

Riverside Community Council Meeting Minutes
Riverside Primary School
Date: 27th August 2026

Members Present

Christine Rogers
Fiona Berrow
Jude Treliving
Parvin Morrissey
Alison Giles
Ashleigh Phillip
Nitish Ramparsad

In Attendance

Cllr Gibson
Andrew Fraser
Katy Allen
Gillian Armstrong
5 residents
5 representatives from West Point Homes

Apologies

Carol Robertson

Minutes

1. Welcome

Ashleigh Phillip welcomed everyone to Riverside Primary and handed over to the team representing the developers of the new Forthside Way development (FWD).

Representatives from West Point Homes explained the plans for the FWD and answered questions from residents.

The proposal is for 128 units in 2 blocks, with a mixture of 1 and 2 bedroom flats. There is a plan to have 25% affordable housing. Car parking will be 78 spaces, roughly 60%, maximising use of local public transport and active travel routes. There is an emphasis on usable amenity space, to be developed by a landscape architect.

Through questions from residents, the following was ascertained:

There will be lifts in the 5 stairwells.

There will be limited parking spaces for disabled use, but will be in line with Council requirements.

All work done, particularly noisy or disruptive work, will be in line with building regulations.

There will likely be over 100% capacity for bike parking, including non-standard parking.

There will likely be solar panels on the plan.

An ecologist will be consulted regarding bird bricks.

The plan will hopefully be submitted at the end of October, with a decision likely at the end of April and potential construction happening in Summer 2027.

Any feedback from residents can be sent to AP at riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for June 2026 meeting were adopted. Fiona Berrow proposed; Nitish Ramparsad seconded.

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

None.

5. Reports

a. Chair

Riverside Stories

It was agreed by vote of the members to endorse a 'Riverside Stories' project, proposed by Carol Robertson. The purpose of the project is to create an archive of material about life in Riverside and the full proposal can be found at the end of these minutes, labelled Appendix 1.

b. Secretary

Nursery Survey: Public consultation is open to obtain public views on Early learning and childcare provision. This can be accessed via engage Stirling platform [here](#).

Tollbooth: Tolbooth Stirling have announced another Gig In A Week, an event for young people in S1-6 to work with music professionals. More information can be found [here](#) or by emailing tollbooth@stirling.gov.uk

Radio 2 in Park: happening 11-13 Sept, a letter has been issued regarding bin collections. Any further info available [here](#).

Police report:

July nothing to report

June: 2 crime reports, no further detail provided

Police have requested residents to report via 101 Crimestoppers and community police officers any info re antisocial behaviour and or drug misuse/dealing in Riverside.

Defibs:

All defibs are in good, working order and a new poster has been issued with the sites of the defibs, to be added to the noticeboards.

c. Treasurer

We currently have £551.39 in the bank account, of which: £31.90 is unrestricted funds; -£120.72 is administration grant (please note that we have not received the 2026-27 administration grant yet); £0 is minutes grant; £7.61 is seed grant funding; and £632.60 for Riverside Enhancement.

July and August Income:

No income was received in July or August.

July and August Expenditure:

We paid bank charges for July (£7.76) and August (£4.25), website domain name renewal (£17.40), website renewal (£129.60) and the ICO renewal fee (£47).

d. Planning

Nothing to report, except the new bouldering centre is going ahead on Forth Street.

6. Sub-Groups

a. Accessibility

GA reported that FixMyStreet has worked in her experience, and that her information about the different road surface textures has been added to the RCC website.

b. Website

AG reported that the website domain has been renewed for another year.

c. Community Enhancement

NR has contacted Stephen Bly regarding the underwhelming size of the ‘boulder’ in the Shore Road park. NR wondered about using the money from Jacobs, which Riverside Naturally currently has, to purchase an actual boulder.

d. Defibrillators

There is a national defib database, found at <https://www.nddb.uk>

7. Local Groups

Riverside Naturally: There will be apple picking on September 10th, with Orchard Day on 31st October, hopefully in the Riverbank Centre polytunnel.

7. A.O.B.

Grass Fly-tipping:

AP reported that there is fly tipping of grass onto the riverbank behind Cooperage Quay. Cllr Gibson suggested that the land is owned by Ogilvies, but it is unclear who owns the riverbank. Katy Allen suggested notifying the factor regarding the dumping.

Seagulls: AG raised the issues of seagulls and dealing with their nesting, as she is adding preventative measures on her building. Cllr Gibson suggesting looking at the Highlands Council report regarding seagulls to see what can be done.

Christine Rogers and Alison Giles have now become permanent members of the RCC.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 30th September 2026. Venue: RPS.

Appendix 1.

RCC is asked to consider and endorse a proposal to establish a ‘Riverside Stories’ project. 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. It would however be very helpful if the project group could use the CC’s name when funding applications are made and its bank account.

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:

1. Endorsement by RCC (April 2026)
 2. Form small working group (May/June 2026)
 3. 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 (<https://www.thekelpstore-papawestrays.com/papay-archive>)
 4. Possible outputs to be discussed. 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

March 2026