Riverside Community Council Meeting Minutes
Riverside Primary School
Date: 28th October 2026

Members Present	**In Attendance**	**Apologies**
Christine Rogers	Cllr Nunn	Gillian Armstrong
Fiona Berrow	Katy Allen	Andrew Fraser
Jude Treliving	Di Alderdice	
Parvin Morrissey	5 residents	
Alison Giles		
Ashleigh Phillip		
Nitish Ramparsad		
Carol Robertson		

Minutes

1. **Welcome**

Carol Robertson welcomed everyone to Riverside Primary School.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes for August 2026 meeting were adopted. Fiona Berrow proposed; Ashleigh Philip seconded.

Minutes were approved with the following amendments:

a. The treasurer's report should have read as follows:
We currently have £542.89 in the bank account of which: £31.90 is unrestricted funds; -£129.22 is administration grant; £0 is minutes grant; £7.61 is seed grant funding; and £632.60 for Riverside Enhancement.
<u>September Income</u>:
No income was received in September.
<u>September Expenditure</u>:
We paid the monthly bank charges (£4.25) for September.
We are looking at getting a new bank account, Fiona will apply for a Virgin Money Clubs and Societies account.

b. Stephen Bly offered an amendment to the September minutes:
Agenda Point 6D states **"original team within Council who had agreed various actions has been replaced by new officers who do not feel obliged to complete what was previously agreed"** is not entirely correct. The original Officer who had helped create the overall plan left Stirling Council and another Officer took on responsibility for it; there has been no change in the team. There had been some Officers prior to the original Officer leaving, advising the funds would only deliver "Active Travel" strands of the project. It is not the case the Officers do not feel obliged to deliver all of the

plan, it is the case Officers managed expectations on what could be delivered by the original funding, leaving the other strands to be delivered by other funding.

4. **Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting**

None.

5. **SEV Consultation**

A resident brought the issue of Sexual Entertainment Venues to the awareness of RCC, particularly the opposition of residents to the licensing of venues in Stirling.
Concern was raised that Stirling is a historic and ancient town, and with a large student population, there are concerns regarding the sexualisation and objectification of women. Specifically regarding Riverside, the existence of the Rape Crisis Centre would stand in contrast to the licensing of SEVs.
Cllr Nunn clarified that the licensing has been devolved to local authorities. Cllr Nunn highlighted that the existence of a license, which allowed no SEVs in Stirling, permitted higher levels of police involvement than a blanket ban.
A resident requested that RCC responded to the Stirling Council consultation with a firm negative response for licensing SEVs, reflecting the concerns of the residents represented.

On behalf of the RCC, AP responded to the consultation. The responses are attached as appendix 5.

6. **Reports**

a. **Chair**
Christmas Parcels
There will be an event at the Riverbank Centre on December 17th, 1130-1400 for residents in Riverside over 80. This will be instead of parcels previously delivered. The event will include a lunch of soup and sandwiches, with tea, coffee and cake. There will hopefully be live entertainment of dancers and singers. Residents will be invited through previous contacts, and any transport will be provided if necessary. There will be a raffle, and also small gift bags provided. Carol Robertson is the contact for this event, via the RCC website.

b. Secretary
Scottish Forum Community Council: there will be an online conference to be held Mon 9th Nov regarding proposals for local government reform. AP will attend from RCC.

Community Council Scotland Newsletter: free training sessions to be held on local place plans Wed evenings until 11th Nov.

Springkerse: former industrial site redevelopment consultation meeting to be held Thurs 29th Oct at Unit 7 Munro Rd Stirling. More info at www.springkerse.com

Resilience: CR and AF recently attended a meeting regarding community resilience in emergencies. There is a resilience group in Cambuskenneth, and it was questioned whether Riverside needs its own independent group, or whether there could be a joint group. Cllr Nunn emphasised the need for

personal responsibility in preparing for emergencies, and highlighted opportunities for individuals in the community offering their skills in emergencies.
It was suggested that 'Resilience' became a sub-group within the RCC, with its own agenda item.

Police Report: Priorities continue to be anti-social behaviour, house breaking-in, road safety and community engagement.
3 reports of anti-social behaviour
1 drug misuse (possession of cannabis)
1 assault (not in Riverside)
5 crimes re theft not housebreaking
6 road traffic offences, mainly around Alloa Road and Causewayhead Road.
It is unclear from the report what is specific for Riverside, or what is grouped with Cornton; CR to feedback asking for more specific report

MacRobert:
CR met with development officer regarding engaging over-60s with the Arts, with potential to have a trial pilot with Riverside residents.

c. Treasurer
We currently have £1,073.26 in the bank account of which: £31.90 is unrestricted funds; £39.31 is administration grant; £0 is minutes grant; £369.34 is Old Harbour Woods funding; £0.11 is seed grant funding; and £632.60 for Riverside Enhancement.

<u>October Income:</u>
The Old Harbour Woods group raised £369.34 by holding a quiz (£90.45 card donations via Square, £245.67 cash donations paid into the account by Sean, and £33.22 from the fundraising website). We received our 2026-27 administration grant from Stirling Council (£168.53).

<u>October Expenditure:</u>
We bought some seeds (£7.50) for the planters.

d. Planning
Double Yellow lines to be added to the entrance to Chandler's Court.

A more comprehensive list of planning-related issues is attached as an appendix, labeled 6d.

7. Sub-Groups
a. Community Enhancement
Shore Road Park:
There is a new bin at the entrance and the bench has been moved to face the correct direction. Permission to install the noticeboard is still pending, dependent upon Stirling Council approving metal legs.

Riverbank Centre:
With Iain retiring, there is an opportunity for several raised beds and half the polytunnel to be adopted by Riverside residents, with shared use being preferred. NR will add details to the Riverside WhatsApp group, inviting interested residents to get in touch.

d. Defibrillators

The defibrillator units are all are operational and we are now preparing for the 10th anniversary of our annual advent window fundraiser.
A message is going on the notice boards WhatsApp and website asking anyone who would like to have a window included to confirm by 15th Nov. Maps will be issued on 28th Nov. Links to JustGiving fundraising page for our charity partner Lucky2BeHere are also included, noting that as well as bringing some unique Christmas spirit to Riverside the windows also raise valuable funds to maintain our 3 defibrillators.
CR to confirm total funds raised for this year at Jan meeting.

e. Old Harbour Woods
There will be a meeting on Saturday to clear Snowberry. DA expressed her thanks to Cllr Nunn for her help in contacting the Premier Inn to help the area being worked on.

f. Parking:
'John Allan Avenue' has been adopted as the new name for the road running parallel and closest to the railway line.

g. Riverside Stories
Since September RCC meeting, the stories working group has met with Neil the Archivist at Stirling library and identified some useful resources and approach for the stories project. We have also identified people to reach out to regarding their experience of living in Riverside. If anyone would like to get involved please let CR or Alison Swanson know. The current plan is to hold a launch event on Sat 9th Jan.

8. Local Groups
Riverside Naturally:
Orchard Day will happen from 12-2 at the Riverbank Centre polytunnel on Saturday 31st October.

Craft Day:
Free-to-attend craft afternoon at the Lawn Bowling Club, Sunday 15th November, 1430-1630.

9. A.O.B.
Parking:
It is likely that Stirling Council will do a consultation of residents soon regarding parking, with discussion of some roads in Riverside being offered permits.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 25th November 2026. Venue: The Studio, RPS. 1915 for tea and cake; meeting starts at 1930.

Appendix 5

Question 1: Do you support the licensing of sexual entertainment venues?

Response: Don't know.

- I explained in the comments that, based on my current understanding and the information previously communicated to the Community Council, the licensing system allows the Council to set the number of permitted sexual entertainment venues at zero, effectively preventing them from operating. However, members of the Community Council had expressed concerns that licensing these venues, even with a limit of zero, could be seen as legitimising them. They felt that an outright ban would be preferable.

- As the consultation did not offer an outright ban as an option, I selected 'Don't know' and explained the reasoning behind this in the comments section.

Question 2: Reasons for opposing sexual entertainment venues in Stirling:
- I explained that residents had expressed concerns about the potential exploitation of women, both those working in sexual entertainment venues and women in the surrounding area.
- There were concerns that men leaving these venues might mistreat women nearby, potentially creating an unsafe environment in the city centre, particularly in and around the venues.
- Residents also felt that sexual entertainment venues contributed to the wider sexualisation and objectification of women.
- These points reflected concerns raised by residents about the potential impact of such venues on women's safety and the wider culture around the treatment of women.

Recommended limit on the number of sexual entertainment venues:

- I recommended that Stirling Council set the limit on the number of sexual entertainment venues at zero, meaning that no such venues would be permitted to operate in Stirling.
- This reflected the views expressed by residents that these venues should not be allowed to operate in the city.

Appendix 6d.
Riverside Community Council
2026-01-28 meeting.
Road notes (updated)
1. No progress on removing trip hazard at Goosecroft Road automatic traffic light controlled crossing – in contrast with Murray Place hazards.
2. No progress in correcting zig-zag markings at stand-alone crossings and no decision from Scottish Public Service Ombudsman because of current workload.
3. No progress at Cambuskenneth foot bridge. Stirling Council are refusing to remove illegal “Share” signs, and continuing to ignore guidance on geometrical requirements for shared space.
4. No progress at Lover's Walk. Guidance contains suggestion for dealing with cycle lanes in restricted space (may need to check previous “in-house” correspondence, for details of suggestion previously made).
5. No progress with signs on approaches to arch bridges over Lover's Walk. Those in place are not appropriate or use where arches are concerned. They should have been replaced many years ago.
6. No progress on the greatly increased danger to road users stemming from the removal of mini-roundabouts. No decision from Scottish Public Service Ombudsman because of current work load.
7. No progress on requests for parking restrictions around junctions Forth Street/Rosebery Terrace and the Millar Place/Argyll Avenue/Sutherland Avenue mini-roundabout.
8. No progress in bringing textured paving at junction Forth Crescent/Ronald Place up to the required standard for the crossing type involved.
9. No progress in providing barrier/chicane at Forrest Road end of footpath leading from James Street – to prevent repetition of event where two child cyclists rode straight out in front of a 'bus. (Such barriers were formerly considered good practice.)
10. Stirling Council has now agreed to name the road nearest the railway line “John Allan Avenue” and will

contact those affected by it. There remains some confusion over the “Seaforth Place” request, but it is hoped that it will be resolved before the next meeting.
Planning notes.
1. Several intimations received, but none affecting Riverside.

Andrew Fraser.
Roads associate, RCC.
2026-10-25