

**Riverside Community Council Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Riverside Primary School**  
**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Members Present**

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

**In Attendance**

Di Alderdice  
 Andrew Fraser  
 Cllr McGill  
 Chara Parraco  
 Stephen Bly  
 6 residents

**Apologies**

Bob Dale  
 Ashleigh Phillip  
 Lorna Smith  
 Pat Morrissey

Minutes	Actions
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Joan Murphy welcomed everyone to Riverside Primary School (RPS) and current Riverside Community Council (RCC) members introduced themselves. Joan Murphy reported that according to UN data, the number of woman dying while pregnant or in the 6 weeks after birth has dropped by 34% between 2000 and 2020.</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>No Declaration of Interest was recorded.</p>	
<p><b>3. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes for 2023 AGM adopted. Fiona Berrow proposed; Carol Robertson seconded.</p>	
<p><b>4. Chair Report</b></p> <p>Joan Murphy summarised the functioning of the RCC and its activity in the previous year:</p> <p>RCC is made up of 8 community councillors and 5 associate members, with a vacancy for one more councillor. RCC communicates by using its website (<a href="https://www.riversidecommunitycouncil.co.uk">https://www.riversidecommunitycouncil.co.uk</a>), email, noticeboards around Riverside, items in the Stirling Observer and a community WhatsApp group.</p> <p>a. <b>Active Travel Subgroup</b> (Ashleigh Phillip):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- aims to encourage Riverside residents to walk, wheel, cycle or use public transport whenever possible, and to advocate for better public transport as well as safer, more accessible pavements and streets.</li> <li>- a regular Active Travel newsletter is available on the RCC website.</li> <li>- there has been a Community Advisory Group established to consult regarding the development of Active Travel routes from Ladysneuk Road to Forthside via Riverside.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>b. Environment Subgroup (Di Alderdice):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- regularly holds litter picking events and holds the litter picking equipment for all of Stirling District, which can be borrowed by groups at any time.</li> <li>- organic build up and detritus around the Pontoon has been reported to Stirling Council and cleared.</li> <li>- 32 residents expressed interest in being involved in gritting the pavements during icy weather. The equipment is being stored at the Riverbank centre.</li> <li>- a speaker from Treelink came to February’s RCC meeting to talk about their aims in increasing tree cover in Stirling</li> <li>- SEPA opened a consultation regarding flooding, running until 24<sup>th</sup> June (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mrxnpy3m">https://tinyurl.com/mrxnpy3m</a>)</li> <li>- Waverley Park: complaints have been made to Stirling Council regarding the condition of the play equipment in the park and the disabled access. Ashleigh Phillip has met with Cllr Thomson, who has escalated the issue.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Planning Subgroup (Parvin Morrissey and Andrew Fraser):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- there has been little affecting Riverside in the past year, except the closure of Abbey Road Market and its proposed development (23/00474/FUL) and development on Abbey Road Place (23/00720/PPP).</li> <li>- a new programme, RAMPS, helps track individual applications on specific dates to aid transparency.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. Defibrillators (Chara Parraco):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all 3 defibrillators in Riverside are now registered with Circuit UK (<a href="https://www.thecircuit.uk">https://www.thecircuit.uk</a>) so that they can be found in an emergency. New pads have been added this year, with ongoing fundraising this coming year to raise money for new batteries.</li> </ul> <p><b>e. Old Harbour Woods (Di Alderdice):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- works on the riparian woodland along the path from Shore Road to the Premier inn.</li> <li>- has received a grant from Community Pride for the work, with a current application seeking to continue and extend the work.</li> </ul> <p><b>f. Accessibility Issues (Lorna Smith)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- McGills buses have been contacted regarding safety on local buses.</li> </ul> <p><b>g. Forthside Masterplan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- speakers from Stirling Council attended January’s meeting to explain the new plan (<a href="https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/forthsidemasterplan">https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/forthsidemasterplan</a>)</li> <li>- regular meetings with Stirling Council were requested by the RCC as the development is so close to Riverside, but there haven’t been any yet.</li> </ul> <p><b>h. Roads (Andrew Fraser)</b></p>	<p>Fiona D to follow up grit bins</p> <p>- Joan to email Stephen Bly re lack of contact</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- there has been little follow up from Stirling Council regarding the parking trial around RPS in 2022, except occasional parking enforcement officers.</li> <li>- there has been no further development in the plan to add 2 zebra crossing in Riverside, despite assurance from Stirling Council that they would be installed.</li> <li>- RCC have forwarded to Stirling Council complaints from residents about the new traffic lights at Goosecroft Rd/Shore Rd.</li> <li>- signs are now in place on Dean Crescent to emphasise the speed restrictions.</li> <li>- signage at Lovers Walk has been approved to give advanced warning of the height restriction of the railway bridge.</li> </ul> <p>i. <b>Christmas Parcels</b> (Joan Murphy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 47 older residents received a parcel in December made up of donations from local residents.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p><u>Income:</u>  In 2023-24 we received £309.87 administration grant, £1,500 Community Pride funding and £600 from Forth Environment Link Climate Hub. The total income was £2,409.87.</p> <p><u>Expenditure:</u>  In 2023-24 we spent £195.46 of our administration grant (£120.46 on our website, £35 on ICO registration and £40 on venue hire for Community Council meetings). £537.93 was spent on noticeboards and £443.38 of the Community Pride funding was spent on the Old Harbour Woods project. The total expenditure was £1,176.77.</p>	
<p><b>6. Appointment of Office Bearers</b>  Current Office Bearers resign.</p> <p>Stephen Bly took time to thank the members of the RCC, including associates, for their work.</p> <p><b>Proposed new Office Bearers:</b>  Chair: Joan Murphy  Proposed by Fiona Dyet; seconded by Parvin Morrissey.</p> <p>Vice Chair: Carol Robertson  Proposed by Joan Murphy; seconded by Fiona Berrow.</p> <p>Secretary: Fiona Dyet  Proposed by Joan Murphy; seconded by Carol Robertson</p> <p>Treasurer: Fiona Berrow  Proposed by: Fiona Dyet; seconded by Parvin Morrissey</p>	

Planning: Parvin Morrissey Proposed by Joan Murphy; seconded by Fiona Dyet.	
<b>7. Next AGM:</b> Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 NB: next AGM could be last Wednesday in May or June of 2025.	

### Ordinary Public Meeting

Attendance is the same as above AGM.

Minutes	Actions
<p><b>1. Adoption of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes from April 2024 adopted; Fiona Dyet proposed, Carol Robertson seconded.</p>	
<p><b>2. Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Bellwood Hall:</b> Joan Murphy has been in contact with Alyson Allison at Stirling Council, who has contacted the owner. There are ongoing conversations about the building but there has been no progress yet regarding its development.</p> <p><b>Reminiscence Box:</b> One of the available boxes was brought along to the meeting and displayed at the end. They are available from Stirling Library and celebrate the social and architectural history of Stirling and contain photographs, postcards, adverts and building plans. They can be used as a way to engage with people living with dementia, giving opportunities to reconnect and stimulate conversation. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.scht.org.uk">www.scht.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Food Train:</b> Joan Murphy reported that things are looking better for The Food Train. Joan Murphy reported that Stirling Council have not been particularly helpful, but Clackmannanshire Council have been helpful. The Food Train is not shutting down and is looking for more over-65 customers anywhere in Stirling who are looking for help with their shopping. Contact Joan Murphy for more information, or see <a href="https://thefoodtrain.co.uk">https://thefoodtrain.co.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>8. Reports</b></p> <p><b>a. Chair</b> No report.</p> <p><b>b. Secretary:</b> <b>Police Report:</b> Over the past month there have been 21 calls to 999. There were 2 crimes reported: 1 detected, 1 undetected.</p> <p><b>Hogweed:</b> There has been a considerable amount of giant hogweed seen in Riverside and reported to Stirling Council. Stirling Council have the issue in hand, and Fiona Dyet will follow up with Stephen Bly if nothing has been done with the hogweed in the next 2-3 weeks.</p>	

<p><b>Community Grant:</b> There is grant funding of up to £500 potentially available from CFSLA which could be put towards work at the Waverley Park playpark.</p> <p><b>Accessibility:</b> There are continued issues with parking on Forth Street, particularly with parking on both sides of the road and beyond the yellow lines. This impedes drivers' views and hinders large vehicles, including the school bus. The potential of extending the yellow lines further along the street was raised.</p> <p><b>c. Treasurer</b> No income and no expenditure.</p> <p><b>d. Planning:</b> No report.</p>	
<p><b>9. Sub-Groups</b></p> <p>a. <b>Environment:</b> Join with members of staff from the different McDonald branches in Stirling for a litter pick on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10am at Old Stirling Bridge. Full information can be found at <a href="https://www.riversidecommunitycouncil.co.uk">https://www.riversidecommunitycouncil.co.uk</a></p> <p>b. <b>Defibs:</b> The next amount of money to be raised is for new batteries, which are expensive but last for five years. There was interest from several attending in a first aid course.</p> <p>c. <b>Parking:</b> There are no updates about the parking situation from Stirling Council. There was a discussion about the illegal parking on double yellow lines at the new student flats and need for enforcement before there is injury. There was also a discussion about the merits of extending the double yellow line from the roundabout on Shore Road to the parking at the pontoon.</p> <p>d. <b>Old Harbour Woods (OHW):</b> Di Alderdice has submitted comments about the Forthside Masterplan and would like to know who specifically to talk to about the wood within Stirling Council.</p>	<p>Joan to facilitate finding out contact details for Di through SB</p>
<p><b>10. Local Groups</b></p> <p><b>Riverbank Centre:</b> The Riverbank Centre has reopened for lunch, Monday to Friday from 11:30 to 13:30.</p> <p><b>Our Front Room:</b> Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September there will be a concert at Riverside Bowling Club for European Folk Day. The theme will be 'trees and woods'.</p>	

<p><b>11. OAB</b></p> <p><b>Forthside:</b> The plan for the Forthside Development can be found here: <a href="https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/forthsidemasterplan">https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/forthsidemasterplan</a></p> <p><b>Wallace Gate:</b> The leak mentioned in previous minutes has now created a deep pothole. Stephen Bly suggested to get members of the public to report it using Report It on the Stirling Council website.</p> <p><b>Stirling Community Radio:</b> Available online at <a href="https://mytuner-radio.com/radio/castlesound-485504/">https://mytuner-radio.com/radio/castlesound-485504/</a>, Stephen Bly hosts a show on Saturday mornings from 10 to midday playing music and highlighting community news. He wants to raise awareness of events and volunteering happening to inspire people to get involved in public service.</p>	
<p><b>Next meeting: Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Venue: RPS.</b></p>	