chair's report:**

##### **a) Forthside Masterplan/ Stirling Studios**

##### **23.01.26 Email from Sharon Marklow, Service Manager - Planning & Building Standards**

In the MOD site, work remains on schedule to be completed by the end of March 2026. This includes:

- the refurbishment of the studio building;
- refurbishment of the office building;
- all demolition of buildings to be demolished;
- a new electrical supply to the site;
- a new water supply to the site;
- the new entrance road off Forthside Way;
- completed works on Meadowforth Road linking through the site to the Forthside car park.

##### **b) For Active Travel:**

Works continue to progress on Forthside Way and through Shore Roads – all on track to be completed by end of March 2026;

The focus at Riverside the moment is on completing works at the shop frontages on Abbey Road. Works here are due to complete on 31st January. However, there has been some delay due to material issues, awaiting an update from the contractor to confirm if any further delay is expected – if so we'll communicate this to the CC. The improvements at the Riverside Green will be undertaken after completion of the on-road works.

##### **c) Planning:**

We are in discussion with potential developers regarding the vacant site between the engine shed and the existing residential flats for future residential units on this site.

##### **d) Dean Crescent**

##### **28/01/2026 from Nikki Slack, Senior Road Safety and Traffic Management Engineer:**

I have been informed that the civil engineering works to the crossing on Dean Crescent will be completed today, with the lining contractor programmed to attend on Tuesday the 3rd of February. Once the lining works are complete, the crossing will be commissioned and brought into operation. We anticipate the crossing to be fully operational on Wednesday 4th of February.

<p>Unfortunately, the completion of the crossing has been delayed by staff resourcing issues exacerbated by winter maintenance activities.</p> <p><b>e) 28/01/2026 from Flora Chirside, Senior Active Travel Project Manager:</b></p> <p>Thanks for your patience. The Riverside project has taken longer than originally planned so the contractor has been asked to prioritise completing the main works which have road space bookings in place, to ensure these works are completed before the bookings expire.</p> <p>We would expect the works at the green space to take place from mid February, but we will confirm once we get a programme update from the contractor. The works at the green space include the new paved area with bench, removal of the existing bin and replacing this with a new bin in the paved area. We are also intending to provide a large boulder for informal play. My colleague Zoe Niven is arranging for new hedging to be introduced around the edge of the green space.</p> <p><b>f) Roadworks – my thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The workmen have been amazing - out in all weathers, cheery and hard working. Forth Crescent and Ronald place are completed and open again. Dean Crescent to be completed today</li> <li>• Gary Fraser et al have been great at keeping in touch and I have posted all updates on the local Whatsapp group and - thanks to Creagh -on the website. –</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Secretary’s Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No police report. The nature of the reports is changing and the new system should produce more helpful stats.</li> <li>• Concerns re caravan near Waverley Park . Owner has been traced and there is no danger to the community.</li> <li>• Culture night to take place in Stirling on May 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul>	<p>FD to get in touch with police re reports.</p>
<p><b>6. Treasurer’s Report:</b></p> <p>We currently have £296.94 in the bank account of which: £106.60 is unrestricted funds; £92.73 of administration grant; £90.00 minutes grant; and £7.61 of seed grant funding.</p> <p>No income was received in December or January.</p>	<p>FD to bring a donations can to next CC meeting</p>

<p>December &amp; January Expenditure: We paid the monthly charge for our banking services for November and December (£4.25 each month) and paid for supplementary insurance for the Old Harbour Woods project (£27.84).</p> <p>Cash donations to cover cake and coffee at RCC meetings are welcome</p>	
<p><b>7. Planning:</b> nothing</p>	
<p><b>8. Accessibility</b> The new works have improved accessibility. Request made for cars not to park at crossing points.</p>	
<p><b>9. Active Travel:</b> COMO UK have a pop up Hub on Forthside Way (near the lift for the Bridge) with a cycle repair station and Santander bikes. On 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 10 -12am there will be a free doctor bike session there. Recyc-a-bike can also service and repair bikes.</p> <p>The 'Big Conversation' is closing on Sunday – Stirling Council consultation re budget for next year available on the engage platform.</p>	
<p><b>10. Community Engagement/enhancement</b> Riverside Green/ Shore Rd Park/Shore Brae Green. Any ideas for names gratefully received. Meeting has taken place with Paul Dumbleton (Tree link) and Zoe Niven (SC) re hedging. Hornbeam will be planted all around the periphery of the area (Feb/March). Other plants could be planted on the inside of the hedge to provide some biodiversity. Community will be able to add planting to the site. Council will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new paved area with bench,</li> <li>• removal of the existing bin and replacing this with a new bin in the paved area.</li> <li>• provide a large boulder for informal play.</li> </ul> <p>Colin Dawson (local builder) has offered to build us a noticeboard for the cost of the material</p> <p>Plant Sale to be organized to raise funds for RCC – April? (try not to clash with the Scout's plant sale). Could perhaps be used to build a small library in the space vacated by the old phone box at the end of Millar Pl? Anyone with extra plants would donate them to RCC to be sold on. New WhatsApp group to be formed. Venue tba Council's library team could help with the idea of a community library. Our local Cllrs can help us to advertise the plant sale.</p> <p><b>11. Defibrillators:</b> £420 raised via Christmas windows in Dec 2025. All 3 machines now have new batteries.</p>	<p>NR to send Cllr Nunn an email re non-slip path and car park area</p> <p>NR to consult Cllr Nunn and the libraries team.</p>

<p><b>12. Harbour Woods:</b> Work has resumed. Diggers have been in to clear ground for picnic benches. SC is aware of the issues with the fencing near Riverside Quay.</p>	
<p><b>13. Planters:</b> Plaques to go onto the planters</p>	
<p><b>14. Gritting:</b> Volunteers have been out gritting and making Riverside a safer place, so huge thanks to them. All bins have been filled again, though we can only get the brown grit as that is what Stirling Council use. Carol Robertson</p>	<p>DA to resend list of teams</p>
<p><b>15. Christmas Parcels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 households- 47 Riverside residents over 80 years.</li> <li>• 3 new households</li> <li>• Lots of lovely thank yous</li> </ul>	
<p><b>16. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a) Electric car charging:</b> Many residents in Riverside do not have a drive way. Some trial roadside stations were set up in Riverside near the bridge to Cambuskenneth. SC is awaiting the results of a report which has been compiled.</p> <p><b>b) Community Justice Team</b> will consider requests for payback projects.</p> <p><b>c) Notice Board</b> at shop near Cambuskenneth Bridge is partly obscured by 2 large newspaper boxes.</p> <p><b>d) Tree Protection Order</b> to be considered for the 4 trees which RCC has planted.</p> <p><b>e) Cllr Nunn</b> 1<sup>st</sup> March discussion for Ward 4 Elected members. All senior managers will be there. Please forward any important issues to the 4 Cllrs so they can be taken into account.</p> <p><b>f) Story Board</b> near Lovers Walk in need of a clean</p> <p><b>g) Chief Executive Brian Roberts</b> will come to RCC April meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Nunn to check</p> <p>CW</p> <p>PM</p> <p>Mike</p>
<p><b>NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b></p>	