

Public Meeting Minutes

Date – 26th January 2022

Members Present

Fiona Berrow

Bob Dale

Sue Dumbleton

Sandra Engstrom

Emily McLaughlin

Joan Murphy

Ashleigh Phillip

Carol Robertson

Alison Swanson

In Attendance

Fiona Dyet

Andrew Fraser

David Sherman

Residents: 8

Apologies

Di Alderdice

Phil Boydell

1) Welcome and record of those present and apologies

Chair Joan Murphy welcomed the eight residents attending, in addition to those Members and Associates listed above.

2) Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for November were adopted
Ashleigh Phillips proposed; Sue Dumbleton seconded

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

None arising

5) Reports

a) Chair

Link with Stirling Observer – Thanks were offered to Gillian Armstrong for working on reporting our community news to the observer which supports our non-digital communication aims

Lovers Walk Closure - Lovers Walk is scheduled to be closed for eight months in 2022, the date has been delayed until sometime in February.

A marine licence has been requested. Licence application details can be found [here](#).

Riverside Community Council met with representatives of Network rail to discuss some of the community concerns. Details of this meeting can be found [here](#).

Riverside Community Council asked Stirling Council to consider placing a temporary crossing at Forth Street throughout the duration of the Lovers Walk Closure. This was declined and we were advised that “the council will be monitoring the situation during this closure period and if there appears to be a problem, we will contact Network Rail to find a suitable solution.”

b)Secretary

Police Report - Over the past two months there were 3 undetected cases including Theft and Damage to a parked vehicle, and two detected cases.

The Community Police Officers have attended at Riverside Primary School at pick up times and spoken to a number of drivers in relation to considerate and safe parking as well as being mindful of speed.

The Community Police issued a warning that there has been a rise in theft related offences and remind people to lock properties and cars and do not leave valuable in your car.

Storm Arwen caused damage and disruption to several Stirling communities. Stirling Council would like to hear about your experiences and how you and your colleagues were affected. They will use your feedback via their [survey](#) to improve future partnership and community responses.

Anti-Social Behaviour - Between April and December 2021 there were 413 anti-social behaviour cases reported to Stirling Council’s Community Safety Team. Stirling Council offering residents the chance to share their experiences of anti-social behaviour and help shape how Stirling Council tackles the issue. Find out more [here](#).

Benches, River path – Stirling Council is currently working on pricing up the fabrication of replacement timber slats etc. and the work will take place as soon as possible thereafter.

Road markings – Stirling Council repainted many road markings around Riverside.

Dropped Kerb – Stirling Council lowered the kerb in front of the Waverley Park

Broken Fencing on Forth Crescent – Reported to Stirling Council

Forthside - Stirling Council Environmental Health officer has advised that there are no grounds that can be applied to either encourage the land owner to look at the situation or prosecute. Riverside Community Council will write to the landowner to ask them to address this issue.

Cambuskenneth Netting – Will be removed as soon as feasible.

Fire Alarm Legislation new legal requirements in Scotland – find more information [here](#).

Dog Fouling – There has been an increase of dog fouling around Riverside, in particular on the streets. Residents are encouraged to make use of the poo bags Riverside Community Council provides for free. These are not supplied by Stirling Council – though you can pick up free bags at the library, including our library van.

City of Culture - Stirling is bidding to become UK City of Culture 2025 and is the only Scottish city left in

the running. Being named UK City of Culture 2025 would bring investment and international attention to Stirling, with a breathtaking programme of events and activities for 2025 and beyond. To find out more and offer your support you can visit the website [here](#).

c) Treasurer

Expenditure - The Community Council hired Riverside Bowling Club to hold our November meeting (£30) and paid for a topographical survey (£720, arranged by Raeburn Farquhar Bowen Ltd.) to be carried out on the Riverside Gateway project site.

Income - Joan Murphy donated £30 to the Community Council in exchange for surplus donations to the Christmas parcels. The Community Council received the funding for the Riverside Gateway project from The Mushroom Trust (£3,500).

It was agreed to spend some unrestricted funds on a gift for a notable centenary.

d) Planning

There were no planning issues.

Rainbow Slides proposed Student Accommodation – this is not currently a planning issue however it was agreed that the displaced parking may have further impact on the parking issues in Riverside. It was agreed that Riverside Community Council would discuss this with Stirling Council to understand what the process was for registering an interest/concern in the potential proceedings.

The COUNCIL proposes to make The Stirling Council (On-Street Parking Spaces for Disabled Persons No's 6-17) Order 2022 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will introduce disabled parking on Alexandra Place.

Further details can be requested by e-mailing traffic@stirling.gov.uk for three weeks from 19-1-22 and objectors should send their reasons in writing to the Senior Manager, Environment and Place by e-mailing traffic@stirling.gov.uk quoting the appropriate reference number by 9-2-22.

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

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7) Sub-Groups

a) Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

Nothing to report.

The group will be meeting shortly and are looking for enthusiastic community members to join the group.

b) Christmas Parcels

The weekend before Christmas a group of jolly volunteers delivered an amazing Christmas goody bag to 47 people in Riverside.

It was a huge success and the gifts were received with delight and sincere appreciation, with many kind words, goodwill shared and beautiful words of thanks.

It was a joy to be able to do this after another strange year and couldn't have done it without the generous donation of the Riverside Community and Stirling businesses.

c) Community Resilience Plan

Sandra Engstrom has approached the Scottish Flood Forum regarding a face-to-face presentation but is yet to hear back..

d) Defibrillators

Over seventy households took part in the Living Advent Windows throughout December. The fundraising event was a huge success and enough money was raised to replace the pads and batteries ensuring the defibrillators are up-to-date and ready for use. In addition the batteries will be returned and used for training on defibrillator use and maintenance.

A new cabinet has been ordered and will be fitted for the unit located at the Riverside Dentist on Forth Crescent.

Since the group was formed over £6.3k has been raised for this life saving equipment.

Step into Spring – From 21st March 2022 the Window's group will be inviting people to support Riverside Naturally in a spring themed window event. Money raised will go to further the enhancement of the green spaces around Riverside in an environmentally conscientious way.

e) Environment

Cherry Blossoms – Two cherry blossoms have been marked for being felled. This is most likely to be because they are diseased or dying. Over the next few years many of these trees will be removed and replaced.

Riverbanks – Stirling Council will be piloting works to clear up to 75% of the brambles and overgrown vegetation which will hopefully allow other species to colonise the banking. There is a contractor lined up to use a tractor and flail to clear the growth between Cambuskenneth Bridge and the Boating Club. This is hoped to help especially with the very invasive Himalayan balsam.

Community Planters – Riverside Community Council in previous years had funding to support the Riverbank Centre in the planting and maintenance of the community planters. This ran out last year and Riverside Community Council was successful in securing a grant for the planters in 2021. Funding is no longer available for this endeavour and the Riverbank Centre is moving on to alternative environmental projects.

It was agreed that the community would like to see the planters in use and a sub-group has been formed to explore the various options to allow this to be successful. It was agreed that £100 of unrestricted funds would be made available to this group.

Thank you was given to the Riverbank Centre for their many years of work in looking after the wonderful planters that has brought such joy and colour to Riverside.

Thank you was given to Nicholas Trull and Mary Buchanan for their time and expertise in exploring option for the community planters.

Stirling Council Pollinator Consultation – Riverside Community Council submitted a comment on Stirling Council's pollinator policy draft. It can be found [here](#).

f) Parking

The Living Streets steering group met on the 30th November 2021 – this was comprised of representatives of [Living Streets](#)*, Stirling Council, Riverside Primary School teacher and parents and a teacher and Riverside Community Council.

Stirling Council received £34,000 from Paths for All towards three interlinking projects relating to the parking problems in Riverside.

- School Streets Project (running until March 2022) which will lead into
- Parking Management Plan (starting in the next financial year)
- 20-minute Neighbourhoods

The funding will be used to commission Living Streets to carry out research and a detailed consultation including Riverside residents and businesses, parents whose children attend Riverside Primary and teachers.

Living Streets is a UK wide charity with over 90 years' experience whose main aim is to encourage and facilitate everyday walking.

The development of the projects includes:

- Research – previous data from Active Travel and FEL plus current research including
 - a. Travel tracker
 - b. Air quality
 - c. Traffic count
 - d. Pedestrian count
- Comprehensive Consultation – December 21 – March 22
- Trialling of new measures – school summer term 22
- Evaluation of new measures – for up to 18 months (concurrent with trialling)
- Successful measures will be made permanent

Representatives of Stirling Council and Living Streets are meeting to finalise plans for the consultation.

A three day, part time closure of streets near the school is due to be trialled before the Easter break, as part of this consultation process. This will enable residents and the school community to experience and reflect on whether further closures would be beneficial.

Kate Joester from Living Streets attended our Community Council Meeting and explained the consultation, trial road closure project and answered further questions posed by the Riverside residents.

It was discussed that the process of trialing the street closure was to understand better what will work as a permanent solution for Riverside and may be changed when the feedback and results of the trial were available.

More information, a link to the consultation and a history of parking in Riverside can be found [here](#).

g) Riverside Gateway

Meetings were held to discuss and finalise the plans for the Riverside Greenspace project.

The consultation process, scheduled initially for the end of January has been postponed due to COVID restrictions. Residents will be informed when new dates have been decided upon and information will be shared on Riverside Community Council's website [here](#).

g) Summer Jubilee Celebrations

Riverside Community Council is proposing a Jubilee Celebration on the 2nd - 5th June.

Thursday: Older People afternoon tea – potential school engagement

Friday – Rowing Club Event

Saturday – 12pm-4pm Family Fun Day, including Bake Off, Crafts, Visiting Services, Active Travel

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David Sherman has:

Approached the Riverside Lawn Bowling about hosting the afternoon tea. Volunteers needed.

Approached the Riverside Rowing Club regarding hosting the event – tide dependent.

Fiona Dyet will offer defibrillator training

Lawn Bowling may offer bowling lessons

Abbey Road Market is interested in supporting the event regarding beverages and catering.

Looking for crafters who may like to hire a stall for the family event.

Investigating funding opportunities closer to the time when specific funding becomes available.

Three fundraising opportunities – Defibs, RN and RCC

8) Local Groups

Riverside Naturally – The otter carving was named by the P1's at Riverside Primary School – Alice was the chosen name and the garden she is situated in will be called Alice's Woodland Wonderland.

Riverside Naturally will be embracing the Year of Stories and have plans to develop a willow arbour in the woodland garden nearest the Cambuskenneth bridge

27th February at 9.30am – Maintenance Session, 10.30am – Tea break and a chat.

9) Upcoming Events

28th Jan Mindful Meditation

29th Jan Maintenance Session and RSPB Bird Watch - Riverside Naturally

6th Feb - Neighbourhood Walk

23rd Feb - Next Riverside Community Council's Public Meeting

30th April – Riverside Naturally's Seed/Garden Equipment swap

9) **A.O.B**

Curry and Quiz – It was suggested that due to COVID concerns it would be prudent to postpone the Curry and Quiz night until later in the year – the weekend of the Jubilee was suggested -3rd June 2022

Thanks were given to Joan Murphy for chairing this meeting.

Thanks were given to Kate Joester for attending our meeting on behalf of Living Streets

10)

Date of Next Meeting

23rd February 2022 – Venue TBD

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Date – 23rd February 2022

Members Present

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Bob Dale
Sue Dumbleton
Sandra Engstrom
Emily McLaughlin
Joan Murphy
Alison Swanson

In Attendance

Andrew Fraser
David Sherman

Cllr Danny Gibson
Rachel Nunn (Observer)
Scottish Conservative Candidate Stirling
North
Residents: 8

Apologies

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Fiona Dyet
Carol Robertson
Ashleigh Phillips

1) Welcome and record of those present and apologies

Chair Joan Murphy welcomed everyone in attendance in addition to those Members and Associates listed above.

Joan Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting with a few things that had made February a bit brighter which included the beautiful wolf moon, the extraordinary Green Planet program and the unusual links you find with your neighbours.

2) Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for January were adopted
Sandra Engstrom proposed; Sue Dumbleton seconded

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

None arising

5) **Reports**

a) Chair

Joan Murphy and a local resident visited long time Riverside resident Mamie Davies, who turned 100 years old in the middle of February, with a basket of flowers. Sadly, Mamie passed away shortly after and Riverside Community offered its sincere condolences to Mamie's family.

Joan Murphy reported that the Network Rail closure of Lovers Walk will commence on the 28th February until the 21st October. Riverside Community Council will continue to liaise with Stirling Council and Network Rail and feedback any community issues.

b) Secretary

Police Report:

Over the past month there were 3 undetected cases including Theft and Damage to parked vehicles, and two detected cases.

The Community Police Officers continue to attend Riverside Primary School at pick up times and have spoken to a number of drivers in relation to considerate and safe parking as well as being mindful of speed.

Police Scotland are not a partner in the school streets project however is keen to be kept informed about how the project is working.

Youth anti-social behaviour continues to be a problem in Stirling and Police Scotland ask that we all help to make sure that teenagers we know are acting responsibly and keeping themselves and others safe.

Riverside Community Council will be arranging a meeting with the Community Police Officers to develop further engagement.

Funding:

Scottish and Southern Electricity Network's Resilient Communities Fund core aim is to help communities become more resilient in the face of storms, severe weather and prolonged power interruptions. More recently, the fund has evolved to include a focus on vulnerability. More information can be found [here](#).

Bins – There is an ongoing issue with bins and litter in various areas around Riverside and the storms have further highlighted issues regarding bin collection. Riverside Community Council will be arranging a meeting with the Rycycle4Stirling team to discuss these issues.

Consultation - Stirling Council is undertaking a **COVID Recovery Community Consultation** to better understand how COVID has affected Stirling residents. Find a short survey [here](#) to share your experiences of living through the last six months of the Covid-19 Pandemic and informing Stirling Council what has changed.

Flooding Customs Roundabout – There was considerable flooding in the under-paths at the Customs Roundabout week commencing 14th February. This cleared for the schools returning on the 21st February however it was a severe impediment for those walking or wheeling. Riverside Community Council will contact Stirling Council for further information and ask if there will be action taken to prevent this from

happening again.

Cllr. Danny Gibson shared information and gave assurances that this was being investigated to ascertain whether there is a fault or a flood due to adverse conditions.

Railings, Forth Place Path – This request was denied by Stirling Council.

Benches, River path – The parts have been fabricated and should be in place did March.

Unsafe Branch, Dean Crescent – This tree will be trimmed/taken down if necessary.

Road markings – Stirling Council will be returning to repaint some junctions that were missed in January.

Cambuskenneth Netting – Will be removed as soon as feasible.

A community member raised the issue of double yellow lines around the school being faded. Riverside Community Council will ask Stirling Council to address this.

c) Treasurer

Expenditure - The Community Council bought flowers for a Riverside resident's 100th birthday (£30) and paid for the Zoom account (£14.39).

Income - We received a donation towards the flowers (£20).

d) Planning

There were no planning issues.

Edward Road and James Street Garages – Riverside Community Council has been contacted by another community member regarding the unkempt condition of these garages. Stirling Council has been asked for support in addressing this.

Cllr Gibson has previously looked into this and will continue to do so.

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6) Sub-Groups

a) Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

The Active travel group plans to reconvene shortly and will initially focus on awareness of the 20mph limit that was introduced in Riverside last year.

b) Community Resilience Plan

Nothing new to report.

d) Defibrillators

The new defibrillator cabinet was installed by a local electrician who volunteered his expertise and time.

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e) Environment

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Riverbanks – The work on the bank to partially clear the brambles and other invasive species has been delayed and won't now take place in this financial year as a mammal survey has to be undertaken before any clearance work can be started.

Community Planters – There is now a team of Riverside residents who have adopted a planter and will look after them this season.

Bird Boxes – In a joint endeavour with the Riverbank Centre and Riverside Naturally bird boxes are being made and will be placed around Riverside. Permission has been requested by Stirling Council's tree team and Riverside Primary School pupils have been invited to assemble the boxes.

f) Parking

The second meeting of the Stirling Council/Living Street steering group was on the 22nd February.

The consultation was given to 1000 people and completed by 185 with 96 comments. Marginally, respondents were in favour of piloting the proposed exclusion zone

The discussion included:

- **Why Argyll Avenue not included** – because of the need to allow flow of traffic and avoid people doing U-turns
- **Displacement of vehicles** – This was described more as dispersement and an expectation that there would be a reduction in vehicles
- **Bus** - There is a service bus which comes from and to Causewayhead to fit with school times
- **Access**
 - Residents within exclusion zone will have permits and access at all times
 - Parents of children with SEN, taxis will have access
 - Teachers – this still to be resolved
- **Enforcement.** - LS staff will be on site at every junction to begin with
- **Closure times.** - It was agreed to extend the closure times to 8.30- 9.15 am and 2.45 – 3.30 pm
- **Drop-off area / park and walk with children.** - It was agreed that the area between Boating club and Outdoor Bowling was the most suitable
- **Shelter.** - Possible covered area with coffee van at drop off or at school gates
- **Information sheet.** - LS will produce and distribute an info sheet including concerns, possible solutions, map of street closures and suggested dropoff area.
- **Street crossings.** Other areas have got these via School Travel Plan
- **Suggested dates- 29th, 30th and 31st March**

Riverside Community Council unanimously decided to support the trial road closures.

20-minute neighbourhood:

Kate Joester, of [Living Streets](#) is hoping to carry out 'route auditing' with families who live outside Riverside.

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Meetings are being held over the next few weeks with key members of the community to confirm involvement.

Andrew Fraser has been working on the application to close part of Riverside Drive on Saturday 4th June 2022.

7) Local Groups

[Riverside Naturally](#) – Created a willow arbour in the story garden with plans to add seats.

Riverside Naturally has approached Riverside Community Council to consider making a request to Stirling Council about replacing the ornamental Cherry Blossom trees with the native blossoming Gean Wild Cherry tree. These are more environmentally beneficial and would support the local habitats and the new policies Stirling Council are in the process of consulting on and implementing.

26th February at 9.30am – Maintenance Session, 10.30am – Tea break and a chat.

Riverbank Centre – Continues to open at a reduced capacity and they are expecting some changes in March, depending on COVID restrictions.

The manager of the Riverbank Centre, Heather will be retiring shortly. Riverside Community Council offers their thanks to Heather for her support and wishes her well in her retirement.

Five other staff members will also be leaving.

8) Upcoming Events

27th Feb – Riverside Naturally Maintenance Session

6th March - Neighbourhood Walk and litter pick

30th March - Next Riverside Community Council's Public Meeting

30th April – Riverside Naturally's Seed/Garden Equipment swap

9) A.O.B

Ian Young, the previous Chair of Riverside Community Council sadly passed away earlier this year. Riverside Community Council offers their condolences to his family and thanks for his service to the Riverside community.

Thanks were given to those who have been clearing the litter around Riverside, which had increased due to the adverse weather. Riverside Community Council continues to hold litter picking equipment which can be borrow for free.

Alison Swanson proposed to form a group to embrace the idea hearing of and recording Riverside Stories. Approval was given to apply for funding from the Museum Galleries Scotland Community Stories Fund to celebrate the Year of Stories.

10)

Date of Next Meeting

30th March 2022 – Venue TBD

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1) Welcome and record of those present and apologies

Chair Joan Murphy welcomed everyone in attendance in addition to those Members and Associates listed above.

Joan Murphy started the meeting by discussing the optimism and positivity brought to the Community Council by the Community Councillors and the Riverside Community.

Riverside Community Council has been actively asking and welcoming opinions, suggestions and criticism for three years and treats people with respect and courtesy, following the agreed [Code of Conduct](#).

This is a reciprocal relationship and as a gentle reminder no community councillor will engage with unacceptable and abusive behaviour.

2) Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

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None arising

5) **Reports**

a) Chair

Sandra Engstrom has left Riverside to move to Glasgow. Riverside Community Council thanked her for her work with the Community Council and wish her well.

Riverside Community Council has a vacancy for a Community Councillor. Contact riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com for more information.

There was discussion within the community regarding buses around school drop off and pick up times - there is a service bus to and from Causewayhead to the school both at the start and the end of the school day. This service is not currently well used.

To enhance our understanding of people travelling into Riverside, Kate Joester from Living Streets has been asked to do an audit of people crossing at two junctions: Forth Street/Dean Crescent/ James Street and Forth Street/Shore Road and Forth Place/Crescent

b)Secretary

Police Report:

Over the past month there were 5 undetected cases including Fraud and Vandalism, and one detected case.

Housekeeping:

Lovers Walk Closure Traffic Jams - the timing of the traffic lights between Seaforth Place and Goosecroft Road have been extended

Double Yellow Lines around the school will be repainted

Reporting Issue – There appears to be an inconsistency when using the Report It function within Stirling Council's website. This has led to issues not addressed or information being shared. This will be raised with our liaison. The issues are as follows:

Trolleys in the River Forth

Broken Fence on Forth Crescent

Degrading railings along the riverside path

Pedestrian Crossing: Community members raised the issue of the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Seaforth Place and Goosecroft Road being too short. This will be reported to Stirling Council.

Waverly Park: Community members commented on the addition of new bark in Waverly Park voiced of approval of the enhanced aesthetics. Riverside Community Council will approach Stirling Council regarding repairing or replacing the broken or missing equipment.

A reminder was issued that some information is shared between meetings, including road closures, TROs and other Stirling Council communications and this is available on the Riverside Community Council Website. The weekly Planning Schedule is also available each Wednesday.

c) Treasurer

Expenditure: The Community Council paid for the Zoom account for February and March (£14.39 per month), for the design proposals (£2,160) and the consultation event (£1,080) for the Riverside Gateway

Project (to landscape architects Raeburn Farquhar Bowen).

Income: There was no income this month.

Note: £40 for the annual ICO registration fee was transferred back into unrestricted funds (from the admin grant budget). This had been paid for from the unrestricted funds rather than the admin grant budget due to the late payment of the admin grant.

Funds were moved from Unrestricted and from Active Travel and Sustainable Transport budgets to cover costs for the Riverside Gateway design proposals and consultation event.

d) Planning

There were no planning issues.

Riverside Community Council has invited a representative of Montagu Evans LLP to speak about the proposed development at the Rainbow Slide. They will most likely attend April.

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

7) Sub-Groups

a) Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

Ashleigh Phillip contacted Stirling Council and Network Rail to request that more space was made on the footway along Lovers Walk as it was felt the fencing was encroaching unnecessarily upon it. Network Rail appear to have moved this as much as possible.

St Ninians Community Council has been in touch regarding their speeding issues and to ascertain if this is an issue across Stirling. Ashleigh Phillip will be responding.

b) Community Resilience Plan

Sandra Engstrom has moved away and stepped down for Riverside Community Council. Riverside Community Council will continue to look into hosting a flooding awareness event. Further activities will be postponed at this time to be re-visited later in the year.

d) Defibrillators

No activities to report.

e) Environment

Cherry Blossoms – Last month [Riverside Naturally](#) approached Riverside Community Council regarding the removal and replacement of the ornamental cherry trees by Stirling Council. Riverside Naturally proposed that these trees be replaced with the native Gean (Bird Cherry/Wild Cherry) as these trees are far more wildlife and pollinator friendly. As the planting season for trees is winter no change would take place until next year.

It was confirmed that Riverside Community Council supports the planting of Gean.

Riverbanks – A mammal survey was undertaken by Stirling Council and there was evidence of Mink in the area. These are considered an invasive species and are a threat to native wildlife. To find out more

and to report a sighting visit [NatureScot](#).

Community Planters – There is now a team of Riverside residents who have adopted a planter and will look after them this season.

f) Parking

Stirling Council and Living Streets is currently trialing the closure of some roads around Riverside Primary School explore the effect on the volume and flow of school traffic and to make it a safer place for children to travel to school.

There are monitors at each junction guiding traffic and collecting information and feedback.

Due to being in the midst of the trial it is too soon to discuss or draw any conclusions and Riverside Community Council will have feedback from the trial for the next public meeting.

g) The Green, Forth Place

A community consultation event for the proposed enhancements to 'The Green' area was held on-site on Saturday 19th March. It was hosted by local landscape architects Raeburn Farquhar Bowen, who created the draft proposals for the area. Residents were given the opportunity to look at proposals and give feedback or suggestions.

The proposals were then displayed at Abbey Road Market and on the Riverside Community Council and Riverside Naturally websites for a week after the event and an email address was provided for feedback and comments.

The process of compiling the comments is underway and these will be used to inform the next steps.

g) Summer Jubilee Celebrations

David Sherman and Carol Robertson have been planning and organising the Older People's Afternoon Tea and Music Events

Andrew Fraser has been working on the application to close part of Riverside Drive on Saturday 4th June 2022.

Riverside Naturally will be organising activities including bio blitzes, story telling and other nature related events

David Sherman will be submitting an application for funding from the Community Pride Fund. Agreement given in October 2021 to seek funding was confirmed.

Riverside Bowling club agreed facilities free of charge for Afternoon Tea and Saturday day and evening event, with come and try bowling, bar open, toilets and Ceilidh at night with possible Music event in the afternoon from 2-4pm

Discussions are continuing with the Abbey Road Market to host a DJ music event from 4-9pm, discussions ongoing.

8) Local Groups

Riverside Naturally – Step Into Spring – thank you
Evening maintenance sessions
Hedgehogs

Riverside Bowling Club - Riverside Bowling Club Centenary Year will officially Open on **Saturday, 16th April 2022 at 2pm**. Full (Playing) Members £95.00 Student Members £25.00 Social Members £10.00

9) **Upcoming Events**

3rd April – Neighbourhood Walk

7th April – City Centre Litter Pick with Go Forth

14th April – RN Maintenance Session, 6.30pm – Riverside Community Orchard

16th April – Bowling Season Open

25th April – RCC Public Meeting

30th April – RN Seed Swap and Maintenance Session

9) **A.O.B**

An application for funding from the Museum Galleries Scotland Communities Stories Fund was submitted.

10)

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Residents: 8

1) Welcome and record of those present and apologies

Vice-Chair Sue Dumbleton welcomed everyone in attendance in addition to those Members and Associates listed above.

2) Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for March were adopted.
Fiona Berrow proposed; Bob Dale seconded.

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

None arising.

5) Reports

a) Chair

Joan Murphy was on holiday this month and Sue Dumbleton Chaired this meeting.

Carol Robertson has been appointed as a full Community Councillor.

Riverside Community Council has a vacancy for a Community Councillor. Contact riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com for more information.

b) Secretary

Housekeeping:

Flooding – An update from Stirling Council flooding team was requested to clarify the information on SEPA's Flood Risk Management Plan.

- Stirling Council confirmed that they are still working on an Optioneering Report which is unlikely to be concluded until 2023.
- The Scottish Government is currently reviewing its funding position and Stirling Council are awaiting confirmation of funding availability for 2022/2023.
- Stirling Council is aiming to hold engagement sessions as part of these works and are looking to host these over the summer months.
- Flood defences would likely consist of both walls and embankments and the community will be engaged with throughout the process.

Trolleys in Forth – Stirling Council have informed Riverside Community Council that they do not own the land the trolleys have been dumped on and are therefore not responsible for their removal. It has been suggested that a Land Register search to ascertain who the owner is and approach them.

Broken Fence on Forth Crescent – this will be fixed shortly.

Degrading railings along the riverside path – Stirling Council will be engaging with their welding contractor to discuss the fabricating of repairs. They will also discuss with Cowanes Trust any repairs within their section of ownership so as to keep the fence uniform.

Pedestrian Crossing: A Stirling Council officer visited the site and ascertained that the green man is present with the alarm sounding for 7 seconds and that there is a further 7 seconds before the red light changes to green for traffic. The officer states that they "*cannot agree that there is a specific problem to the time given for pedestrians crossing this junction.*" They also noted that they witnessed wheel chair users and older people crossing during the time of observation.

Forth Street Bollards – Stirling Council is looking to place bollards at the top of Forth Crescent to stop vans from parking illegally on the wide foot-way. Riverside Community Council supported this activity.

Waverley Park: - Stirling Council has some budget this year to replace play equipment will look to replace/repair some of the adult fitness equipment. Stirling Council will also try and replace the hammock. The 3 piece balance beam is no longer available from the manufacturer but it is hoped that it can be replaced with something similar.

Benches, Toast – Thanks was given to Stirling Council for commissioning the replacement of the benches at the end of the path through the Old Harbour Forest. This work will shortly be completed.

Major Gas Works – Stirling Council begin work to upgrade the gas network within the Dean Crescent area and parking restrictions will be in place from the 9th May for seven weeks.

Streets that will be affected on a rolling basis:

- Dean Crescent (both sides), Stirling between junction with Riverside Drive & Forth Street
- Forrest Road (both sides) between junctions with Dean Crescent & Edward Road
- Riverside Drive (both sides) between Sutherland Drive and Abbey Mill
- Abbey Road (both sides) between Abbey Mill & Cooperage Quay
- Forth Place outside 25-29

SHARE is an NHS Research Scotland initiative, supported by the Universities in Scotland and the Chief Scientist Office in the Scottish Government. SHARE is a register of volunteers (11+ yrs) who are interested in research for improving healthcare. They aim to help people find health research projects which are relevant to them and are looking for volunteers to join. Find out more [here](#).

Neighbourhood Networks is a member led organisation that encourages people to make new friends, build connections and learn and share new skills. The group work with people who may be isolated or at risk of isolation and are looking for people to join in. Find out more [here](#).

Wellbeing Scotland, Alloa are looking to recruit more Befrienders for the Stirling and Clackmannanshire areas. You can find more information [here](#).

Some information is shared between meetings, including road closures, TROs and other Stirling Council communications and this is available on the [Riverside Community Council Website](#). The weekly Planning Schedule is also available each Wednesday.

c) Treasurer

Expenditure: The Community Council paid for the Zoom account for April (£14.39 per month),

d) Planning

There were no planning issues.

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

Lovers Walk – Stirling Council has approached Riverside Community Council to consider the permanent closure of Lovers Walk.

Riverside Community Council feels that this is proposal warrants an extensive consultation by Stirling

Council, which will accurately reflect the feelings of the many people who live in Riverside and other people who travel in Riverside.

Riverside Community Council will remain neutral regarding this proposal and will seek further information on what Stirling Council would propose for consultation on.

St Ninians Community Council has been in touch regarding their speeding issues and to ascertain if this is an issue across Stirling. Ashleigh Phillip will be responding.

b) Bins and Recycling

Bins – Forth Street and James Street and Adverse Weather Challenges

Emily McLaughlin met with the Recycle4Stirling team to start a conversation about the bin issues in Riverside. Options were discussed for tackling these issues including an access awareness campaign and further community resilience engagement. This will continue to be addressed.

Riverside Community Council will ask Stirling Council to consider re-issuing the recycling legislation to support new residents understand the system.

Cllr Thomson informed Riverside Community Council that Stirling Council are working on posters for back doors in shared accommodation and further awareness.

e) Environment

Dog Fouling:

£130 has been spent of poo bags since February last year which is approximately 380 rolls, 6000 bags. It was agreed that the campaign has been a good initiative for the area, giving people a non-confrontational way of approaching those who don't clean up and it also shows that Riverside is a proactive community who wants to stop dog fouling.

It is no longer feasible to continue it the way we currently run it. Emily McLaughlin proposed a Take One, Leave One scheme, supported by the free bags that the Dog Warden has offered to supply Riverside Community Council with. It was agreed that £20 could be spent on leaflet holders for the bags and this scheme would be trailed for the next 6 months.

Giant Hogweed has been spotted in the public spaces past the Rowing Club and Community Orchard. Riverside Community Council will inform Stirling Council.

f) The Green, Forth Place

No further activity.

Funding opportunities are being collated for future reference.

g) Parking

There was no further update to this trial or other parking related matters.

Kate Joester, from Living Streets team conducted an audit at the crossroads at Forth crescent and Forth street and reported that there was a very high level of traffic during her audit, 8.30am – 9.30am 21st April 2022.

The difficulty of crossing the road was commented upon as Kate Joester witness an unaccompanied child

having to wait five minutes to safely crossing the street.
The suggestion of a pedestrian crossing was strongly supported.

Fiona Berrow commented that there was clear support and enthusiasm for a crossing discovered during The Green Consultation.

Riverside Community Council have asked for temporary traffic lights to be installed at the Forth Street, Forth Place and Forth Crescent junction as this is a dangerous, unpleasant and difficult crossing - this was refused.

Park and Stride for Riverside Primary School was supported as a solution to some of the congestion issues around school drop off and pick up.

g) Summer Jubilee Celebrations

David Sherman, Iain Gibson and Carol Roberston have been working towards the Jubilee Celebrations and the line up is as follows:

Thursday Afternoon Tea – 60 older residents of Riverside are invited to a celebratory afternoon tea with activities and a visit from Riverside Primary's Glee Club.

Saturday Family Fun Day & Market *Waverly park: 12pm - 4pm*

Join us at Waverley Park from 12pm for outdoor games, fun activities with Riverside Naturally, stalls from local business and food vendors, come and try sessions from Stirling County Rugby Club and Riverside Lawn Bowling Club and a special visit from the Fire Brigade!

Plus there's going to be delicious pizza from [Mangiamo](#) , coffee and cakes from [Bean N Biscuits](#) and delicious luxury ice cream from [Milk & Honey](#) and much more!

Jubilee Jam - Live Music *Riverside lawn bowling club: 12pm - 6pm*

Join some of the best local musicians for live sessions at Riverside Lawn Bowling Club! We've got musicians and dancers from multiple genres throughout the day; so there's something for everyone!

Griff's Gaff Disco - Live DJs *Abbey Road Market: 4pm - 9pm*

Join an amazing line up of DJs from 4pm at Abbey Road Market for an electric mix of disco and house music! You can also sample Abbey Road's stunning selection of food and drink as you enjoy this free music event!

Ceilidh & Disco *Riverside Lawn bowling club: 7pm - 11pm*

Grab your tickets for the party! Riverside Ceilidh Band will be performing an amazing selection of traditional Scottish music, before our DJ takes over and we dance until closing time!

David Sherman and Carol Robertson offered thanks to the tremendous generosity from people throughout Riverside. The events are open to everyone - residents can volunteer or raise questions by emailing: riversidejubilee@gmail.com

8) **Local Groups**

Riverside Naturally – Over £200 was raised during the Step Into Spring Campaign and Riverside Naturally gave a huge thank you to all who participated by decorating their window or donating.

Riverside Naturally is always looking for [volunteers](#) and everyone is welcome. Typical sessions are on the second Thursday of the month at 6.30pm and the last Saturday of the month at 9.30am

Riverside Bowling Club - Riverside Bowling Club is open for the season and are looking for new members: Full (Playing) Members £95.00 Student Members £25.00 Social Members £10.00

9) **Upcoming Events**

30th April – RN Seed Swap and Maintenance Session

1st May – Neighbourhood Walk

12th May – RN Maintenance Session, 6.30pm – Riverside Community Orchard

25th May – RCC Public Meeting

4th June – Jubilee Summer Celebration

5th June – Neighbourhood Walk and Litter Pick

9) **A.O.B**

An application for funding from the Museum Galleries Scotland Communities Stories Fund was submitted in March and a Riverside Community Council will be notified on the 29th April if successful.

Carol Robertson met with a potter keen to be involved with the stories project.

Andrew Fraser informed Riverside Community Council that Wallace Gate Leak is being attended to.

10)

Date of Next Meeting

27th May 2022 – Venue TBD

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



Riverside
Community Council

Riverside Community Council
Annual General Meeting Minutes

25th May 2022

Members Present

Fiona Berrow
Sue Dumbleton
Emily McLaughlin
Joan Murphy
Ashleigh Phillip
Alison Swanson

In Attendance

Di Alderdice
Fiona Dyet

Apologies

Bob Dale

Riverside residents joined the meeting.

1) Declaration of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

2) Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for the previous Annual General were adopted

Fiona Berrow proposed; Ashleigh Phillip seconded

4) Chair's Report

Introduction

Riverside Community Council is currently made of eight community councillors and four associate members.

We currently have a vacancy for one further member.

We have had a new Stirling Council liaison officer who has supported Riverside Community Council over the past year. Riverside Community Council extends thanks to Stephen Bly.

Another Year Of Challenges

COVID 19 has affected us all and has added many challenges to our way of life.

The strength of spirit and Community Resilience in Riverside has been inspiring and we felt strongly that we wanted to help and support our community as much as we could throughout another year of uncertainty and change.

- We continue to hold virtual zoom meetings
- We held in person meetings when COVID allowed
- Our zoom account is available to community groups to facilitate meetings and events which normally would be held in person.
- We engage with Stirling Council in any matter that is brought to our attention and work on the issues delayed due to COVID.
- We have looked for ways to encourage safe activity and community engagement to help boost spirits throughout lockdown.

Communications

Communication is very important to Riverside Community Council – we endeavour to be representative of our community. We communicate in the following ways:

Website: Updated regularly, report community news events and our progress on all our activities.

E-Mail: Contact us directly about things that matter to you.

Noticeboards and regular articles in the Stirling Observer: Our non-digital means of sharing information.

Neighbourhood Walk – Monthly gentle walks round Riverside to allow residents to meet and chat with Community Council Members.

Newsletter: Our regular e-mail round up of the events around Riverside and the Stirling Area, also offered in paper form.

Others: Facebook page, Community WhatsApp Group,-Community Partnerships

Our Sub Groups

Active and Sustainable Transport

Created to focus on people powered travel and looking at ways to encourage and improve safe, active travel and sustainable transport in Riverside.

Completed three reports on the finding of our active travel consultations:

- Riverside Active Travel Survey Report
- Riverside Older People's Survey report
- Riverside Disability Access Report

Bins and Recycling

Main areas of concern – Forth Street for obstruction of the pavements, James Street for generally being unhygienic and litter strewn, and some shared properties where recycling facilities are an issue

Met with the Recycle4Stirling team to discuss proactive actions and

Enhance community resilience with regards to storm related health and safety

Defibrillators

Sub-group created in 2020 to support the group of Riverside residents that organised the installation of the three defibrillators Riverside has.

Over seventy households took part in the Living Advent Windows throughout December.

The fundraising event was a huge success and enough money was raised to replace the pads and batteries ensuring the defibrillators are up-to-date and ready for use.

In addition the batteries will be returned and used for training on defibrillator use and maintenance.

Rolling training is planned for the future.

Environment

Hosted a lockdown litter pick in August and regularly use the equipment to clean Riverside during our neighbourhood walks

Running a Dog Fouling Awareness campaign and offering free poo bags, with over 3600 been given out. A new campaign will be running to encourage a Take One, Leave One scheme.

Adopted our environmental policy to support Stirling Council and residents as we work to achieve the 2045 climate emergency goals.

Commented on Stirling Council's Alive with Nature and Pollinator Policy.

Support local groups and their environmental initiatives.

We continue to be one of Keep Scotland Beautiful's Clean Up Hub.

Riverside Primary School has been active in cleaning up Riverside.

Flooding

Commented on SEPA's Flood Risk Management Plan.

Flooding is an important consideration for any Riverside plans and Stirling Council informed us that reports will be finalised in 2023.

Plans will be devised based on the findings and available budget.

An embankment will be needed for Riverside and the community will be consulted on this.

The Green, Forth Place

In a joint project with Riverside Naturally, with input from Stirling Council, local architects designed a proposal for the entrance to Riverside.

A consultation event was held in March and opinions welcomed.

Lover's Walk

The money allocated to Lovers Walk through the participatory budget was spend and works completed.

Network Rail has closed Lovers Walk for 8 months

Stirling Council has approached Riverside Community Council to consider the permanent closure of Lovers Walk.

Riverside Community Council would welcome a full consultation with all involved areas and will remain neutral on the closure.

Investigated the possibility of using a locally loved graffiti artist to paint the railway bridge and pedestrian tunnel.

This will be revisited when Lovers Walk is no longer under construction restrictions.

Parking

Stirling Council received a grant of £34K from Paths for All to build on work done by Riverside Community Council.

Stirling Council commissioned Living Streets to carry out research and a detailed consultation which was marginally in favour of piloting the closure and monitoring of some roads around Riverside Primary. This happened for 3 days at the end of March

Further consultation is under way to determine if the road closures should be made permanent.

The Community Council is keen to have crossings created as part of the project.

Summer Jubilee

Hosting a 3 day event to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the resilient spirit of Riverside.

Engaging with local organisations, business and the Primary School

Thanks offered to local groups and businesses for the support given to this event

Wee Bits and Bobs

Riverside Community Council works hard on the smaller issues that effects the daily lives of Riverside residents.

Liaising with Stirling Council we can often get improvements made.

Successes:

Junction Road markings repainted

Double Yellow Lines repainted

Fencing repaired

Dropped Kerb at Waverley Park

Benches repaired near Toast

Community Planters

Christmas Parcels

Wide range of local information on website

Well attended meetings

On Going Items:

Replacement equipment in Waverly Park

Netting removed under Cambuskenneth Bridge

Bollards on Forth Street

Flooding Issue in Underpass

Degrading Path - Old Harbour Woods

Items Refused

Temporary traffic lights on Forth Street
Extended Pedestrian Crossing on Goosecroft Road
Handrail on Forth Place

Planning

Community councils have a statutory right to be consulted on applications for planning permission and the community council has a special role, representing a broader yet still local view which can be set alongside the comments of those with a more individual interest.

Forthside Development	Nothing further has happened with this development space. We will continue to monitor activity. We have continued to raise the site as a health and safety issue
Edward Avenue/ James Street Garages	Raised issue of unkempt and unsafe garages. No record of owner so no work can be undertaken.

Our Huge Thanks to everyone who has supported and engaged with us throughout this year.
We truly appreciate your help and support.

5) Treasurer's Report

Fiona Berrow presented the checked and authenticated accounts from 1st April 2020 until 5th April 2021.

In 2020-21 Riverside Community Council had a total income of £3,875.06.

This came from the Stirling Council admin grant (£236.56), Stirling Council Covid-19 support funding (£500), Community Pride funding (£390 for Riverside Heritage Trail leaflets and £1,500 for the Shiphaugh Centenary tree and information panel), a Paths for All grant (3286.03), Scotland Loves Local funding (3563.50) and surplus admin grant funds from previous years (£398.97).

The Community Council had a total expenditure of £4,641.70.

This was spent on admin expenses (£96.44), Covid-19 support (£436.32), repayment of Stirling Council funds from the previous year (£100.07), cards and gifts for community members/supporters (£45.00), west expenses (£98.86), Zoom subscription (£14.39 per month, £100.73 in total), ICO registration (£40), transfer of surplus admin funds from previous years (£398.97 to our unrestricted funds), community plants (£272.22), a Community Resilience workshop (£30), Active Travel & Sustainable Transport (£90), Shiphaugh Centenary tree and information panel (£1,512.00), Quiz prizes (£30), Heritage Trail leaflets (£390) and Notice boards (£157.08).

At the end of the financial year there was £1,988.45 in Riverside Community Council's bank account. Of this, £398.19 was unrestricted funds.

6) Appointment of Office Bearers

Ashleigh Phillips proposed to maintain the status quo. Seconded Fiona Berrow

Chair – Joan Murphy
Vice Chair – Sue Dumbleton
Treasurer – Fiona Berrow
Secretary – Emily McLaughlin
Planning – Alison Swanson

7) Date of next Annual General Meeting

29th June 2022

Public Meeting Minutes

Date – 29th June 2022

Members Present

Fiona Berrow

Emily McLaughlin

Joan Murphy

Carol Robertson

Alison Swanson

In Attendance

Andrew Fraser

David Sherman

CLlr Thomson

Apologies

Di Alderdice

Sue Dumbleton

Ashleigh Phillip

Residents: 8

1) Welcome and record of those present and apologies

Joan Murphy welcomed everyone in attendance in addition to those Members and Associates listed above.

Riverside Community Council will be taking a break over the summer and will meet again on the 31st August 2022.

Riverside Community Council has had a successful year, culminating with the success of the Jubilee weekend. Probably the best in the world*

**Source beloved resident*

2) Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for April were adopted

Fiona Berrow proposed; Alison Swanson seconded

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

None arising

5) Reports

a) Chair

Joan Murphy attended the Gathering, an event organised by SCVO. There were two areas of inspiration to be considered by Riverside Community Council after the summer:

Imagination Library - Started by Dolly Parton, the aim is to reach all of Scotland's Children and sending them a book once a month. The organisation is keen to meet with Riverside Community Council and connect to Stirling Council and a meeting will be arranged.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) – [Scottish Community Safety Network](#) with Scottish Government are undertaking consultations throughout 2022 (this was one of them). 3 questions

- What can we do to help prevent ASB?
- What gets in the way of preventing ASB?
- How can we support people better to deal with ASB?

Riverside Community Council will invite them to a consultation in Riverside.

These outreach activities will be explored after the summer.

Food Train is looking for volunteers to:

- help with collecting shopping lists, doing shopping and delivering shopping to older people in Stirling and Clacks
- help to deliver a new service, called [Food Train Friends](#), offering valuable social contact to older people in the community.

No experience is necessary and full training and support will be provided.

b)Secretary

Police Report

There were 3 Undetected cases which refer to an attempted theft, unreported damage to a motor vehicle, and a minor altercation between persons.

Bin Review - Stirling Council will embark on a review of its waste services.

A short-life working group will be established to confirm the full extent of the review, which will include

- The frequency of each waste collection stream
- The garden waste charge
- The costs of the waste collection service
- Ensuring the highest level of recycling
- Will also include the views of the public, waste services work force and trade union

Disabled Bays – Forthside Way - On Street Parking for Disabled Persons

Flooding – SEPA has a three day flooding forecast [Flood forecast](#).

Census Coverage Survey – Census Coverage Operatives will be calling at homes until the end of July. A small number of questions will be asked, that can either be answered on the doorstep, by completing a paper form or by speaking to the free helpline.

Forth Street Bollards – Stirling Council have installed new bollards on the corner of Forth Street and Forth Crescent.

Participatory Budget Training – Fife College has launched a new course designed for young people and communities to learn more about participatory budgeting to engage in local decisions on services and budgets. The course also highlights the distinction between grants based PB and Mainstream PB processes.

The new qualification is SCQF Level 5 and free places will be available for 750 participants who are volunteering with PB and/or Grant Making processes in Scotland.

Roads Operations Framework – This document is supplied to Riverside Community Council however is not accessible to the average person and as such serves no meaningful purpose. We will discuss a response.

Defibrillators – A member of the public informed Riverside Community Council that the 999 operators do not have our defibrillator information on their system. This will be rectified.

Some information is shared between meetings, including road closures, TROs and other Stirling Council communications and this is available on the [Riverside Community Council Website](#). The weekly Planning Schedule is also available each Wednesday.

c) Treasurer

Jubilee expenses will be completed and funding report will be submitted to Stirling Council.

£56 in donations was received from donations during the jubilee

d) Planning

Planning Democracy is a small, largely voluntary, organisation who have worked tirelessly over the past 12 years to bring about a fairer, inclusive and truly sustainable system of land use planning in Scotland. They are considering how we can maximise their impact, increase resources and explore ways to have closer links with Community Councils. Riverside Community Council will respond.

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

Grit Bins - Stirling Council has asked Community Council's to submit an interest if we are looking for a grit bin. Di Alderdice has developed a proposal to support our ongoing project to get better gritting facilities in Riverside. This was agreed by Riverside Community Council.

Stirling Walking and Cycling Index – Ashleigh Phillip is attending an event to find out information on the progress made towards walking, wheeling and cycling in Stirling.

20's Plenty – Ashleigh Phillip, as part of a campaign looking into speeding around Riverside, has summarised why 20mph is better for our community. Find it [here](#).

Manor Powis Cycling Link – All landowners have agreed in principle to a scheme that might cross their land. The final route on the Stirling side once the path has passed under the railway bridge is still to be finalised– and this is down to costs, future maintenance arrangements and safety issues for active travel users to merge back onto the Alloa Road.

A new Stirling Council officer to liaise on the project is being recruited.

b) Environment

Nothing to report

c) The Green, Forth Place

Looking at funding opportunities – Joan and Alison

Tasks have been split up and looking to meet up shortly to discuss findings.

Looking at proposals and chances – popular and different tiers of the project

Trying to meet with the community police officers.

Talk with Sam about funding opportunities.

d) Lovers Walk

In March Stirling Council approached Riverside Community Council about the possibility of shutting Lovers Walk permanently to motor vehicles.

Riverside Community Council remains neutral at this point and has asked for further information from Stirling Council on the proposal and have requested that Stirling undertake an extensive consultation involving the wider population that also uses Lovers Walk. There has been nothing further on this.

g) Parking

School Streets summary report from Michaela Jackson has been issued and detailed graphs and comments from residents can be found on our website [here](#).

“The School Streets scheme has been well received among residents and while there were pre-trial concerns relating to property access and overspill onto other streets, there is significant support among the local community for closing these streets during the school run. Further support could be achieved through communication with residents to ensure any concerns regarding access to their homes is mitigated.

Observations from marshals during the School Streets scheme showed that earlier concerns of traffic

overspilling from closed streets and overwhelming neighbouring streets did not transpire, and that parking spaces remained available for drivers wishing to park or drop off children during the school run. Furthermore, support from non-residents swayed significantly between the first and second survey indicating that in practice the scheme did not have the negative impact anticipated in pre-delivery.”

The proposed next steps are:

- Extend trial over a longer period to gather more evidence and provide more opportunity for families to establish healthier routes to and from school
- School route audit session with school
- Further details in final report to Stirling Council in July 2022

Riverside Community Council will respond in favour to these proposals and will ask for further clarity on a few items. Updates will be found on the Community Council website.

g) Summer Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee was a resounding success and Riverside Community Council gave a huge thanks to David Sherman for his efforts to organise and run this event.

The event was commended for being inclusive by offering a range of events, having something for everyone and being affordable, with most things being free.

Thank You to everyone involved, including Rosalia, Riverside Bowling Club and Stirling Council.

8) Local Groups

Riverside Naturally has been working on a hedgehog survey in Riverside and plans to include gardens in the next stage of the project. Residents who are interested and encouraged to get in touch with Riverside Naturally.

9) Upcoming Events

14th and 30th July – RN Maintenance Sessions

31st August 2022 – Riverside Community Council Public Meeting

9) A.O.B

David Sherman is stepping down as an associate of Riverside Community Council as he moves out of the area. He has been an asset to the community council and will be greatly missed.

10)

Date of Next Meeting

27th May 2022 – Venue TBD

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 – 31st August 2022

Members Present

Bob Dale

Emily McLaughlin

Joan Murphy

Ashleigh Phillip

Carol Robertson

Alison Swanson

In Attendance

Di Alderdice

Fiona Dyet

Andrew Fraser

Apologies

Fiona Berrow

Sue Dumbleton

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

2) **Declarations of Interest**

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes for June were adopted

Alison Swanson proposed; Ashleigh Phillip seconded

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

None arising

5) **Reports**

a) **Chair**

Joan Murphy expressed excitement for the coming year and the projects Riverside Community Council are engaged with.

Elections for the next community council will be held April 2023 and some current community council members may step down. It is hoped that any community members that may be interested in joining the team would consider being involved with the current activities.

Riverside Community Council is currently recruiting for one councillor. Information can be found [here](#) and the closing date is the 26th September 2022.

b)Secretary

Police Report

There were two detected cases recorded in the reporting period which relate to violence and disorder and one undetected case which refers to damage to a motor vehicle.

Ward 4 Councillors are now able to host surgeries.

Fly Tipping (Trolleys In The Forth) – This issue remains unresolved as Riverside Community council has exhausted all reasonable avenues in trying to ascertain who owns the land and has the responsibility for cleaning the river – Stirling Council and SEPA do not.

Perimeter Barriers – There have been a number of the wooden barriers in disrepair and dangerous. This has been reported and addressed by Stirling Council.

Cambuskenneth Bridge Netting – this activity has been delayed due to the contractor withdrawing their resource commitment. A new contractor will be sought. The bridge is getting work done on the gas pipe.

Removal of School Trees - Service Manager in the Assets, Infrastructure and Delivery team has explained that large roots of trees in this area of the playground at Riverside Primary School had broken through the tarmac, causing a significant health and safety hazard. There had been incidents of children tripping and being injured as a result and the area around the trees had to be taped off as unsafe for children to access. Following consultation with the Assets team, the only satisfactory solution identified was to remove the trees, flattening the surrounding area and replacing the tarmac.

The school's Parent Council have been involved in discussions and are also involved in plans to improve the area once works are complete, including installation of new seating. It is also important to note that Riverside Primary School has spent considerable time and effort making the exterior of the school a safe, practical and fun space for the students and frequently takes advantage of the other green spaces in Riverside for their outside learning and risky play. They were also awarded the status of Eco School again.

Notice of Public Procession Friday 9th September 2022, 5pm – 10pm – Starting at The National Wallace Monument to Cambuskenneth Abbey, to The Engine Shed, to the Stirling Highland Hotel, to the Tolbooth Gallery, to Queen Anne Gardens, to Smith Art Gallery & Museum, to the Scottish Gantry to the Old Stirling Bridge back to The National Wallace Monument.

Stirling Council has launched a new mental health service for local young people and is highlighting other available supports. **Kooth** is the latest platform to offer online mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children and young adults in Stirling.

Open Street Days - Over the weekend of the 10th-11th September 2022, Stirling Council and Go Forth

Stirling are planning to stage a Street Festival in Stirling. The festival is the first, in what they hope to be, a programme of 'Open Street Days' in Stirling City Centre over the coming years, with the inaugural event planned as part of a programme of events to mark Stirling's 20th year as a city. Find out more [here](#).

The Community Development Team have appointed two **new Community Development Officers (Covid Recovery)** who will engage with individuals, community organisations and businesses in areas out with the priority communities, to build positive relationships, identify need and support the development of opportunities and interventions for Covid recovery over the next 2 years.

[Marnie Forster](#) will focus on support to Community Councils in order to develop their resilience and strengthen the democratic process and relationship with both Stirling Council and partners.

[Chris Burns](#) will work collaboratively with communities and partners to support the community development activities within the rural areas to ensure the development of opportunities, restoration of social interaction, and community activities.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Cost of Living Support Fund 2022

The aim of Stirling's Cost of Living Support Fund is to support local third and public sector organisations to tackle the impacts of the cost of living crisis on communities in the Stirling Council area. A total funding pot of £150,000 is available. Applications with expected **minimum value of £10,000 to a maximum of £35,000** are invited.

Funding is available for projects which aim to ensure that everyone across Stirling's communities who find themselves already in crisis or vulnerable to the rising cost of living is supported. Find out more [here](#).

The next meeting of the **CFSLA Payroll Lottery Committee** is scheduled for the 5th of September, so all applications received within the next week or so should get a decision by the middle of September.

CFSLA Payroll Lottery currently has 3 funds available for small (turnover less than £25k) community groups in Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling. These are, in brief:-

1. Community Award - up to £600 for items of equipment
2. Community Celebration Award - up to £500 for an event which allows communities to celebrate together (applicants need the support of a CFSLA member* to apply)
3. Hardship Fund (until Dec 2022) - up to £500 for grass-roots initiatives that through collective action alleviate the impact of the increase in the cost of living on people who are most affected by it.

The **Community Learning & Development Digital Device Fund** is provided by the Scottish Government and managed by SCVO. The objective of the fund is to provide capital funding to voluntary sector CLD organisations across Scotland to purchase digital devices that can be used by learners to support their learning.

Organisations can apply for up to £15,000 from the fund for the purchase of digital devices. Organisations must retain ownership of the devices and be responsible for set-up, ongoing management, and security of devices.

The deadline for applications is **16th September 2022**. Find fund information and the application is [here](#).

The **NHS Forth Valley Health Promotion Community Grants Scheme 2022-23** is now open for applications. We welcome applications from community groups and organisations whose aim it is to reduce health inequalities and improve mental health across Forth Valley

We particularly welcome applications with a focus on addressing the challenges raised by:

- Fuel poverty or cost of living crisis
- Domestic abuse
- Homelessness
- Being part of a minority group e.g., LGBTQ, BAME
- Refugees
- Gypsy and travelling communities
- Living with a disability
- Tobacco and Substance Use

Cycling UK's Shift funding programme is open to organisations including community councils based in Scotland for 2022-23, offering organisations up to £1500 of funding plus additional support from a local Development Officer to cover the increased range of activities Shift is supporting. The Shift initiative is designed to fund projects which encourage and support more people to use bicycles for short journeys within their community.

Paths for All are holding a free event and have launched a new fund which may be of interest:

1) Managing Community Path Projects (Stirling), 28th September 10:00-15:00hrs– this event is useful for anyone who is thinking of planning a new path project that will require to be built with contractors.

2)The Ian Findlay Path Fund is a £1.5 million fund which supports the improvement of local paths. The fund is open to a wide range of community and third sector organisations. Funding of £10,000-£100,000 is available with 30% match funding required (15% can be in kind).

Some information is shared between meetings, including road closures, TROs and other Stirling Council communications and this is available on the Riverside Community Council Website. The weekly Planning Schedule is also available each Wednesday.

c) Treasurer

August

Expenditure: Jubilee celebrations: £100 was paid to Riverside Bowling Club for the hire of their hall for the ceilidh; £100 was paid to Fiona Dyet for provision of First Aid for the Family Fun Day (Fiona then chose to donate this sum to Lucky2BHere who provided the defibrillators in Riverside); and the profits from the ceilidh ticket sales were split between Riverside Bowling Club (who hosted the ceilidh) and Riverside Community Council (the organisers). Also, our annual website fees (£108) and data protection fees (£40) were paid this month from our Admin Grant.

Income: £67.50 from ticket sales for the Jubilee ceilidh was transferred to unrestricted funds.

Upcoming: We have been informed that our Admin Grant (£308.49) for 2022-23 will soon be paid into the bank account. A cheque (£150) has been written and presented to the Riverside 50 Plus group for the food for the Jubilee afternoon tea, but this has not been cashed yet.

May – June

Income: The Community Council applied for and received a grant of £775 for our Jubilee celebrations. £135 (£125 and £10 paid separately) of income was generated from ticket sales for the Jubilee ceilidh. The Community Council received £56 in donations at the Jubilee Family Fun Day.

Expenditure: We used unrestricted funds to purchase holders for dog waste bags (£31.04) to be placed along the path by the river. We hired Riverside Bowling Club for our AGM and for our June meeting (£30 each). For the Jubilee celebrations we paid for: hiring equipment for the DJ at Abbey Road Market (£100); travel expenses for the DJ (£108.44); decorations for the afternoon tea and printing costs (£74.88); flowers for the afternoon tea and a megaphone for the Family Fun Day (£52.98); chocolates for the afternoon tea (£20.32); and crisps for the ceilidh and a gift card for Rosalie, who provided the games for the Family Fun Day (£54.97).

Notes: We have now used all our Admin Grant funds but we have not yet received our Admin Grant for 2022-23.

Also, there are more expenses for the Jubilee Celebrations still to be paid.

d) Planning

AMF Bowling has submitted notice of application for major variation with the Licensing Board. This involves using different entertainment platforms and increasing the number of pool tables. Riverside Community Council will not raise any objections.

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

Sue Dumbleton and Alison Swanson arranged a meeting with Paul Bullen to discuss the Cargo Bike Initiative that is being trialled in Collinton, Edinburgh and whether this is project that would be suitable for Riverside.

Manor Powis – The issue is taking longer than hoped for due to the complications in issuing a lease to Stirling Council on Network Rail land that is considered 'operational' and may be needed for future rail projects. This is being worked on by various people within Network Rail. Assurances were also given the there will be more communication regarding this project.

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 trees along the riverbank near the Cambuskenneth bridge that will become unsafe and will need to be removed. Riverside Naturally has started discussions with Stirling Council about what will be planted as a replacement.

Long Grass Patches – Stirling Council is looking to reduce grass cutting in some places and Riverside Naturally has identified that the two patches adjacent to the Cambuskenneth Bridge would be ideal and have approached Riverside Community Council for it's opinion on this matter and to support this suggestion. Riverside Community Council agreed these patches are ideal and support Riverside Naturally in this matter.

Local Nature Conservation Sites (LNCS)

Stirling Council is proposing to designate 17 areas of land as Local Nature Conservation Sites (LNCS). For further information for each individual site is set out in the site statement and to offer comments and feedback please visit the [Engage Platform](#).

c) The Green, Forth Place

Riverside Community Council attended a meeting on the 5th of August with Michaela Jackson (Sustainable Transport Behaviour Change Officer) and Carlyn Fraser (Team Leader – Operations (Network)).

Stirling Council are planning to submit a funding application to [SUSTRANS](#) with an Active Riverside bid that would include matched funding from Stirling Council, with evidence from our Active Travel surveys and reports and a letter of support from Riverside Community Council.

The aims are to:

- Make Riverside feel safe and accessible, so people of all abilities can travel sustainably through their neighbourhood.
- Make it safer and easier for children to travel to and from school actively by reducing congestion around the school.
- Increase the number of residents walking, wheeling and cycling locally as well as to the city centre and surrounding areas.
- Make the neighbourhood feel more welcoming with places for people to meet, play and rest.
- Reduce the speed and the number of vehicles travelling through Riverside.

The bid is likely to be submitted in the next round of applications which is estimated to be in six months.

During this time we will take the opportunity to work with Stirling Council, working on supporting activities, such as communications plan and behaviour change campaigns which could help speed up delivery if the bid is successful.

The two pedestrian crossing will not be delayed and installed as agreed.

d) Lovers Walk

Riverside Community Council requested some clarity regarding Stirling Council's proposal to close Lovers Walk permanently. Carlyn Fraser, Operations (Network) responded:

"There are no plans to permanently close Lover's Walk at this time. However, Stirling Council are exploring a number of options that could see the use of Lover's Walk change over the coming years.

Option 1:

Road operation remains the same but works are carried out on the footway and at the riverside are to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists.

Option 2:

Road will undergo some changes to priorities allowing pedestrians and cyclists more space within the carriageway.

Option 3:

Road closed to motor vehicles - if this were to go ahead, it would be part of a wider suite of projects. These would include pedestrian infrastructure improvements on Stevenson Bridge, at the school and on surrounding roads all aimed at reducing the impact of school traffic on Riverside and improving the safety of child pedestrians and other vulnerable user groups. A closure could be carried out on a trial basis to begin with to ensure that it does not have a detrimental effect on the working of other streets in the area.

I must make it clear that no decision has been made on whether the road will be permanently closed to motor vehicles and if this were to be taken forward, a full consultation would be undertaken, including the statutory traffic regulation order consultation. Only when the view of all users had been considered would we permanently close the road to motor vehicles."

e) Parking (inc School Streets)

School Street Trial Summary from final report 31st August 2022

"The Riverside School Streets scheme was delivered by Living Streets in partnership with Stirling Council between 29th and 31st March 2022. The aim of the scheme was to identify effective measures that would reduce congestion associated with the school run and facilitate increases in walking, cycling and scooting.

Following a community consultation, the delivery of a School Streets scheme, and a review of the walking environment conducted by Riverside Primary pupils, Living Streets recommends the following measures to reduce congestion around the school gate and make active travel safer.

- The permanent installation of a school streets scheme to reduce traffic congestion outside the school during pick up and drop off times.
- Improvements to roads, pavements and pathways to make walking and cycling to school safer.

Following an extensive survey of local households, Living Streets were able to establish that there was public support in favour of a School Streets scheme in Riverside Primary School, both before and after the three-day trial. During trialling we collected data from the WOW Travel Tracker which revealed that there was a significant reduction in pupils being driven to school during these days and an increase in pupils, walking, cycling and scooting.

Marshal observations during the trial also noted that many preconceived concerns about lack of parking and traffic overwhelming neighbouring streets did not occur during the scheme.

Pupils from Riverside Primary School conducted a school route audit to risk assess how safe they felt when walking to school alongside busy roads. Several improvements were identified that could make it easier for children to walk to school. These include the installation of zebra crossings and pavement build outs, the resurfacing of roads and pavements in need of maintenance, and the renewal of faded double yellow lines.

Living Streets suggests the above recommendations will create a safer and healthier environment for children travelling to and from school, reduce air pollution, and facilitate increases in active travel.”

8) **Local Groups**

Riverside Naturally – Throughout the summer Riverside Naturally undertook some surveys to ascertain whether there were hedgehogs in Riverside and were pleased to report that there were community sightings and footprint evidence logged.

Lawn Bowling – Horse Racing Event, September 17th

9) **Upcoming Events**

Orchard Day 8th October, 11am – 2pm, Save the Date

Community members suggested Know Your Neighbour event at the start of the Autumn.

9) **A.O.B**

Imagination Library is a charity that sends one book a month to all registered children between the ages of 0-5. It was started by Dolly Parton with the aim to reach all of Scotland’s Children.

Riverside Community Council feels it would be a wonderful project for Riverside and would like anyone interested to get in touch.

Community Council meeting venue continues to pose issues for Riverside – this is a time consuming and frustrating issue.

10)

Date of Next Meeting

28th September 2022 – Venue TBD

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 – September 2022

Members Present

Fiona Berrow

Sue Dembleton

Emily McLaughlin

Ashleigh Phillip

Carol Robertson

In Attendance

Andrew Fraser

Cllr Rachel Nunn

Apologies

Bob Dale

Joan Murphy

Alison Swanson

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

2) **Declarations of Interest**

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes for August were adopted

Ashleigh Phillip proposed; Carol Robertson seconded

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

None arising

5) **Reports**

a) **Chair**

Riverside Community Council is currently recruiting for one councillor – they need to be a resident of Riverside, registered to vote and 16+ years of age.

In addition - elections for the next community council will be held April 2023 and some current community council members may step down. It is hoped that any community members that may be interested in joining the team would consider being involved with the current activities.

Riverside Community Council is still looking for a regular venue that is within budget. This has been an ongoing discussion and frustration at the effort and time being dedicated to resolving this issue was noted.

The Riverbank Centre will not entertain any outside bookings until at least the spring and Riverside Primary school have no spaces suitable for our meeting. The Lawn Bowling has been booked until the end of the year, however this has depleted our Admin Grant and Riverside Community Council has no further budget for venue hire.

b) Secretary

Police Report

There was one undetected case recorded in the reporting period which relates the theft of an unsecured bicycle.

Consultations and Funding Opportunities

Asda Foundation have launched a new [Cost of Living Grants](#) scheme. Applications are open now for grants between £500 - £2,000. There are two categories of grants available:

1. Increased rent and utility bill support: support with increases in bills, and to stay open longer to help people with 'warm spaces'.
2. Increased food costs support: enables groups to support those impacted by increased food costs.

To find out more you can visit the [Asda Foundation website](#).

Monday 26th September, Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise (SVE) and Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) as part of the TSI Scotland Network, launched for a second year, the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund that will specifically help people cope with the impact of the rising cost of living, for example, getting them out to a warm and welcoming venue in the winter months. The fund is now open for applications and will close at 5pm on Friday.

For further information and how to apply please visit the website [here](#).

Tactran have issued a consultation regarding the work on writing a new Regional Transport Strategy for the Angus, Dundee, Perth and Kinross and Stirling Council areas to consider the challenges and opportunities that have arisen since 2015, not least the Climate Emergency declared by the Scottish Government and the four constituent Councils. Riverside Community Council, led by Ashleigh Phillip, will submit comments on this consultation – end date 4th November 2022

The 2022 **Stirling Council Residents' Survey** is officially underway. Your View" will give people living locally the chance to have their say on satisfaction levels with the Council and its services, following on from the last survey in 2019.

The survey is open to every Council resident, as well as those who work or study in the Stirling Council area. Find it [here](#).

Correspondence

Some Community Councils are struggling to source and employ a **Minute taker** for their meetings and if anyone is interested in supporting local democracy they can get in touch. Minute takers are paid £40 per meeting.

Stephen Bly has been tasked with developing a **Community Council Newsletter** and has asked for suggestions on what would be interesting and useful to Community Councils.

National Power of Attorney Campaign – this campaign was launched help at the end of September to let people know the benefits of having a Power of Attorney and what can happen if you don't. You can find out more [here](#).

c) Treasurer

Expenditure: We hired Riverside Bowling Club for the August Community Council meeting (£30) and the cheque for the food for the Jubilee afternoon tea was cashed (£150).

Income: We received our Admin Grant for 2022-23 from Stirling Council (£308.49).

d) Planning

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6) Sub-Groups

a) Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

Discussions continued about the confusing signage, uncertainty around the designations and unsuitable marking of some of Riverside's foot-ways and shared paths.

Frustration was indicated regarding disrespectful and unsafe behaviour of some road users.

Proactive Steps to be taken include:

- Audit of current signage
- Ascertain the designation of foot ways in Riverside – in particular Seaforth Place and Lovers Walk
- 20's Plenty Awareness Campaign
- Potential Conversation with Community Police Officers for support and advice.

It was noted that dangerous and anti-social behaviour from any road/footway user can be reported to the Police on their non-urgent number if residents feel unsafe.

b) Environment

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riverbank near the Cambuskenneth bridge that will become unsafe and will need to be removed.

c) The Green, Forth Place

There has been no further update regarding the Sustrans application Stirling Council will submit in Spring 2023. This funding will be used to enhance the space as you enter Riverside from the City Centre by making it safer and more enjoyable to use the area. A meeting of interested parties will be held in January.

d) Imagination Library

Bob Dale has been in touch with Kirsty from the Imagination Library to arrange a meeting to discuss this initiative further. It was highlighted that fundraising should be mindful of the economic environment.

e) Lovers Walk

The Network Rail work being undertaken at Lovers Walk will be completed in October. The road will be opened and full access will be granted. There has been no further discussion regarding the closure of this road to motorised traffic.

f) Parking (inc School Streets)

There is no further update at this point.

8) Local Groups

Riverside Naturally was recently assessed as a member of the *Its Your Neighbourhood scheme* which is run by Keep Scotland Beautiful and the Royal Horticultural Society and has been graded 'outstanding'. Riverside Naturally thanked Riverside Community Council for your help and support over the past year. The report can be found [here](#).

Lawn Bowling has closed the green for the season but is trailing carpet bowls on a Tuesday afternoon for £2 per person through the winter month. They are hosting a Christmas fun night on the 3rd of December. Contact [Jackie](#) for more details.

9) Upcoming Events

Orchard Day 8th October, 11am – 2pm, There will be juicing, planting, cooking, storytelling, home baking and Orchard Activities

9) A.O.B

It was agreed that Riverside Community Council will look into a Christmas event/activity and funding can be sought if necessary.

10)

Date of Next Meeting

26th October 2022 – Venue TBD

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 – 27th October 2022

Members Present

Fiona Berrow

Sue Dumbleton

Joan Murphy

Emily McLaughlin

Ashleigh Phillip

Carol Robertson

Alison Swanson

In Attendance

Di Alderdice

Fiona Dyet

Andrew Fraser

Cllr Susan McGill

Apologies

Bob Dale

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

2) **Declarations of Interest**

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes for September were adopted
Fiona Berrow proposed; Ashleigh Phillip seconded

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

None arising

5) **Reports**

a) **Chair**

New Community Councillor/Councillors - Riverside Community Council is currently recruiting for one councillor – they need to be a resident of Riverside, registered to vote and 16+ years of age.

In addition – elections for the next community council will be held April 2023 and some current community council members may step down. It is hoped that any community members that may be

interested in joining the team would consider being involved with the current activities.

Meetings Venue - It has been confirmed that the larger hall in the school is available to hire should the dates be available. Riverside Community Council has submitted a booking request for the first six months of 2023.

Thanks was given to Cllr Nunn for her support in this matter.

Thanks was given to an anonymous Riverside Resident who donated money to the community council to help with costs of venue hire.

Thanks and appreciation was given to the Lawn Bowling Club for being an excellent venue for our meetings for the past few months.

b) Secretary

Consultations and Funding Opportunities

Ongoing funding opportunities can be found on our [website](#).

See Active Travel for Tactran Consultation information.

Correspondence

Ending Gender based violence – Stirling Council has launched a new campaign to highlight the key role men have to play in order to end gender based violence. [White Ribbon Scotland](#) is recruiting volunteers who will be given training to host awareness raising events within their communities. Volunteer speakers are encouraged to advocate for long term behavioural change. For more information email davy@whiteribbonScotland.org.uk

Community Council Health Check – As part of strengthening Community Councils and boosting their resilience, the Community Development Team have developed a **Community Council Health Check**, which is a self assessment tool which can be used to identify areas of the Community Council that may need strengthened and supported and to consider ways to build on the knowledge, skills and capacity of you group. Riverside Community Council will be part of the pilot for this Health Check process. Joan Murphy and Sue Dumbleton will attend the first meeting of this group on Tuesday 1st November.

Reported Issues

Forthside, Old Harbour Forest – The company who owns the land has gone into liquidation so currently there is no-one to contact regarding the unsightly and undesirable condition of the area. This will be revisited in six months.

Waverley Park – An update was requested on the installation of replacement park equipment. There has been no activity since it was agreed in April.

Dean Crescent, Road Re-Surfacing – Rachel Nunn spoke to the Roads Department about getting this area made safe for cyclists.

Dropped Kerbs, Abbey Road – Based on feedback from the Disability Audit and The Green, Forth Place Consultations Riverside Community Council has enquired about the possibility of lowering the kerbs on Abbey Road. It was noted that there are other areas on Abbey Road that may need attention.

Bins – This issue will be revisited as there has been no further correspondence since Springtime. Cllr McGill will follow this up on our behalf.

Noticeboards – Due to the time between initial discussions regarding the installation of two new noticeboards Riverside Community Council is in communication with Stirling Council to follow the correct procedure to complete this project.

Flooding – Stirling Council’s Flooding team has requested an overview of flooding issues in Riverside. Information on flooding and emergency contact numbers can be found [here](#).

c) Treasurer

Expenditure: Riverside Community Council hired Riverside Bowling Club for the August Community Council meeting (£30) and the cheque for the food for the Jubilee afternoon tea was cashed (£150).

Income: The Admin Grant for 2022-23 from Stirling Council (£308.49) was received.

Cllr Nunn has contacted Stirling Council to request a resolution to the cash flow problems Riverside Community Council experiences due to the time between reporting on the previous years accounts and receiving admin grant payments.

Jubilee Celebrations evaluation to be completed this month.

d) Planning

Bellwood Hall, the derelict hall at the end of Abbey Road. Riverside Community Council has been in correspondence for the past few years with Stirling Council about this building. It was confirmed that there has been no progress since our last communications due to a stalemate with the sale of the ground in front of the hall. It was agreed to follow this up again with our four local councillors. Cllr McGill suggested the Cowan’s Trust may be the land owners of this area.

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6) Sub-Groups

a) Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

Tactran have issued a consultation regarding the work on writing a new Regional Transport Strategy for the Angus, Dundee, Perth and Kinross and Stirling Council areas to consider the challenges and opportunities that have arisen since 2015, not least the Climate Emergency declared by the Scottish Government and the four constituent Councils. Riverside Community Council, led by Ashleigh Phillip, will submit comments on this consultation.

MSP Alan Smyth and MSP Evelyn Tweed have asked residents to complete a short survey on travelling by bus in Stirling. Ashleigh Phillip is going to get in touch with the Over 60’s group to ensure any resident that would like to contribute to the survey has that opportunity.

A resident raised the issue of disability access at the train station. Due to changing layout there has been some issues with raised kerbs and the width of the footway. Riverside Community Council will log an issue with Network Rail. Cllr McGill will also raise this on our behalf.

b) Environment

Old Harbour Forest - Stirling Council has filled three new Countryside Ranger posts and one of the Countryside Rangers, Ettie Shattock, will now be leading on managing this area. In view of this positive development TreeLink is no longer seeking a lead role in managing these woods but will do what it can to support any management activities led by the Countryside Ranger Service.

Pumpkins and Hedgehogs - Wildlife groups are requesting that people please do not put pumpkins on the ground for wildlife as they cause stomach upsets in hedgehogs. Hanging them from branches allows birds and squirrels to enjoy them safely. On the day of lighting please also check bonfires for hedgehogs using a long brush and torch.

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 trees along the riverbank near the Cambuskenneth bridge that will become unsafe and will need to be removed.

c) The Green, Forth Place

There has been no further update regarding the Sustrans application. Stirling Council will submit in Spring 2023. This funding will be used to enhance the space as you enter Riverside from the City Centre by making it safer and more enjoyable to use the area. A meeting of interested parties will be held in January.

d) Lovers Walk

Lovers Walk has reopened for all modes of transport.

Stirling Council has painted over the graffiti.

f) Parking (inc School Streets)

See The Green, Forth Place.

f) Misc Initiatives

Imagination Library – no update at this point.

Stories Projects – Earlier this year Riverside Community Council applied for funding from the Museum Galleries Scotland Community Stories Fund to celebrate the Year of Stories. As the bid was unsuccessful, and Carol Robertson proposed gathering a small group of community members to take the idea forward, including a creative outlet with a focus on the diversity within Riverside working with people the Community Council doesn't always reach. It was agreed that this is a project that Riverside Community Council would like to work on. The group will bring a detailed brief to the November meeting for further considerations.

Christmas Parcels – Sub group will be meeting on 31st October 2022 to plan the Christmas Parcels. It was suggested that this project include any New Scots living in Riverside. The P2s from Riverside Primary School will be making cards for the bags again.

Living Advent Windows – Planning is underway for the annual defibrillator fundraising event and many households have signed up to be part of Riverside's Living Advent Windows – including local businesses and the Primary School.

8) **Local Groups**

Riverside Naturally hosted their Orchard Day celebrating 10 years of Riverside Community Orchard. A great day was had by everyone and Riverside Naturally thanked all who supported and attended their event.

Lawn Bowling now has carpet bowls on a Tuesday afternoon for £2 per person through the winter months. They are hosting a Christmas fun night on the 3rd of December. Contact Jackie for more details [here](#).

Wallace High School PTN are meeting shortly and will be discussing the Uniform Bank and finding a more permanent location for the bank. An appeal was made for black shoes, winter jackets and rucksacks – all donations can be dropped off at 14 Queenshaugh Drive.

9) **Upcoming Events**

29th October 2022, 9.30am – 12.30pm, – Riverside Naturally Regular Maintenance Session (Tea Break at 10.30am)

27th November 2022, 2pm - 5pm – Festive Craft Day, Lawn Bowling Club

3rd December 2022, 11am – 1pm – Meet the Neighbours

9) **A.O.B**

None.

10)

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 30th November 2022 – 7.15pm Lawn Bowling Club

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

Public Meeting Minutes

Date – 30th November 2022

Members Present

Sue Dumbleton
Ashleigh Phillip
Fiona Berrow
Alison Swanson
Carol Robertson
Joan Murphy
Emily McLaughlin

In Attendance

Di Alderdice
Fiona Dyet
Andrew Fraser
Cllr Rachel Nunn
11 Residents

Apologies

Bob Dale

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

2) **Declarations of Interest**

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes for October were adopted
Ashleigh Phillip proposed; Alison Swanson seconded

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

It was noted that the donation for venue hire from a resident was received with thanks from Riverside Community Council and not returned.

5) **Reports**

a) **Chair**

Joan welcomed everyone to the last meeting of an amazing year including the following activities and achievements:

- Emerged from COVID – began to meet again face to face
- Success of the Platinum Jubilee weekend
- Plans for The Green, Forth Place with Stirling Council support

- Positive discussion about Active Travel
- Some Parking progress
- Zebra Crossings
- Noticeboard progress
- Primary School Hall from January
- Cambuskenneth Bridge netting removal
- Less Dog Poo
- Spring and Advent Window Fundraising Events
- Leak diverted under Lovers Walk

Thank you to the Lawn Bowling Club for hosting the public meetings.

Notification of Co-Option will be on the next agenda and unless there are further applicants and pending Stirling Council checks a new Community Councillor will be appointed in January. (Closing date 3rd Jan 2023)

b) Secretary

Police Report

There were two undetected cases recorded in the reporting period. The cases relate to a broken window and a fraud scam.

Consultations and Funding Opportunities

Community Development Team are facilitating a winter programme called Let's Get Together to fund community activities to help residents be out keeping warm and active, meeting up with each other for social contact, to play games, to take part in sport, to sing, dance, chat, have a bite to eat – whatever suits your particular community. Find out more on the website [here](#)..

[Business Resilience and Growth Fund](#) is open for applications until the 6th January. This fund will include payments to help vulnerable households experiencing fuel poverty this winter and an increase to the amount of funds available to organisations who had applied for support to work with people experiencing financial crisis.

Thrive to Maximise - £3000 funded employment enhancement fund: available to support eligible employees who are parents with additional training, development opportunities or working hours. For more details email: employerengagement@stirling.gov.uk

Stirling Council has launched its annual round of public budget engagement, seeking opinions and feedback from residents through the Budget Conversation to understand the services that matter most to them. Find the survey [here](#).

Correspondence

A list of apprenticeships, jobs and training opportunities shared by our Community Council Enquiry Co-ordinator can be found on the website [here](#).

Stirling Council is taking part in the [16 Days of Activism](#) - this is an international campaign that was launched in 1991 to coincide with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and will end on Human Rights Day (10 Dec). This supports the previously discussed White Ribbon Scotland campaign.

SHARE, The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank, is a Register of people who are happy to be sent information about health research projects (studies). They are looking for healthy people and people with health conditions to join SHARE. This might involve taking part in surveys online, sharing

your views on your healthcare or taking part in a study researching a new medication for an illness you may have. Find out more [here](#).

Stirling will become the first fully Augmented Reality (AR) city in the world following a ground-breaking project involving Stirling Council, BT and Seymour Powell.

The cutting edge software will transform the visitor experience to Stirling allowing people to explore the city in a unique and exciting way through their smartphone screen. This aims to be way to encourage people to support local businesses.

Find out more at www.yourstirling.com

Boundary Commission for Scotland – has started the review process of UK Parliament Constituencies. The review will recommend 57 UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland. Please see our website for further information – comments can be submitted [here](#).

Community Council Health Check – Riverside Community Council has completed the initial draft. This will be submitted shortly.

Reported Issues

Cambuskenneth Bridge Netting – The netting has been successfully taken down.

Dropped Kerbs, Abbey Road – Based on feedback from the Disability Audit and The Green, Forth Place Consultations Riverside Community Council has enquired about the possibility of lowering the kerbs on Abbey Road. It was noted that there are other areas on Abbey Road that may need attention.

Bins – Cllr McGill reported back that Stirling Council will re-issue letters to urge residents to remove their bins from the footways as soon as possible.

The Lawn Bowling Committee has enquired about the possibility of installing communal bins in Riverside.

Noticeboards – Stirling Council have agreed to share the Pontoon noticeboard with Riverside Community Council.

New noticeboards have been chosen and the next step is being discussed.

Cllr Rachel Nunn offered to follow up on some of our outstanding issues.

c) Treasurer

Expenditure: We hired Riverside Bowling Club for the October Community Council meeting (£30).

Income: We received a donation from a community member who wished to contribute towards hiring Riverside Bowling Club for our meeting venue (£20).

It was agreed that funding relevant to minuted and agreed upon projects can be actioned when deadlines fall between public meetings. This should be documented via email to show clear discussion and includes completing application forms with the oversight of the treasurer.

d) Planning

Bellwood Hall

Riverside Community Council welcomed John Fotheringham, owner of Bellwood Hall who offered a history of his ownership of this building and his general plans for the future.

It was agreed to discuss as full agenda item at next meeting on January 25th, including flooding issues,

parking restrictions and routes of engagement. Riverside Community Council has no legal obligation regarding these issues at this point.

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

Shift Funding – It was agreed to postpone seeking funding from this funding body until next year due to volunteer capacity and expectation of delivery.

Ashleigh Phillips attended the **Scottish Rail Conference** which was felt to be largely irrelevant to the interests of Riverside Community Council. There was discussion about using train stations more effectively as Community Hubs.

Forth Valley Active Travel Hub is currently rebranding and is about to re-opening and would like further engagement with communities to find out what is needed in an active travel hub.

Gritting – Di Alderdice has applied for two grit bins through the Stirling Council's Winter Volunteer Scheme. Free bags of grit were also collected from Recyke-a-bike, which were offered to us by SVE which will be put to use by our True Gritters team.

b) Environment

The Outdoor Woodland Learning Scotland group (OWLS) have a Forth Valley branch and we are hosting a skill sharing and networking event on 7th of December. This is primarily focused on teachers/education staff, but is open to anyone with an interest in outdoor learning. We have members from groups like scouts and guides too so might be of interest to some community groups!

Treelink has started a new initiative offering - Free Trees for Babies giving families a free tree to mark a birth, adoption or loss. Registration is open until the end of January – visit [here](#) for more information.

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 Forest – Stirling Council is developing management plan old harbour woods with support and activities with the Greenspace Rangers. Riverside Community Council has been approached by a couple of residents who are looking to do some more work in the forest outwith the arranged activities and hoping that the Community Council would be the channel to facilitate this. Fiona Berrow will look into Insurance costings. Community Councillors have been asked to review the proposal and this will be discussed further at the January meeting.

7th Jan 2023 Coppicing Event in The Old Harbour Forest.

c) The Green, Forth Place

There has been no further update regarding the Sustrans application. Stirling Council will submit in Spring 2023. This funding will be used to enhance the space as you enter Riverside from the City Centre by making it safer and more enjoyable to use the area. A meeting of interested parties will be held in January.

d) Lovers Walk

Nothing further to report.

e) Parking (inc School Streets)

See The Green, Forth Place.

f) Misc Initiatives

Stories Projects – Proposal has been distributed amongst the Community Council to discuss. It was agreed to progress with this project and seek funding. 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 with the first meeting in January.

Christmas Parcels – Sub group will be meeting on 31st October 2022 to plan the Christmas Parcels. It was suggested that this project include any New Scots living in Riverside. The P2s from Riverside Primary School will be making cards for the bags again.

Living Advent Windows – Planning is underway for the annual defibrillator fundraising event and many households have signed up to be part of Riverside's Living Advent Windows – including local businesses and the Primary School.

Imagination Library – No report.

7) **Local Groups**

8) Upcoming Events

2nd December – Karaoke and Quiz night – Lawn Bowling Club

3rd December 2022, 11am – 1pm – Meet the Neighbours at the Abbey Road Market.

9) **A.O.B**

The Lawn Bowling committee enquired as to whether Riverside Community Council would be hosting another fete day, similar to our Jubilee Celebrations and intimated that they would be delighted to have another open day in conjunction with an event.

Potholes – there were a number of potholes identified by community members. Riverside Community Council will contact Stirling Council and urged residents to use the Report function on the Stirling Council website to also log any issues they are having.

Mrs McPhee, Head Teacher of Riverside Primary was awarded Teacher of the Year 2022 with Central FM's Local Hero.

10)

Date of Next Meeting

January 29th 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](#).