

Public Meeting Minutes

Date – 25th January 2023

Members Present

Fiona Berrow

Bob Dale

Sue Dumbleton

Emily McLaughlin

Ashleigh Phillip

Carol Robertson

Alison Swanson

Jude Treeling

In Attendance

Di Alderdice

Fiona Dyet

Andrew Fraser

Cllr Gibson

Apologies

Joan Murphy

1) Welcome and record of those present and apologies

Everyone was welcomed to Riverside Primary School – thanks was given to the janitor for setting up.

2) Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for November were adopted.
Fiona Berrow proposed; Carol Robertson seconded.

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

None.

5) Co-Option of Community Councillor

Jude Treeling was co-opted as a member of Riverside Community Council
Ashleigh Phillip proposed, Alison Swanson seconded

6) Reports

a) Chair

Noticeboards – Riverside Community Council has access to the Pontoon Noticeboard and on receipt of the

keys it will be put to good use.

A new noticeboard to be installed near Lovers Walk has been ordered.

Stirling Council is putting in place the arrangements required to provide a full set of **Community Council Elections** in the first half of 2023. This is an opportunity to get involved and join the team – some current members will be stepping down and new community councillors will be welcomed. **Please get in touch if you'd like to speak with a member of Riverside Community Council to find out more.**

b) Secretary

Police Report

There were two undetected cases recorded in the reporting period. The cases relate to vandalism and failure to stop (Road Traffic) and one detected case of assault.

Persimmon Homes Community Champions Scheme – is accepting applications for funding up to £6000.

Communication With Stirling Council Officers – a gentle reminder was offered that any new communication with Stirling Council officers, without a prior relationship, should be submitted through the CC Enquiries account – this allows any issues to be addressed by the appropriate people and all requests are logged and followed up as appropriate.

Community Council Health Check – Riverside Community Council has submitted a completed health check.

Area Forum Development/Design – Stirling Council's Community Development team is looking to work with Stirling's Citizens to explore 'The re-establishment of Area Forums', where they would co-design a model that would best fit the communities it represents. Riverside Community Council will be represented.

Open Streets Festival – Stirling Council is in the planning stages of another potential Open Streets Festival for the city centre on Sat 22 April 2023 and are reaching out to the community councils to invite groups to join in who may be interested in hosting a family friendly activity that will engage children and young people. They are particularly looking to involve activities with an environmental or eco-friendly theme.

Augmented Reality App – Emily McLaughlin explored this app and particularly liked the travel information which would be particularly helpful and the guided walks.

The Robertson Trust is inviting interested parties to a breakfast event at The Barracks Conference Centre running from 8am-10am on Tuesday, 31st January to share it's exciting plans for 2023 at The Barracks Conference Centre.

Reported Issues

Potholes – will be reported. (NB – these were attended to within days of the public meeting and no issue was logged with CC Enquires)

Waverley Park – no response was received from the Stirling Council officer regarding when the park equipment would be replaced. Stephen Bly will continue to seek an answer.

Poo Bag Holders – The three placed around the river were damaged. These will not be replaced and free bags will be available at the noticeboards.

Poo bags were given for free by Riverside Community Council during COVID restrictions due to the inaccessibility of Stirling Council free bags. These can now be collected from the local library and the library bus that visits Riverside – timetable [here](#).

Noticeboard – The pontoon noticeboard has been updated by Stirling Council and keys have been ordered.

Headwall Forthside – Information was requested regarding the location and function of this outflow pipe.

c) Treasurer

Expenditure: Riverside Bowling Club was hired for the November Community Council meeting (£30 from Admin Grant) and items bought for Christmas parcels for older Riverside residents (£64.70 from COVID-19 Support Funding).

Income: There was no income in December or January.

Fiona Berrow will meet with Rachel Nunn re the Admin Grant

d) Planning

Enforcement Order – EN/23/004/ULB - Unauthorised works to a listed building – Forth Place. No action to take.

Bellwood Hall

Bellwood Hall was discussed but any further investigation of the situation with Stirling Council is being progressed by the owner Mr Fotheringham. The Community Council support the building being turned to an appropriate and productive use.

Free Subscription for Place Builder Tool – Digital Planning have been collaborating with [The Future Fox](#) on the development of a digital engagement tool called PlaceBuilder.

PlaceBuilder is a cloud-based community engagement and consultation platform for planning projects. It is fun and easy to use for everyone in the community. Andrew Fraser is going to look into this to identify if this is something of benefit to Riverside Community Council.

You can visit Stirling Council's [Planning Portal](#) for further planning information.

You can visit the Scottish Government's [Tell Me Website](#) for further licensing information.

7) Sub-Groups

a) Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

Gritting – Di Alderdice has requested an update on our request for two grit bins.

Inspire-a-ride – Recyke-a-bike are offering a six week course including mechanic skills, cycling skills, life skills and CV building opportunities..

£50 Repairs Scottish Cycle Repair Scheme – this scheme provides free repair and maintenance work up to the value of £50 for standard bikes and up to £100 for non-standard cycles. Recyke-a-bike is our nearest place offering this service.

b) Environment

Litter Pick – 25th March 2023 – In partnership with Riverside Naturally and Keep Scotland Beautiful's Spring Clean the litter picking equipment will be available from 9.30pm from Riverside Community Orchard.

Ash Dieback Disease – Ash Dieback is a disease affecting over 50% of the British population of Ash trees. Stirling Council makes all decisions about any trees to be felled. It has been pointed out that trees along the riverbank near the Cambuskenneth bridge will become unsafe and will need to be removed.

Old Harbour Woods Proposal – Di Alderdice and Judi Legg presented their revised proposal for the Old Harbour Woods, asking Riverside Community Council to become partners in this project. Riverside Community Council will no longer need to source insurance and the next step will be to discuss this proposal with Ettie, the Greenspace Ranger.

c) The Green, Forth Place

Joan Murphy spoke with Michaela Jackson regarding any progress in the Sustrans Bid, Zebra Crossings and the School Streets plans.

School Streets closures will start after the two zebra crossings – at Forth Place to Forth Crescent and from Lovers Walk are installed, it is still uncertain whether that will be in this financial year.

Due to restructuring of Stirling Council the Sustrans bid has been set aside although there may be other avenues for funding in conjunction with the Active Riverside Project.

d) Lovers Walk

Nothing further to report.

e) Parking (inc School Streets)

There has been continued frustration with inconsiderate parking around the school, including aggressive behaviour towards enforcement officers. It has been noted that the enforcement officers are visiting Riverside Primary School regularly, however often too late to stop inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

A community member expressed frustration at the length of time it is taking for any practical improvements to be implemented.

f) Misc Initiatives

Spring Event – Let's Get Together Funding – Riverside Community Council are investigating dates and locations to host a gathering at the end of March. Sue Dumbleton will approach the Riverbank Centre to enquire about using it.

Stories Project – The project will aim to collect stories and capture the journeys of people within Riverside and culminate in a public art display of some kind. A working group of between 4-8 people will be formed and community members are encouraged to get in touch with Carol Robertson if they are interested in joining in.

Christmas Parcels – All volunteers greatly enjoyed giving out the parcels received many compliments regarding the generosity and kindness of the community.

Imagination Library – Bob Dale has been in touch with Kirsty Hill from the Dollywood Foundation. There are an estimated 80 eligible children in Riverside and the expectation is that in the first year 40% will sign up. This will be approx £600 for the first year (£25.96 per child) and will cost £3k over 36 months.

Discussions will continue to move forward with this project.

8) **Local Groups**

Defibrillators – Over 70 households joined in the Living Advent Windows and the community donated enough money to buy the replacement pads, due to be installed in November.

Thanks was given to the Riverside Community for the generous donations of toiletries to the **Wallace High Uniform Bank**, over the festive period. These items are always welcome, along with old uniforms, including shoes, jackets and backpacks.

9) Upcoming Events

10) **A.O.B**

Community Resilience – Emily McLaughlin and Sue Dumbleton will be meeting with a representative of Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) who are working to build a meaningful network across the Forth Valley for all community groups with the aim of working for a fair, connected, locally resilient and supportive society who have a fundamental part to play in climate justice and building a thriving future for people across the region.

Forthside Level Up Funding - £19 million has been awarded to Stirling Council for the Forthside area. The 40 acre site will be re-generated to provide commercial space and attract new investment to Stirling by supporting high quality businesses and allowing already established businesses to develop and grow. It will also unlock additional land for housing and leisure, promote active travel and increase footfall in the city centre by bringing more people to live and work in the area.

11)

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 22th 2023, 7.15pm Riverside Primary School

All previous minutes, policies and consultation comments can be found on our website and available on request.

Previous minutes and further information about Riverside Community Council can be found on our [website](#).

Public Meeting Minutes
Date: 22nd February 2023

Members Present

Fiona Berrow
Sue Dumbleton
Ashleigh Phillip
Carol Robertson
Alison Swanson
Joan Murphy
Jude Treliving

In Attendance

Di Alderdice
Fiona Dyet
Andrew Fraser
18 residents
Cllr Thomson

Apologies

Emily McLaughlin
Bob Dale
4 residents

1. Welcome and record of those present and apologies

Everyone welcomed to Riverside Primary School.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

One correction noted: Jude Treliving's surname incorrectly written as 'Treeling' several times in document.

Minutes for January were adopted, with noted correction.
Carol Robertson proposed; Alison Swanson seconded.

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

None.

5. Reports

a. Chair

Noticeboards: a new noticeboard for entrance/exit to Lovers Walk has been ordered, to be installed by the Council. Keys to the Pontoon noticeboard have been made available to the Community Council for use, meaning there will be four noticeboards in total in Riverside.

Community Council Elections: Sue Dumbleton reported that Stirling Council have indicated that there will be Community Council elections in April. Consequently, the current Community Council will cease on Friday 14th April, meaning that the next meeting on 29th March 2023 will be the final of this session.

All information for nominations will be published by Stirling Council on 3rd April, with nominations needing to be received by 17th April.

A minimum of seven members is needed to form a Community Council, with a maximum of nine. If between seven and nine eligible nominations are received

(meaning: from persons on the electoral roll, over 16 years old and who live in Riverside), then the Community Council will be formed with meetings to be announced afterwards.

If fewer than seven eligible nominations are received, there will be no Community Council for Riverside. If ten or more eligible nominations are received, there will be a ballot organised by Stirling council, with elections held in June and there will be no meeting until July.

It is necessary to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Several current Community Council members will not to be seeking re-election, so everyone attending was encouraged to consider getting involved in order to keep a full council of nine.

More information can be found by emailing the Community Council, contact details are on the website. Posters will be put up around Riverside making people aware of the elections. **Please get in touch if you would like to speak with a member of Riverside Community Council to find out more.**

b. Secretary

Police Report

There was one undetected case recorded in the reporting period. The case relates to theft of a motor vehicle.

Consultations and Funding

Love Your Neighbourhood is a temporary limited term grant until end of March 2023 for areas of deprivation or those seeking to work with marginalised groups. They provide free equipment and training for community organisations or groups who want to enhance or improve their local area for walking, wheeling, and cycling. Within Riverside, this could involve walks for women or seeking ways of promoting active travel for disabled people.

Correspondence

Stirling's Pollinator Strategy: A strategy to help protect the local environment and the planet by halting the decline of pollinators has been approved by Stirling Council.

Litter League is an opportunity for young people to take part in Spring Clean Scotland competition 13 March – 31 March. More information is available at <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org>

Cambuskenneth Community Council emailed for advice re redeveloping the area near Cambuskenneth Abbey currently occupied by a pergola and bench.

c. Treasurer

Income: The Community Council received £100 from Stirling Council to host a 'Let's Get Together' event for the community. This will be held in March.

Expenditure: The Community Council purchased a new noticeboard (£677.94).

Assets Insurance: Stirling Council have asked if we would like to insure any assets. It was agreed to insure the same items as last year, plus a projector and screen (at a value of £40 each).

d. Planning

Place Plans: Alison Swanson attended meeting with **Stirling Council** about Place Plans. Place Plans seek to increase the empowerment and engagement of residents around land use and development, and how these can potentially help residents and communities to have some say in the shaping of their area.

Any community group can develop a Place Plan, but it is expected that Community Councils will be key contributors. The aim of the guidelines and legislation is for Place Plans to be a material consideration by planners and for these to contribute to the overall development plan. Place Plans are not a replacement for statutory functions and Place Plans are an influence rather than a compulsory consideration for planners. Place Plans require engagement with residents to facilitate their input and the guidelines sets criteria for Place Plans to follow. Place Plans, if they meet the criteria will be registered. Cllr Thomson interjected that Place Plan have links with 20-minute Communities and sustainability.

Several questions were raised about Place Plans. It was acknowledged that preparing a place plan for Riverside would require detailed engagement with residents and volunteer community councillor's time. Councillor Thomson expressed his view there was time for the community council to do this.

It was noted that Riverside Community Council have experience and capacity, having consulted in detail on previous initiatives such as Active Travel, parking, the Green at Riverside and School Streets. Qualitative and quantitative research and the outcome of working with consultants also was provided to council departments.

It was agreed that if there were to be a Place Plan developed for Riverside, a Community Council sub-group should be formed to progress this and write plan and it was noted that some of the work already done by RCC could be incorporated. This will be discussed at the next meeting, when further information regarding action on these ongoing initiatives is available.

Place Builder Tool: a free subscription has been offered to this digital engagement tool funded by the Scottish Government, which is relevant to the above, as it provides tools to support the work involved with place planning. Andrew Fraser has looked the subscription, but suggests Riverside CC is potentially too small to benefit from it. Andrew will follow up on this.

Sub-Groups

a. Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

Active Travel Newsletter: Ashleigh Phillip has produced the inaugural newsletter which is now available. It will be on the website, added to the Riverside WhatsApp group and placed in the RCC noticeboards. Although introductory at this stage, it is

hoped that it will become a place for interviews, suggestions for walks and cycle routes as well as advice for all weather active travel and replacing short car journeys with active travel.

Scottish Cycle Repair Scheme: this scheme provides free repairs and maintenance work up to the value of £50 for standard bikes and £100 for non-standard bikes. The closest centre offering this service is Recyke-a-bike. They accept children's bikes and adult bikes; simply turn up, no need to book a place.

Active Travel for Older People: a question was raised regarding an Active Travel Survey for Older People done in 2020 and whether there was any action on the findings. This will be mentioned in a meeting with RCC members and Stirling Council, which is discussed below.

b. Environment

Ash Dieback Disease: Ash Dieback is a disease effecting over 50% of the British population of Ash trees. Stirling Council makes all decisions about any trees to be felled. It has been pointed out that trees along the riverbank near the Cambuskenneth bridge will become unsafe and will need to be removed.

Old Harbour Woods Proposal: Di Alderdice, Judi Legg, Fiona Berrow and Joan Murphy to meet with Council Ranger on Monday 27th February. A named person is needed as the liaison between the project and the RCC. There will be an assessment opportunity for those who will be leading the group on Thursday 2nd March, and some time coppicing trees on Saturday 4th March. Further information will be on the RCC website.

Grit Bins: Waiting to hear back from Stephen Bly regarding installation. They may, in fact, be installed in time for next winter.

c. Parking

There has been considerable discussion recently in the Riverside WhatsApp group regarding the issue of parking, particularly in streets closest to Stirling town centre. It is noted that the WhatsApp group is not controlled by the Community Council.

It is evident that many people park in Riverside to walk into town or go to the train station, creating issues for residents. It is also noted that although this is understandably very frustrating, no one has the right to the car parking space outside their property.

Joan Murphy collected various opinions and frustrations of Riverside residents, as well as a list of work promised by Stirling Council which has come to no fruition. These frustrations and unfulfilled promises were emailed to the Council, which has led to a Teams meeting on Monday, 27th February. The RCC representatives at this meeting will seek to get answers from the Council about the inaction following previous promises and expensive initiatives (e.g. School Streets).

It is clear from various comments/questions that there are significant concerns regarding development in Riverside and the effect it would have upon parking, as well as the merits and concerns regarding controlled parking zones.

All proposals from RCC to Stirling Council will be available on the website, and the recent email to the Council is available upon request.

d. Misc. Initiatives

Stories Project: as the project hasn't been moving forward, it is proposed to push it back to late spring or summer.

Imagination Library: nothing to report

Spring Tea: Stirling Council have given £100 to have a Let's Get Together event this Spring. There will be get-together on Saturday 11th March, 10:30-12:30 in the Riverbank Centre. All are welcome, a great time for meeting neighbours in this post-pandemic world.

Offers of help or contributions of cake are willingly accepted by Sue Dumbleton; email the RCC to get involved.

Information will be added to the noticeboards and submitted to the newspaper.

Community Resilience: Emily McLaughlin and Sue Dumbleton met with a representative of Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) who are working to build a meaningful network across the Forth Valley for all community groups with the aim of working for a fair, connected, locally resilient and supportive society. Reports were positive, but with nothing actionable right now.

6. Local Groups

Defibrillators: an extra sign has been ordered for the school, making the defibrillator location clearer and more visible. There will also be Spring Windows again this year, with Riverside Naturally, to raise money for the defibrillators.

Our Front Room: there will be a Spring concert on Sunday 26th March at 3pm in the Bowling Club. The Our Front Room singing group will be singing songs on the theme of 'rivers'. The concert is free to attend, with donations being accepted in aid of the Turkey/Syria DEC appeal.

Litter Pick: in partnership with Riverside Naturally and Keep Scotland Beautiful, there will be a Spring Clean litter pick on Saturday, 25th March. Meet at the Orchard – details will be on the RCC website.

7. AOB

Bellwood Hall: there is no further news about Bellwood Hall from either Mr Fotheringham or the Councillors involved.

Abbey Road Market: there was a general disappointment all round that the market has been closed and sold, as it was an excellent, local meeting place.

8. Date of Next Meeting: 29th March 2023, 7:15pm, Riverside Primary School.

Public Meeting Minutes

Date – 29th March 2023

Members Present

Fiona Berrow

Bob Dale

Sue Dumbleton

Emily McLaughlin

Joan Murphy

Ashleigh Phillip

Alison Swanson

Jude Treliving

In Attendance

Di Alderdice

Fiona Dyet

Andrew Fraser

Cllr Rachel Nunn

Fern Milne

Residents - 15

Apologies

Carol Robertson

1) **Welcome and record of those present and apologies**

Everyone was welcomed to Riverside Primary School

2) **Declarations of Interest**

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes for February were adopted.

Sue Dumbleton proposed; Fiona Berrow seconded.

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

None.

5) **Reports**

a) **Chair**

New noticeboard has now arrived.

Stirling Council initially gave permission and offered to install the noticeboard at Lovers Walk however, during a meeting in March with two Stirling Council officers, Riverside Community Council was informed that the desired site is on Cowane's Trust land. Cowane's Trust has been contacted for permission and confirmation of who will install the noticeboard and what costs will be incurred has been requested. There

is £649.98 remaining of the Community Pride Funding for this project.

Cllr Rachel Nunn, who also sits on the Cowane's Trust board, indicated that it does not need to be Stirling Council that installs the noticeboards.

Community Council Elections

Stirling Council are facilitating Community Council Elections in April. Consequently, the current Community Council will cease on Friday 14th April 2023. A minimum of seven members is needed to form Riverside's Community Council, with a maximum of nine. If between seven and nine eligible nominations are received then the Community Council will be formed with meetings to be announced afterwards.

If fewer than seven eligible nominations are received, there will be no Community Council for Riverside.

If ten or more eligible nominations are received, there will be a ballot organised by Stirling council, with elections held in June and there will be no meeting until July.

If you are 16 or over and live in the community you want to represent, you are eligible to become a Community Councillor.

To request a nomination form email ccelections@stirling.gov.uk. Nominations must be received by 14th April 2023 at 4pm.

b) Secretary

Community Council Elections

Riverside Community Council has raised some concerns regarding the continuation of its projects, ongoing discussions, and the role of being a statutory consultee in the event that the community council is not functioning for up to 4 months. Stirling Council have indicated that there will be information on this shortly.

Police Report

There were two detected cases recorded in the reporting period. Both cases refer to minor damage to parked vehicles and are currently marked as enquiry ongoing.

PCs Gray and Hunter recently visited Riverside Primary school and spoke to all Primary 6 and 7 classes in relation to online safety.

Correspondence

Garden Waste Permits – It is now time for garden permits to be renewed and will be £35 this year. They will come into effect on the 17th April 2023.

Midland Bus Diversion 38 – 9.00am and 6.00pm daily Monday 27 March to Monday 3 April 2023. The buses will be diverted between Bannockburn and Forth Valley hospital free shuttle buses will operate every 40 mins Pleas – Forth Valley.

Coronation Champions – Nominations for the King's Coronation Champion is open until the 2nd April. The awards celebrate the work of extraordinary volunteers across the UK. Find out more information [here](#).

Stirling Libraries Tablet Lending – Tablets and MiFi, with unlimited date for up to three weeks, can be borrowed from all 15 branches and two mobile libraries completely free of charge.

Foster Parents – Stirling Council is appealing for new foster parents. A recruitment event to attract new foster carers was hosted in March to share information. For more information on fostering in the Stirling area, check out www.stirling.gov.uk/fostering.

Fireworks Display – A courtesy notification of a fireworks display at Stirling Castle on Wednesday 19th April 2023 between 10pm – 11pm has been received.

Reported Issues

Litter at Hollywood Bowl – No further action can be taken by the Land Services team can take as the litter is on private land. Hollywood Bowl are aware of the issues it seems. They have been contacted directly and have taken appropriate action in terms of securing their bins to prevent any secondary contamination from their own bins. Land services conducted a litter pick on Rosebery Terrace.

Poo Bags – Stirling Council is no longer able to supply poo bags for our use. Patrols of uniformed and non-uniformed officers will challenge and educate irresponsible members of the public when they are out and about with their pets. Repeat offenders will be fined £80 as a last resort.

Historic Environment Scotland would like to request the use of the outdoor space at the Engine Shed, for the media between 10.00am to 2.00pm for a media opportunity in relation to the King's Coronation at The

Engine Shed on 5th April 2023. There were no objections received.

There is a new process for all applications to book outdoor spaces. The application is sent round all parties (internal and external) who may have a vested interest in the application and event. This is a pro active community engagement with a working partner and does, as you say, give the Community Council an opportunity to voice any concerns or state an objection which would be taken into consideration prior to the final decision.

Community Members were interested in finding out when the Engine Shed was likely to re-open for public use.

Forthside Development – Riverside Community Council has approached Stirling Council and requested to be an active participant in the discussions and consultations regarding this development, including a monthly update. It is recognised that this project is in the earliest stages and there will initially be very little information

Cllr Nunn has offered to inform Brian Roberts of this request.

A resident raised the issue of the £19million funding being used to clear up the contaminated land. Cllr Rachel Nunn informed the Community Council that the Scottish Government has given funds outwith the £19million to the Ministry of Defence to pay for the site to be cleaned up.

It was also noted by residents that in the event that issues such as potholes, exposed wires etc. have been reported to Stirling Council that the response has been very quick and this has been appreciated by the community.

Funding

Magic Little Grants – Magic Little Grants 2023 is now open for applications! They are offering £500 Grants for grass-roots organisations to access the funding they need to launch or strengthen their services. Applications are now open and will be until 31st October 2023.

Impactful Funding – The aim of this fund is to support projects and organisations who contribute to the recovery and reduction in societal harm associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, and mitigate the impact of the ongoing cost of living crisis. Notice of interest to be submitted by Friday 31st March 2023 at 12 noon.

c) Treasurer

Income: We were given permission to transfer the remaining balance of the Jubilee funding (£13.41) into our Unrestricted funds.

Expenditure: We paid for a minute-taker at the February meeting (£40), transferred the remaining Jubilee funding into our Unrestricted funds (£13.41) and bought colouring sheets (£7.70), ice cream (£35), tea, coffee and travel mugs (£38.99) and a 5 litre insulated flask jug (£36.99) for the 'Let's Get Together' event.

d) Planning

There were no planning issues to report.

You can visit Stirling Council's [Planning Portal](#) for further planning information.

You can visit the Scottish Government's [Tell Me Website](#) for further licensing information.

6) Sub-Groups

a) Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

The second edition of our Active Travel Newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

An update on progress and the most up to date construction programme for Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling is available on our website.

Tactran's (Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership) Regional Transport Strategy 2023 – 2033 is available [here](#).

b) Environment

Ash Dieback Disease: Ash Dieback is a disease affecting over 50% of the British population of Ash trees. Stirling Council makes all decisions about any trees to be felled. It has been pointed out that trees along the riverbank near the Cambuskenneth bridge will become unsafe and will need to be removed.

Litter Pick – A successful litter picking event was held on the 25th March 2023, in partnership with Riverside Naturally. Litter Pickers are available from the Community Council to borrow for free.

c) The Green, Forth Place

Nothing further to report.

d) Lovers Walk

Nothing further to report.

e) Parking (inc School Streets)

Zebra Crossings – There is no date for the crossings to be installed. Stirling Council are hoping to get a meeting set up and the dates finalised after the Easter break.

Joan Murphy and other met with Tom Horner, Team Leader, Sustainable Transport Development, Climate Change and Sustainability to walk round Riverside and discuss the various transport issues the area has. Tim Horner committed to writing a summary of the issues in time for the public meeting on the 29th. This was not received.

A strong statement of dissatisfaction was made regarding the issue of parking. Riverside Community Council has been discussing the issues of parking in their area for over four years with Stirling Council. Over £7k has been spend on research, surveys and other initiatives to enhance, improve and make Riverside safer. Over these past four years many discussions and promises have been made by Stirling Council with very few practical changes being facilitated. Excuses and apologies are continuously being made however Riverside feels that the time, effort and expertise of the volunteers who work to make positive changes are being disrespected and the credibility of the Community Council is being called into question.

A community member ended the statement by saying: "Promises were made and all promises were broken."

f) Misc Initiatives

Spring Event – A very enjoyable event was held on the 11th March 2023. Thanks given to the generosity of the bakers, the Riverbank Centre for the free venue hire and Stirling Council's Let's Get Together funding.

Area Forum – Following the successful re-establishment of the Eastern Villages and Young Persons Forums Riverside Community Council is invited to a supported development meeting on Wednesday 10th May 7-8.30pm to look at re-establishing The Wallace Forum. This meeting will be to determine what interested parties would want in a productive and sustainable forum.

Stories Project – The project will be revisited when the community council reforms.

g) Old Harbour Woods

Judi Legg and Di Alderdice were assessed by Stirling Council Greenspace Rangers to ascertain whether

they were qualified to run events to the standards set by Stirling Council. They were both successful and have a program of events in the Old Harbour Woods arranged for the next few months. You can find more information [here](#).

Congratulations to both.

Approval was given to apply for funding for this project.

7) **Local Groups**

Defibrillators – A local resident donated a sign for the defibrillator at the primary school and another local resident very kindly installed the sign for free. Fundraising continues all year round and money raised will go towards replacing the pads later this winter.

8) **Upcoming Events**

Thursday 13th April 2023, 6.30pm – Riverside Naturally Evening Maintenance Sessions

9) **A.O.B**

Appreciation and thanks were given to the three members of the Community Council who would not be standing for re-election.

Appreciation and thanks were given to the whole Community Council for their work over the past four years: navigating throughout COVID, exploring exciting projects, enduring lengthy discussions and hosting amazing events.

10) **Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed on completion of Community Council elections.

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Date: 31st May 2023

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Joan Murphy
Fiona Dyet
Carol Robertson
Fiona Berrow
Parvin Morrissey
Jude Treliving
Bob Dale
Ashleigh Phillip

In Attendance

Di Alderdice
Pat Morrissey
Chara Parraco
Cllr Thomson
8 residents

Apologies

7 residents

1. Welcome

Joan Murphy welcomed everyone to Riverside Primary School and to the first meeting of the newly elected Riverside Community Council (RCC). Monthly meetings have been set for the final Wednesday of every month, except July and December.

2. Introducing Office Bearers and Associate Members

Joan Murphy thanked three previous RCC members who have finished their term: Sue Dumbleton, Emily McLaughlin and Alison Swanson.

Following the successful election, the Office Bearers for the Riverside Community Council are as follows:

Chair: Joan Murphy
Vice Chair: Fiona Dyet
Secretary: Carol Robertson
Treasurer: Fiona Berrow
Planning Officer: Parvin Morrissey

It is noted that Pat and Parvin Morrissey will update and maintain the RCC [website](#).

There are four associate members of the council, with interests in particular sub-groups:

Pat Morrissey
Andrew Fraser
Chara Parraco
Di Alderdice

3. Sub-Groups

There are a number of sub-groups from the previous RCC currently being acted upon which Joan Murphy suggested bringing into the new RCC:

- a. Active Travel and Sustainable Transport (Ashleigh Phillip, Di Alderdice)
- b. Environment (previously Emily McLaughlin)
- c. Greenspace (Fiona Berrow)
- d. Lovers' Walk (previously Sue Dumbleton)
- e. Parking (Joan Murphy)

- f. Imagination Library (Bob Dale)
- g. Christmas and Eater Events (Chara Parraco)
- h. Community Clean Up (Di Alderdice to collect equipment from Emily McLaughlin)
- i. Defibrillators (Chara Parraco)
- j. Noticeboards (Parvin Morrissey)
- k. Riverside Stories (Carol Robertson)
- l. Planters (previously Emily McLaughlin, Bob Dale to email current residents involved)

4. Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for March were adopted.
Ashleigh Phillip proposed; Bob Dale seconded.

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

None.

7. Reports

a. Chair

Police Report: There were no detected cases and two undetected cases in the reporting period.

The undetected cases related to theft of a motor vehicle and minor vandalism. It is noted that motor vehicle theft is very unusual in Riverside and this was a targeted attack on a Transit van. The Police included some helpful information regarding helpful information regarding preventing car and vehicle theft:

- <https://www.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/preventing-car-vehicle-theft/>

- <https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/road-safety/protecting-your-car/>

b. Treasurer

Expenditure: It was agreed at previous RCC meeting to spend the rest of the available Let's Get Together money on reusable cups and a hot water urn. These have now been purchased and will be used for tea and coffee for future RCC meetings, as there are no facilities available at RPS.

Current Standing: The annual accounts have been done and are waiting to be independently verified. There is £2.48 left in the Admin Grant; the next grant will arrive in September. There is £170 in Unrestricted Funds.

Future Spending: It is proposed that for items which need to be purchased in between RCC meetings, up to the value of £30, funding could be made available by

agreement within the Community Councillors. This was agreed with the residents present.

c. Planning

Joan Murphy, Alison Swanson and Andrew Fraser have been regularly checking any correspondence regarding Planning in the months when there has been no RCC, as there had been previous concern that issues could slip through during this time. There are thankfully no issues to report.

d. Sub-Groups and Misc. Issues

Old Harbour Woods: Di Alderdice proposed a meeting to cut some Himalayan Balsam on 17th June. Posters with further information will be added to the noticeboards.

Hogweed: Joan Murphy reported significant discussion on the Riverside WhatsApp group regarding the presence of hogweed in various places, both on the riverbank and within grassy areas. There is concern for the safety of children and animals.

Stephen Bly has reported to Joan Murphy that due to insurance issues, volunteers are not able to be trained to treat hogweed. Pat Morrissey questioned whether this was an issue of Public Liability insurance, which was not able to be answered. Cllr Thomson will follow up about insurance, if possible, and suggested contacting Forth River Trust and Nature Scot.

Noticeboard: Joan Murphy reported that the fourth noticeboard (including the Council's one at the Pontoon) was installed successfully on Dean Crescent. However, a resident has complained that it is unsightly from their house and that previous RCC discussion had suggested that the noticeboard would be installed in Lovers' Walk. It is noted that the noticeboard has been installed where the RCC was told to place it: on the grass by Lovers' Walk, which is Cowane's Trust land.

A compromise was proposed that shrubs could be planted to obscure the view from the back. Fiona Berrow will check with Cowane's Trust whether the installation of shrubs is an acceptable use of the funds previously given. It is suggested that Riverside Naturally could suggest appropriate shrubs. Joan Murphy will follow this up with resident.

The installation has currently not been billed to the RCC. Joan Murphy will follow this up.

Green Space/Zebra Crossings: There were two distinct issues discussed: the development of the Green Space and the installation of the zebra crossings. Although distinct, they both are part of the same larger project.

The RCC had been told by Stirling Council to expect two zebra crossings to be installed by the end of the last financial year. This has not happened and there has been no report from Stirling Council regarding the progress of Green Space near town, close to where the zebra crossings had been proposed. Many RCC members aired frustration at Stirling Council for the lack of updates concerning this area and

for the disregard of the work done to consult the residents and raise finances to plan the space.

Cllr Thomson suggested a walkabout with Michaela Jackson, Transport Planning Officer to progress the project and discussion. Joan Murphy and other residents have previously had a walkabout with Tom Horner (Sustainable Transport Development) from Stirling Council.

There was universal agreement at the importance of zebra crossing installations being done as soon as possible, for both safety and access reasons.

Flytipping: Joan Murphy reported that there have been photographs of flytipping around Roseberry Terrace posted on the Riverside WhatsApp group. Several residents have contacted Stirling Council regarding this. The RCC will contact Stephen Bly, and Cllr Thomson requested that all four Stirling Councillors be included in this email to ensure it is dealt with promptly.

Di Alderdice also reported soil being dumped on the riverbank near the Bowls Club, as well as gravel being dumped from a wheelbarrow in the Old Harbour Woods. There have also been several trees cut at the same part of the riverbank.

Forth Crescent Tree: Joan Murphy reported concern on the Riverside WhatsApp group about a tree protruding through the wall opposite the Pontoon Park. This was previously reported to Stirling Council two years ago and was surveyed, but there is concern that the tree has subsequently grown and that the wall could collapse onto the road. Cllr Thomson reported that it has been surveyed recently by the Bridges Officer. Chara Parraco will take a month photo of the issue to monitor any changes.

Parking at Riverside Quay: Jude Treliving questioned whether parking on the double yellow lines on Shore Road outside Riverside Quay would be addressed in the Green Space development. She has seen several near misses with both bicycles and cars due to illegally parked cars and delivery vans. Ashleigh Phillip suggested that the double yellow lines on Shore Road should be extended from the current position down to the pontoon.

8. A. O. B.

WHS PTN: Joan Murphy read a thankyou letter from Wallace High School's PTN regarding the donation of hygiene products and school uniform from Riverside residents. It highlighted the issue of hygiene poverty both at WHS and in wider society.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 28th June 2023, 7:30pm, Riverside Primary School.

Riverside Community Council (RCC)
General Meeting Minutes
Date: 28th June 2023

Members Present

Joan Murphy
Fiona Dyet
Carol Robertson
Fiona Berrow
Parvin Morrissey
Jude Treliving
Bob Dale
Ashleigh Phillip

In Attendance

Di Alderdice
Andrew Fraser
Chara Parraco
3 residents

Apologies

5 residents
Cllr Gibson

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

An AGM is necessary to confirm proposed changes amongst the Office Bearers.

Minutes from the last AGM are adopted: Fiona Berrow proposed the motion, Fiona Dyet seconded.

There was no need for an annual report, nor a Secretary's report. The finances of the RCC are to be submitted for an external review.

All the Office Bearers resigned from current posts.

The proposed new Office Bearers and their nominations are as below:

Chair: Joan Murphy (Carol Robertson proposed, Bob Dale seconded)

Vice-Chair: Carol Robertson (Joan Murphy proposed, Parvin Morrissey seconded)

Secretary: Fiona Dyet (Ashleigh Phillip proposed, Fiona Berrow seconded)

Treasurer: Fiona Berrow (Parvin Morrissey proposed, Carol Robertson seconded)

Joan Murphy proposed that the next RCC AGM will be between April and June 2024.

2. Welcome

Joan Murphy welcomed everyone at Riverside Primary School. The attendance for the Public Meeting is as above. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Noticeboards: Joan Murphy reported that Cowane's Trust have given permission for shrubs to be added behind the Dean Crescent noticeboard, near Lover's Walk. Riverside Naturally have suggested a Rowan tree and some shrubs, to be added in the Autumn. Fiona Berrow will confirm with Jean Cowie regarding the use of funds for purchasing the suggested foliage. Stirling Community Enterprise, who installed the noticeboard, had not billed RCC due to it being a Community Council. However, the funds had been made available by Cowane's Trust to be used, and so the bill has been settled.

4. Reports

a. Chair

Joan Murphy referred to a web-site: <https://ourworldindata.org/> from which she found data on the number of women in the world's Parliaments. This has been rising since 1900, with one-third of the Parliaments now having at least 30% female members at 2022. RCC is well represented in this regard, with seven out of the eight members being women.

b. Secretary

Hogweed: Fiona Dyet has been in contact with Mike at Forth River's Trust (FRT). Between FRT and Lantra, training, PPE, equipment and chemicals for treating the Giant Hogweed within Riverside will be provided. FRT note that the hogweed on the banks of Riverside have not been sprayed since 2014.

Balfon Primary School (BPS): BPS have asked to borrow the litter-picking equipment, currently held by Emily McLaughlin. Di Alderdice will reply to the email confirming that they can borrow anything available. It is noted that as RCC is the hub of litter-picking in this area, the RCC does not need to approve any requests and the equipment can be used at any time.

Police Report: There were no detected cases in the reporting period, with three undetected cases relating to the theft from commercial premises and a theft and attempted theft of motorbikes.

Shore Road: There has been an HGV parked partially on the pavement on Shore Road at various points in recent weeks, causing issues for pedestrians and road-users. Fiona Dyet has had correspondence with the Police and the company listed on the HGV. Ashleigh Phillip reiterated the suggestion to extend the double yellow lines down to the Old Harbour (RCC minutes 31/05/23 7d). RCC to contact council, using the HGV as a specific example of the danger of parking on Shore Road. Andrew Fraser will check the legal status of parking an HGV on public streets.

Defibrillators: Fiona Dyet has been given two defibrillators, which both function but are in need of new pads and new batteries. As Riverside is amply supplied, the question was raised as to where would benefit from having a defibrillator, or whether another local Community Council could use them. Suggestions are welcome.

c. Treasurer

Income: There was no income this month.

Expenditure: We paid £200 for the installation of the new noticeboard.

There is approximately £171 available in Unrestricted Funds.

There is approximately £2.50 left in the Admin. Grant, with no outstanding bills.

Forms have been submitted for the new Admin. Grant.

There is approximately £19 left in the Covid Support Funding.

In total, there is approximately £722 in the Bank.

d. Planning

Parvin Morrissey and Andrew Fraser report that there is nothing to mention, although the future of the Abbey Road Market is still unclear.

5. Sub-Groups

a. Environment

Giant Hogweed: On Friday 30th June, Di Alderdice and Parvin Morrissey will do a walk around Riverside to log instances of hogweed to submit to Stirling Council.

Pontoon: A resident of Riverside reported a build up of detritus around the Harbour Pontoon. Fiona Dyet will contact Stephen Bly regarding how often this is cleared by Stirling Council.

Fly Tipping: As noted in the previous minutes, there had been issues of fly-tipping around Riverside. Stephen Bly has reported that it is for individual residents to report issues of fly-tipping/soil dumping.

b. Old Harbour Woods (OHW)

Himalayan Balsam Cutting: There will be more Himalayan Balsam cutting on Saturday, 8th July from 10:30 to 13:30, with people interested to meet Di Alderdice at the OHW. Posters will be added to the noticeboards.

Community Pride: Di Alderdice suggested applying for Community Pride Funding from Stirling Council for tools for working in the OHW. She has looked into what forms need to be submitted, and it was agreed that any actions from the RCC needed in the application could be confirmed amongst the RCC members over email, as the next meeting isn't until the end of August. Di Alderdice will ask the Riverbank Centre if any tools could be stored at the secure unit there.

c. Green Space/Zebra Crossing: There are no updates regarding the Green Space.

Regarding the Zebra Crossings and following the June RRC meeting, Cllr Thomson inquired into why they had not been delivered during the last financial year. Carlyn Fraser from Stirling Council emailed the RCC to confirm they had not been delivered due to a difficulty in securing a contractor and that they are now due to be delivered this currently financial year.

As noted in the minutes from May, there was a sense of frustration within the RCC regarding the correspondence with Cllr Gibson concerning the zebra crossing proposals, particularly that he did not seem aware of the work done by the previous RCC. Joan Murphy and previous RCC member Emily McLaughlin, with the approval of the other RCC Office Bearers, send Cllr Gibson an email voicing this frustrating, copying in the other Stirling Councillors. The email was sent on 6th June, and no reply has been received.

- d. **Lover's Walk:** Andrew Fraser noted that the caging around the bridge on Lover's Walk is in poor condition, and there is vegetation encroaching upon the path. The caging is covered in pigeon poo. Fiona Dyet will check with Sue Dumbleton regarding previous cleanings, as the bridge belongs to Network Rail, and will contact Stephen Bly.
- e. **Parking:** Joan Murphy reported that there is, in fact, nothing to report regarding the ongoing parking issues, as the monthly update from Stirling Council was not received. Andrew Fraser highlighted the Government's consultation regarding changes to the enforcement regulations for local authorities, which can be found [here](#).
- f. **Imagination Library:** Bob Dale has been in contact with the Imagination Library and is waiting on a return of email.
- g. **Active Travel:** Ashleigh Phillip reported that she now attends the Cycle Stirling monthly meetings in a different capacity. The Active Travel Newsletter will be issued on Thursday, 29th June and added to the Riverside WhatsApp Group and the noticeboards.
- h. **Planters:** Bob Dale has been in contact with the volunteers who tend the various planters around Riverside, all but one of whom wished to continue with the upkeep and planting. The sole untended planter has been left with wild strawberries planted in it and will not need attention until next year.
- i. **Upcoming Events:** Joan Murphy highlighted that the UCI Cycling World Championships are happening in Scotland this summer, with the Individual Time Trials happening in Stirling from 9th to 11th August. There will be various events happening around Stirling at this time. Information will be added to the noticeboards.

6. AOB

- a. **Adoption of May's Minutes:** Bob Dale proposed the adoption with no revisions, and Fiona Dyet seconded.
- b. **Cllr Gibson:** Cllr Gibson emailed to send his apologies for not attending this evening's meeting. It was agreed that a brief reply acknowledging the email would be appropriate, given the discussion above.
- c. **Next Meeting:** Due to the summer holidays, there will be no RCC meeting in July. Joan Murphy noted that Riverside Primary School has not yet been booked for the next meeting and questioned whether the Riverbank Centre might be a better venue. It was agreed that this might be better as it is smaller, but that Stirling Council will not pay for the venue.

- 7. **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 30th August 2023, 7:15pm. Venue: TBC. Venue information will be added to the RCC website and the various noticeboards.**

Riverside Community Council Meeting. Wed 30th August in Riverside Primary School

Present: Council members: Fiona Berrow, Fiona Dyet, Joan Murphy, Parvin Morrissey, Ashleigh Phillip, Carol Robertson.

Associate members: Di Alderdice, Andrew Fraser, Chara Parraco

Cllr Danny Gibson

13 other people came along to the meeting

Apologies: Jude Treliving.

Minute	Actions
1. There was no declaration of Interest	
2. Previous minutes were proposed by Fiona Dyet and seconded by Fiona Berrow	
3. Matters Arising: Pontoon was recently cleared of a blockage but is now blocked again.	
<p>4. Chair's Report:</p> <p>a) Noticeboard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside Naturally has sent recommendations for screening the noticeboard near Lovers Walk with plants. • Neighbours across the road from the board will be involved in the final decision. • The Boards have been refreshed and stocked with new posters Thanks to Parvin. Duplicate keys to be purchased <p>b) Riverside News Break-in. The owners, Mr and Mrs Muhammad, sent a message to the meeting, thanking the neighbourhood for their help and concern. A collection and card have been organised.</p> <p>c) Mailchimp. Residents reported that they find this useful. People were reminded to sign up for notifications.</p> <p>d) Website. Pat Morrissey was thanked for taking over maintenance of the website.</p>	<p>Fiona B to confirm that money is available for this.</p> <p>Parvin to get a 2nd set of keys cut</p> <p>Fiona D to locate June 2023 minutes and send them to Pat.</p>
<p>5. Secretary's Report:</p> <p>a) Hogweed control. No further progress. There is currently no funding for Lantra training.</p> <p>b) Bird droppings. Fiona has contacted Network Rail re birds guano under bridge at Lovers Walk</p> <p>c) Police Report. 4 crime reports + 4 undetected reports. Mainly anti-social behaviour. Our community police officers are PC Hunter PC004 and PC Gray PC0046. email address CastleCPT@Scotland.police.uk</p> <p>d) Induction sessions for community councillors and associates are available from Stirling Council. More info is being sought about the content of the sessions.</p>	
<p>6. Treasurer's Report: <u>Income</u> No income was received during July or August.</p> <p><u>Expenditure</u></p>	

<p>We paid £108.00 for our annual fee for our website and £12.46 for the domain name (also an annual fee). We also paid the annual fee to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) of £35 (saving £5 on the usual fee of £40 by setting up a direct debit).</p> <p>We currently have -£152.98 in the admin grant ‘pot’ but we are expecting this year’s admin grant to be paid into the account in early September. We have a current balance of £566.93 in the Community Council bank account.</p>	
<p>7. Planning – nothing to report. No recent update on Bellwood Hall or Abbey Road Market site.</p>	<p>Joan to check if any movement on Bellwood.</p>
<p>8. Travel and Sustainable Transport A local resident raised an issue regarding safety for bus passengers using, pushchairs, walkers, wheelchairs etc after a recent incidence. There is nothing to restrain passengers sitting in the tip-up seats in the reserved area if the bus needs to make an emergency stop. If there are no seat belts, the seats should only be rear facing. (Passenger was in a seat facing sideways). Bus Driver has written a report.</p>	<p>Cllr DG to follow up. Fiona D to contact MSP. Andrew recommended reporting the incidence to the police.</p>
<p>9. Environment a) Grit bins were requested last year.</p> <p>b) Riverside Naturally. For the third year running Riverside Naturally has been awarded the Outstanding Ranking from Keep Scotland Beautiful's It's Your Neighbourhood scheme. The apples in the Community Orchard are almost ready. People are asked to be mindful and share fairly. The structure of raised Bee Bed requires some attention – any plans will be shared with the CC. The compost area is being given a make-over, and Orchard day is planned for 28th Oct 2023. Some new members have joined over the summer, and all are welcome at our end of month maintenance sessions.</p> <p>c) Litter picking hub. Riverside is the hub for Stirling Council. Di Aldardice holds the equipment.</p> <p>d) Leaflet Holders. Fiona Berrow has picked up the Leaflet holder (A4, metal). This will be erected onto the legs of the pontoon notice board.</p>	<p>Fiona D to enquire about grit bins for this winter</p> <p>Di to find out if there is a form for recording use of the equipment.</p> <p>Fiona B and Mike to restock holders.</p>
<p>10. Green Forth Place No update</p>	
<p>11. Zebra Crossings Zebra Crossings have been put on hold by Stirling Council. It seems to have misunderstood the location of the proposed crossing. The roads dept is understaffed, so progress is difficult.</p>	<p>Cllr Gibson recommended raising this with Gary Neil, (Roads Manager). Joan to forward key emails on the subject to Cllr Gibson and the other 3 Councillors.</p>

Lorries parking on foot ways are also a problem for access. Recommend contacting the company and complaining as this has been successful in the past.	Joan will contact owner
12. Parking No update on restricting access to the streets around the primary school at key times.	Cllr Gibson to find out what is happening.
13. Old Harbour Woods Himalayan Balsam was cleared over the summer. A hedgehog box has been built and sited. The next volunteer session is this coming weekend.	
14. Defibrillators All 3 are now registered with 'Circuit UK' so locations can be quickly located in an emergency. 3 sets of pads are required. 2 defibrillators have been donated, but they need pads and batteries. Could be used by a local group?	Chara to offer the 2 defibrillators on the neighbourhood whatsapp group.
15. AOB Chargers for electric cars. Stirling Council will let CC know in early Sept when these will be operational Community craft afternoon to be held from 2-5pm in the lawn bowling club on Sunday 1 st Oct.	
Next meeting 27th Sept.	

Riverside Community Council Public Meeting Minutes
Riverside Bowling Club
Date: 27th September 2023

Members Present

Joan Murphy
 Fiona Dyet
 Ashleigh Phillip
 Fiona Berrow
 Jude Treliving

In Attendance

Lorna Smith
 Andrew Fraser
 Chara Parraco
 Cllr Gill
 6 residents
 PCs Hunter and Gray

Apologies

Parvin Morrissey
 Bob Dale
 Carol Robertson
 Di Alderdice

Minutes	Actions
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Joan Murphy welcomed everyone to Riverside Bowling Club. Lorna Smith introduced as new Associate RCC member for accessibility.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No Declaration of Interest was recorded.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes for August adopted. Fiona Berrow proposed; Ashleigh Phillip seconded.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting</p> <p>Travel and Sustainable Transport/Parking: There has been no update from Cllr Gibson regarding the zebra crossings or safety for bus passengers</p>	
<p>5. Reports</p> <p>a. Chair Venue: There has been considerable hassle in securing a place for this September meeting and the October meeting, as Riverside Primary School (RPS) is unavailable for those dates and Stirling Council doesn't pay for non-council buildings. Thanks to Cllr Nunn for her help with booking issues. It was asked whether the RPS Polling Station room could be made into a 'bookable space' as meeting in the main school hall often isn't ideal.</p> <p>Noticeboard: The greenery around the Lovers' Walk Noticeboard has been confirmed: a Holly Tree. Second set of keys no longer need to be cut.</p> <p>Website: Thanks for Pat Morrissey for his work on slimming down and simplifying the RCC website</p>	<p>- confirm meeting space for October meeting - inquire re the RPS Polling Station room</p> <p>- Parvin to collect tree, and confirm whether one or two trees will be installed</p>

<p>(www.riversidecommunitycouncil.co.uk). Suggestion to collect and add a different photograph of Riverside per month, or perhaps a recipe.</p> <p>b. Secretary: Abbey Road: The entrance to the passageway from Abbey Road into Cooperage Quay has been closed, with work to secure the gable wall attached to the newsagent starting in the next week.</p> <p>Abbey Road Market: Request to develop the space into an area for small businesses or light industry. Planning Application is available on Stirling Council’s Planning website, reference number 23/00474/FUL. Questions as to construction hours, operation hours and noise in a residential area all raised.</p> <p>Engine Shed: The Engine Shed has been closed since COVID, but was open for recent Doors Open Day. There do not seem to be plans to open it to the public more broadly again.</p> <p>Winter Watch: Grit bins will be provided locally, as will grit, for the coming winter.</p> <p>Abbey Road Chargers: The EV chargers on Abbey Road are to be operational within the next 3 weeks.</p> <p>Police Report: There was no Police report this meeting, but with PCs Hunter and Gray present, there was a long discussion about anti-social behaviour and what residents should do when they see it happening. They suggested trying the ‘Contact Us’ on the Police Scotland website (https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/) instead of calling 101 for non-urgent issues.</p> <p>c. Treasurer Income: No income was received this month. We have not yet received our administration grant (for 2023-24).</p> <p>Expenditure: We used notice boards funds to buy black ink (£20.52), colour ink (£21.00) and paper and hooks (£9.75) to enable us to print community council information, posters etc. and display them on our new and existing notice boards.</p> <p>Upcoming expenses: There is £398.71 remaining of our notice boards funding which will be used to purchase plants to screen the back of the new notice board and materials for notices</p>	<p>Ask community for photos</p>
<p>6. Sub-Groups</p>	

<p>a. Active Travel: NCN: Changes proposed by Council at the Cambuskenneth bridge to allow non-standard bikes to cross.</p> <p>Fix My Street App: For reporting potholes, parking issues, graffiti to Stirling Council. Streamlines reporting issues, while making it easier to include photos.</p> <p>Cycle Share: Application to Cycling UK’s ‘Shared Cycles Fund’ for funding to purchase one or more cycles of various kinds. Potential for applying for a cargo bike, and perhaps also storage.</p> <p>b. Environment: Old Harbour Woods application submitted for Community Pride funding to purchase tools.</p> <p>c. Defibrillators: RCC has been given two defibrillators which need new pads and batteries. They could be offered to other local clubs or groups.</p> <p>d. Advent Windows: There are only 10 dates for the coming Advent currently unfilled.</p> <p>e. Parking: There has been no progress regarding Parking/Green space, despite emails to the Stirling Councillors and Stephen Bly. Email from Michaela Jackson did not clarify any progress. Lorna Smith suggested that in further correspondence with Stirling Council the primary emphasis should be on safety for residents. PC Gray asked regarding traffic calming measures. Question as to whether a combined effort between Causewayhead, Riverside and Cambuskenneth Community Councils might have more luck.</p>	<p>- Fiona Dyet to ask Stephen Bly to ask other CCs if they would use them</p> <p>- contact Causewayhead and Cambuskenneth CCs? - restarting the Parking Sub-Group?</p>
<p>7. Local Groups</p> <p>a. Riverside Naturally: Plans to lower the tree bed at the Community Orchard given tentative green light by Stirling Council. Have had successful volunteer sessions, including the planting of a Scots Pine and Aspen. Orchard Day has been postponed until 4th November, with more details to follow.</p> <p>b. Fair Trade Ceilidh: Saturday, 18th November in Bridge of Allan Parish Church. More info and tickets at: ticketsource.co.uk/fairtradestirling or on Riverside noticeboards.</p> <p>c. Craft Session: Sunday 1st October, 2-5pm at the Lawn Bowling Club. All welcome.</p>	
<p>8. OAB Question as to how changes at Polmaise will impact those without cars looking to recycle larger items.</p>	<p>To be considered</p>
<p>9. Next meeting: Wednesday, 25th October. Venue TBC.</p>	

Riverside Community Council Public Meeting Minutes
Riverside Primary School
Date: 25th October 2023

Members Present

Joan Murphy
 Fiona Dyet
 Ashleigh Phillip
 Fiona Berrow
 Jude Treliving
 Carol Robertson
 Parvin Morrissey

In Attendance

Lorna Smith
 Di Alderdice
 Cllr Gibson
 7 residents

Apologies

Andrew Fraser
 Bob Dale
 Chara Parraco

Minutes	Actions
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Joan Murphy welcomed everyone to the new venue at Riverside Primary School (RPS), The Studio, the room used for public elections.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No Declaration of Interest was recorded.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes for September adopted. Fiona Dyet proposed; Parvin Morrissey seconded.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>5. Reports</p> <p>a. Chair Venue: Having previously suggested this room as an option and been refused, the space is now offered by Stirling Council at no cost. It is allowed at the discretion of the Head Teacher. It has good accessibility, toilet facilities, 25 + chairs and running water.</p> <p>Noticeboard: The greenery around the Dean Crescent Noticeboard has been confirmed: two Holly trees, to be paid for by RCC and installed by Riverside Naturally.</p> <p>Website: Pat Morrissey has been collecting photos of Riverside from residents for a photo gallery on the RCC website (www.riversidecommunitycouncil.co.uk). One will be chosen per month to feature more prominently. Videos cannot be used, but photo submissions can be sent, as attachments,</p>	

to: riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com

b. Secretary:

Goosecroft Road Traffic Lights: Fiona Dyet raised concern regarding the lack of progress with the works at the traffic lights when entering into Riverside. Concern was also raised regarding the integration of the new cycling lane. Cllr Gibson read from correspondence that work will be completed on the week commencing 6th November 2023.

Abbey Road: The work to the gable wall of the newsagents on Abbey Road has been resolved by securing the structure with new bricks. There seemingly had been issues with work progressing due to the presence of an owl but appears to be resolved now.

Engine Shed: The Engine Shed has been confirmed to be closed to the public and is to be used as a space for education and training in traditional skills.

Defibrillators: One of the spare defibrillators has gone to Riverside Bowling Club and the other to Bo'ness Sub-Aqua Club.

Riverside Quay: Fiona Dyet reported questions on the Riverside WhatsApp group regarding the skip outside Riverside Quay. Residents have been in contact with Cllr Gibson regarding the skip and parking issues.

Abbey Road Market: The RCC has responded to the proposals for developing the space into an area of light industry. Information is available on Stirling Council's Planning website, reference number 23/00474/FUL. Questions as to construction hours, operation hours and noise in a residential area were all reiterated.

Winter Watch: 32 residents showed interest in being involved Winter Watch, a way of using the new grit bins given by Stirling Council.

Police Report: 28/09/2023–24/10/2023

Crime reports: 2 Detected: 0 Undetected:2

The undetected cases are in relation to a theft of a motorbike which was later recovered and a theft of a push bike. Both of these incidents are currently still being investigated.

999/101 CALLS-There were 15 calls to Police in relation to a range of matters including the above referenced Crime Reports. Other than a couple of minor disturbances (intoxicated persons shouting in street), assist members of the

- Fiona Dyet to create WhatsApp group

<p>public and road traffic related calls there was nothing of particular note.</p> <p>Dog Pee: Mr Mohammed, at Riverside News, had mentioned to Fiona Dyet that there has been an issue of members of the public letting their dogs pee against the front of his shop, which is then walked into his shop by customers. He requested to make this issue known to the wider community to help change the habits of dogs and their owners.</p> <p>Alyn Smith MP is available 01786 471 899 and alyn.smith.mp@parliament.uk to help with various issues (see poster on noticeboards)</p> <p>c. Treasurer. Income: We received our Administration grant for 2023-24 (£309.87).</p> <p>Expenditure: We paid £40 to hire Riverside Bowling Club for our September meeting and purchased more ink for printing information and posters for the notice boards (£56.49).</p> <p>RCC overall bank balance is currently £729.04.</p> <p>d. Planning Parvin Morrissey noted that apart from the Abbey Road Market response, there is been nothing else to mention.</p>	<p>- Fiona Dyet to mention this in the Riverside WhatsApp group</p>
<p>6. Sub-Groups</p> <p>a. Active Travel:</p> <p>Parking Enforcement: There were Enforcement Officers at RPS on Monday, 23rd October, particularly looking at cars parking on double yellow lines and zigzags outside the school. Information on idling cars can be found at www.mumsforlungs.org.</p> <p>Cambuskenneth CC: Ashleigh Phillip attended the Cambuskenneth CC which discussed the change to the cycle network at Lady's Neuk into Manor Powis. There seem to be positive discussions with Network Rail and bidding for money, with work potentially being confirmed by the end of 2026.</p> <p>Speeding Cars: There has been discussion on the Riverside Whatsapp Group regarding speeding cars and loud engines. Also issues of speeding cars coming up Millar Place, particularly if children are late for school. Ashleigh Phillip raised the question of whether the RCC should explore a petition to Stirling Council to explore changes to road infrastructure to reduce speeding, or whether the RCC could purchase a radar gun to compile some statistics. Although the group assembled did not deem these suggestions the correct way forward, there was a general</p>	

<p>agreement that a longer-term strategy regarding the speeding would be useful.</p> <p>Recyke-A-Bike: Recyke-A-Bike have several eBike loan schemes for up to a month, including cargo trikes. Forth Environment Link also do eBike loans.</p> <p>Cycle Share: Ashleigh Phillip has submitted an expression of interest to Cycling UK’s ‘Shared Cycles Fund’ for funding to purchase a community cargo bike. Questions were raised about the storage and insurance for the bike.</p> <p>b. Environment: Spring Clean Scotland will run from 15 March to 28 April 2024, Di Alderdice wondered whether the RCC would like to organise anything for this event.</p> <p>c. Zebra Crossings: Following discussions during the October RCC meeting, Cllr Magill had been in contact on 06/10 to say that the Dean Crescent design was complete and work was being programmed, whereas the Forth Street plans were unsure. Following this, Michaela Jackson emailed the RCC on 23/10 to say that the Forth Street plans had been agreed whereas the Dean Crescent plans do not fit the desire lines. It is unclear what the current plans are. Cllr Gibson said he would make sure that the RCC is consulted before anything is finally actioned, to prevent the zebra crossings being installed in inappropriate places.</p> <p>d. Old Harbour Woods: The previous meeting was cancelled due to poor weather. Di Alderdice hopes that the programme for this year and next will be signed off soon and added to the RCC website and noticeboards. Next meeting: Saturday, 4th November, 10:30-1:30, to clear snowberry.</p> <p>e. Accessibility: Lorna Smith has contacted McGill’s Buses regarding safety on local buses. Cllr Nunn to try to set up a meeting with Lorna, the other councillors and McGills to address issues.</p> <p>Forth Street: There have been issues with many bins left on Forth Street, blocking the pavement for pedestrians. Cllr Gibson to contact Private Rented Sector Team re compliance.</p>	<p>- Ashleigh Phillip to ask the Riverside Whatsapp Group for interest in a Community Cargo eBike</p> <p>Joan Murphy will contact Michaela Jackson and copy in the 4 Councillors re. this confusion</p> <p>- Do a check at school arrival/departure times as to where children actually cross Forth St/Dean Cres?</p> <p>- add next OHW meeting to RCC website and noticeboards</p> <p>- previous suggestion had been to install communal bins on this street, like at the Top of the Town</p>
<p>7. Local Groups</p> <p>a. Riverside Naturally: Parvin Morrissey reported that the Bee</p>	

<p>Bed will be dismantled and reinstalled at one sleeper high, but with a larger footprint.</p> <p>Orchard Day: Saturday, 4th November, 12-2pm.</p> <p>b. Our Front Room: The singing group Our Front Room will have another concert on 26th November at Riverside Bowling Club. Free to attend, but with donations for Strathcarron Hospice being accepted.</p> <p>c. Christmas Parcel Group: Before COVID, the RCC had hosted a lunch for the older residents of Riverside but this is now hosted by another group. Therefore the parcels can be an additional gift to the community.</p> <p>d. Christmas Windows: Chara Parraco will send out final call to fill available dates to various WhatsApp groups.</p>	<p>- add Orchard Day and OFR to website and WhatsApp Group</p> <p>- Joan Murphy to check with Christmas Parcel Group re this year</p>
<p>8. OAB</p> <p>DropBox: The RCC DropBox storage is quite full.</p> <p>BIFA: Cllr Gibson has acted to get the bins outside the unused Abbey Road Market collected and removed.</p> <p>Venue: There was a unanimous vote that The School Studio is a good space to for Community Council meetings and RCC should try to meet there every meeting.</p>	<p>Joan Murphy will clear space from current Dropbox</p> <p>Fiona D will contact Head Teacher and Room bookings</p>
<p>9. Next meeting: Wednesday, 29^h November. Venue TBC.</p>	

Riverside Community Council Public Meeting Minutes
Riverside Primary School
Date: 29th November 2013

Members Present

Joan Murphy
 Fiona Dyet
 Carol Robertson
 Bob Dale
 Fiona Berrow
 Jude Treliving
 Parvin Morrissey

In Attendance

Di Alderdice
 Andrew Fraser
 Chara Parraco
 Pat Morrissey
 Cllr Thomson
 8 residents

Apologies

Lorna Smith
 Ashleigh Phillip

Minutes	Actions
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Joan Murphy welcomed everyone to Riverside Primary School (RPS).</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No Declaration of Interest was recorded.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes for August adopted. Fiona Dyet proposed; Carol Robertson seconded.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>5. Reports</p> <p>a. Chair</p> <p>Venue: October's venue of the smaller hall at RPS has been confirmed as a 'non-bookable space'. Some present voiced disappointment as it was seen as a convenient, more personable space. The main hall at RPS has been booked for every Riverside Community Council (RCC) until the end of 2024.</p> <p>Website: Photographs can still be emailed, as an attachment, to riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com to be added to the RCC website.</p> <p>MailChimp: It has been decided to stop using the RCC MailChimp mailing list for sending out meeting details, due to the extra work it added and questionable practices of the parent company. Information will continue to be added to the local Noticeboards and the Riverside WhatsApp group.</p>	

<p>Christmas Parcels: Parcels will be given out to 40 local residents, including 7 couples and 3 residents in care homes. Donations are still being accepted, to be given to Joan Murphy by Wednesday 14th December by 4pm.</p> <p>b. Secretary: Police Report: I don't have the Police Report</p> <p>Carer's Information Day: Various groups hosting an Information Day at: The Bellfield Centre, Stirling Care Village on 11th December from 11am to 2pm. Tea, biscuits and a good chat available.</p> <p>Telephone Poles: A resident had posted to the Riverside WhatsApp group regarding a telephone pole that was installed in the view from their flat. There have been several new telephone poles added in Riverside recently. Cllr Thomson noted that the telephone company has permitted rights for the installation of poles on public land, and that councillors usually get advanced notice of these works, but not always. The resident, in attendance, has contacted both the company and Stirling Council regarding the installation, objecting to its placement and requesting that the pole be moved.</p> <p>Dean Crescent: A resident has inquired about having further 20 mph signage added on Dean Crescent, or perhaps additional road markings.</p> <p>Grit Bins: Grits bin will be installed next to the Cambuskenneth Bridge, on Sea Forth Place, at Lover's Walk and at the corner of Abbey Road and Miller Place. Winter Watch Group ready to act, once needed.</p> <p>Recyke-A-Bike: Funding available for purchasing bikes for children, as well as some adults.</p> <p>Dog Pee: There has been an issue of dogs peeing outside Mr Mohammed's shop, which was then subsequently walked into his shop. Mr Mohammed has reported the issue is significantly better after the Riverside WhatsApp group was informed and asked to consider their dogs' behaviour.</p> <p>Wallace Gate: There is a leak which gets splashed onto the pavement, creating a sheet of ice.</p> <p>Gas Leak: Gas Leak on Lovers' Walk reported today and Stirling Council were very responsive.</p> <p>c. Treasurer Income: No income was received this month. We are</p>	<p>- Fiona Dyet to contact Stephen Bly</p> <p>- Fiona Dyet to contact Stephen Bly</p>
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<p>expecting £1,500 of Community Pride funding for the Old Harbour Woods project, but this has not yet been paid into our bank account (due to staff shortage at Stirling Council, it should be with us soon).</p> <p>Expenditure: We purchased two holly trees (£80.26) to screen the new notice board on Dean Crescent and we bought more ink (£65.91) for printing posters etc for the notice boards.</p> <p>Balance: We have £171.35 of unrestricted funds, £116.89 of admin grant, £80.00 of minutes grant, £196.05 of notice boards funding and £18.58 of Covid-19 support funding. Our total balance is £582.87.</p>	
<p>6. Sub-Groups</p> <p>a. Active Travel:</p> <p>Cycle Share: Questions still to be addressed over location for storage of potential community cargo bike.</p> <p>Shared Paths: There was a discussion about the signage for the paths by the river and whether this issue should become a topic for the Active Travel Sub-Group.</p> <p>b. Old Harbour Woods: Lots of snowberry cleared in recent work done. Di Alderdice went to Stirling Archives recently and has lots of information about the history of OHW. There was discussion of how best to present the information, with the potential of interpretation boards or leaflets.</p> <p>c. Advent Windows: There are at least 49 windows this year, with maps of the locations available at both newsagents in Riverside.</p> <p>d. Parking/Zebra Crossings: currently no further updates. It was suggested that this is an issue to pursue again in the New Year. It was mentioned by a resident that the spaces at the Quay are often full and questioned whether students were using these spaces as permanent parking.</p> <p>e. Accessibility:</p> <p>MacGill's: Following a previous complaint to MacGill's Bus Company, Lorna Smith's report was read stating that there is no legal obligation to provide extra safety measures in the area reserved for wheelchairs/prams. Cllr Nunn has approached Alexander Stewart MSP to ask him to consider putting forward a proposal to the Scottish Parliament to change legislation to require bus companies to install enhanced safety measures.</p> <p>Bins: Recurring issue of bins taking up space on Forth Street</p>	

<p>after they have been uplifted. Cllr Thomson confirmed that letters have been written to residents from Stirling Council, informing residents of their duty to take the bins in.</p> <p>f. Webinars: Andrew Fraser gave a report from recent webinars hosted by the Scottish Community Development Centre which Community Councillors were invited to attend. A full report can be found attached to these minutes. **need to remember to actually attach the report**</p>	
<p>7. Local Groups</p> <p>a. Riverside Naturally: Orchard Day on 4th November was a success. Riverside Naturally has been asked by the RPS Nursery class to help with a wildlife project with the children, as to help maintain the RPS raised beds.</p>	
<p>8. OAB</p> <p>A resident noted that in their discussions regarding poles in Riverside, they had been informed that there was the potential of cables being strung from Riverside over to Cambuskenneth.</p>	
<p>9. Next meeting: Wednesday, 31st January 2024. Venue: Riverside Primary School, main hall.</p>	