

Riverside Community Council Public Meeting Minutes
Riverside Primary School
Date: 30th Sept 2026

Members Present

Fiona Berrow
Carol Robertson
Ashleigh Phillips
Alison Giles
Nitish Ramparsad
Parvin Morrissey

Associates

Gillian Armstrong
Di Alderdice
Andrew Fraser
Katy Allen

Apologies

Jude Treliving
Christine Rogers

Cllr Gibson, +3 residents

Minutes	Actions
1. Welcome and recording of those present and apologies	
2. Recording of declaration of interest none	
3. Adoption of previous minutes Fiona Berrow, Seconded Ash Phillips	
4. Matters arising from August minutes (if not included in agenda) none	
5. Reports Chair's Report • Christmas parcels. It's time to start considering this for 2026. A meeting of interested people to be called to take things forward. • Riverbank Centre. Manager has some ideas for more community engagement. Café is reopening and they could potentially put on a Christmas lunch for older Riversiders. People from the neighbourhood could also join in the regular walks around the river with service users . • MacRobert offers some free places for the Pantomime – worth pursuing? Funding might also be available for Christmas events. • Resilience working group Andrew and Carol attended a meeting in the Raploch and didn't hear anything back. Carol has responded to Lynda Johnstone in the development team and will follow this up. A meeting could be set up in the spring to formulate a Riverside resilience plan. • SC issues a monthly community development bulletin which	CR to arrange initial meeting AP to pursue funding opps (15 Oct deadline). CR to pursue panto idea

advertises local events. Some highlights this month include • Stirling science festival 21-24 October more info at www.stirlingsciencefestival.org • Transition Stirling reuse hub Library of things more info at www.transitionstirling.org.uk	
Secretary's Report: • Riverside Stories project. The working group met on 25 Sept and has agreed to apply for community investment funding and for a launch event in the New Year • Police report. Main issues continue to be: Antisocial behaviour (phone 101). drug dealing, speeding, theft (motor vehicle), fraud. Average of 10 calls received per month. 5 crime reports filed in last 3 months.	
Treasurer's Report: 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. July and August Income: No income was received in September. July and August Expenditure: 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.	
Planning Nothing to report	
6. Subgroups a. Accessibility Issues Some cones have been placed on the dropped kerb at the rowing club to discourage parking there. However the cones are blocking access for people crossing the road. AP to put in a 'Fix my street' request for a pothole on the road bridge over the railway line.	Cllr Gibson to pursue an access protection marker outside rowing club
b. Active Travel and sustainable transport. Active transport works between Bridge of Allan and the Uni will start in Oct. This will affect traffic in the area for some time.	
c. Website Nothing to report	

d. Community Enhancement (Nitish and Katy). Shore Road Park. Nitish met with Stephen Bly who explained that the 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. RCC needs a 'license to occupy' for anything which it wants to install on the land. The wooden Notice Board which has been commissioned from Colin Dawson would now require legs which will not rot (metal? recycled plastic?). The 'boulder is to be removed'. Could play equipment could be purchased and installed by SC? SC should be able to reposition the bench at a better angle. Previous team had agreed to move the bin. Community payback team could be asked to clear the gap between the hedge and the pavement. RCC could request SC to plant bulbs, or use some of our funds to buy and plant bulbs. Stephen is doing his best to resolve the issues. NR has sent all the emails previously agreeing to things to him. Riverbank Centre – Nitish had a productive meeting with the manager regarding community use of polytunnel and raised beds. She is happy for Riverbank staff and service users to work collaboratively with RCC on this. RCC can have access to one side of the polytunnel and some raised beds. Another subgroup to be created to look after this project. NR can start it off, but a 'lead person' would need to drive things. RCC public liability insurance should cover activities. Riverside Naturally could be invited to engage. Expectations and Responsibilities would need to be clearly set out	Once process is complete, NR to send an email expressing disappointment in the way things have turned out. NR to ask SB to get ctty payback team to clear the gap. NR is put out feelers on whatsapp page re forming a subgroup.
e. Defibrillators Planning for 2026 Christmas Windows will start next month.	
f. Environment Old Harbour Woods Monthly events going ahead. Fund raising Pub Quiz at bowling club on Sat evening. Contractor installed a bench, but it has to be removed after 5 yrs. DA suggested a meeting of JL, DA, with SB and CR members to see if there's a way around this.	DA to send an email to the 4 Cllrs alerting them to this issue.
g. Planters People ready to plant spring bulbs. Riverbank Centre clients to consider taking on a planter.	
h. Riverside Stories Subgroup has been set up and is applying for funding. Hoping to launch in January.	
i. Roads and Parking The need to rename Forthside Way (the one which runs by railway line) now agreed by SC. The Barracks and Maritime House will cease to use Forthside Way in their address	AF to pursue new name with SB

• Bus stop near Riverside Quay heading towards Toast is overgrown with foliage • Visibility is not good at some roundabouts and junctions. Ask SC to ask if they can refresh yellow lines. • Zigzag lines issues continuing	AP to lodge a 'fix my streets' request to clear foliage around the bus stop.
7. Local group updates RN Orchard Day 12 – 2pm on 31 Oct in Riverbank Polytunnel.	PM to send AG details
8 Upcoming events Craft afternoon Bowling Club Sunday 15 Nov	PM to send AG details
9 AOB Motor homes stopping overnight in front of Waverley Park Fri and Sat stopping for one night. It's a 'park overnight' spot. Ash asked them to remove it and they did!	
10. NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 28th Oct 2026.	