

Callander Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 15th June 2026

Present:

Community Councillors: John Kennedy (Chair) (JK), Ruth Barrie (RB), Heather Ward (HW), Fiona Kerr (FK), Sandra Corrieri (SC), David King (DK), Brian Luti (BL).

Members of the public: Mike Luti

Stirling Council: Councillor Elaine Watterson

Minute Taker: Caroline Stewart

Apologies:

Police Scotland, Richard Johnson

1. Introductions

JK welcomed everyone to the June meeting. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. Minutes of May 2026 Meeting

There was one amendment to the last minutes, the meeting closed at 21.15 rather than 20.15. The minutes were proposed by SC and seconded by DK and unanimously accepted.

3. Police Report

The main issues were around anti-social behaviour and road traffic offences. There has also been theft by shoplifting with enquiries ongoing and gardening equipment was also stolen and enquiries are ongoing. Police and emergency services were called to Bracklin Falls where the body of a 16-year-old was found. It is not being treated as suspicious.

4. Matters Arising (not covered below)

Nothing to be added

5. Specific items

a. A84 speed control

Discussion ongoing with Transport Scotland, BEAR and Martin Earl.

b. Bracklin Falls safety

Under Secretary report.

c. Callander Flood group

No further report from last meeting.

d. Callander Partnership meeting

There has been no meeting since the CCC last meeting.

e. CCC Open Day

The Chair gave thanks to RB for organisation the upcoming Open Day on 27th June 2026. The plan is to use the big hall for the event as hoping for a good response. The CCC already have equipment so don't need to buy supplies only need tea and coffee. RB had poster to distribute. The other local Community Councils are being invited along specifically to discuss transport/buses. RB will visit Aberfoyle this week regarding the Trossachs Explorer and will also discuss C60.

Mike Luti asked if someone was coming from Stirling Council to talk about the plans for the bridge. Elliott Williamson and Robert Plewes will be present from Stirling Council. Brian Roberts has also been invited as well as the local Ward Councillors.

f. Creep footpath

No recent update from Stirling Council. DK asked if the opening of the new primary school would be delayed if the access routes were not ready.

There were concerns raised by Mike Luti regarding lack of consultation with landowners.

g. Defibrillators

Included in the Secretary report

h) Litter / Street cleaning

Included in the Secretary report

i) Loch Venachar meeting

Included in the Secretary report

j) Pavements

Included in the Secretary report

k) Public transport

Bannockburn depot will close and this will affect buses as they will now run from Larbert Road and Balfron.

l) St Kessogs building

No further update.

m) Street furniture

DK gave an update – 6 bench plinths were put in, 4 on Stirling Road and 2 at the Camp Place playpark, only had 4 benches so waiting for another 2 for the playpark.

6. CC Reports:

a) Chair

No report given

b) Treasurer

RB gave an update.

The main activity since the last meeting has been for bank charges and the CC also paid for 6 benches. For the Braes of Doune two payments have been made for defibrillator cabinets and the film licence.

CCC account: £8,834.15

Ringfenced amounts:

Camp Place picnic tables: £6,500.00

FEL: £856.48

Remainder of SC grant for benches: £311.95

Available balance: £1,165.72

Braes of Doune: current balance: £78,488.81

c) Secretary

- Bracklin Falls safety – following the fatal accident, the National Park was contacted to ask if they would review safety at the Falls. The incident will be referred to the procurator fiscal, so a full review is likely involving a multi-agency discussion. It was highlighted that this was raised before, due to a fatality and there was a discussion at this point about erecting a fence but there were concerns it would take away from the attractions. It was agreed that CCC would leave for RJ to proceed matters with the NP Board
- Defibrillators – two defibrillator cabinets have been ordered. The Treasurer paid for the defibrillators in Mid-May and as far as CCC are aware they haven't arrived yet. The Chair will check with RJ what is happening.
- Litter / Street cleaning – ongoing discussions with Stirling Council who are looking into larger bins for the Meadows – similar to those at Aberfoyle. The bin that was taken away at the start of Glen Gardens has now been replaced with a larger bin. A bin has been removed from Station Road car park which may be the one at Glen Gardens as this bin has been repurposed.
- Loch Venachar meeting – discussions ongoing with potential interested organisations.
- Pavements – Stirling Council undertaking repairs in South Ancaster Square – North Ancaster Square also reported for maintenance. RJ dealing with the matters with SC. BL raised the issues that would arise with erecting bollards. He was keen to express his objections to this happening. It was highlighted that Callander needs loading bays as there is nowhere for delivery drivers to park. It was highlighted that parking on the pavement is illegal and not being enforced locally by traffic wardens. There are also issues with non-blue badge owners parking in disabled bays.

d) Braes of Doune Community Fund

An application for £136.50 had been received from the High School for hire of the Kirk Hall for an event. Concerns were raised about the fund being used to pay for rent rather than for activities that promote the wellbeing of residents of Callander, such as days out. The application was made before the event but not received by the CCC until after the event. There was a

discussion about the application and concerns were raised that it was being used to cover rent when an entrance fee was requested for the fair. There were 5 objections to approving the grant so it was refused. It was agreed that conditions should be put in place moving forward that applications must be submitted by a specified time scale before the event.

e) Planning

A retrospective application had been made for CCTV cameras along Manse Lane. An objection has been raised with Planning that the cameras are illegal because they are in a conservation area, overlooking a public road and are opposite the Primary school playing fields. There was a vote and it was agreed that the Chair would speak to the Planning Officer.

There were no objections raised for the other 3 applications.

f) Licensing

Nothing to report

7. Other Reports:

a) Stirling Council

Councillor Watterson gave an update:

- Full council sits on Thursday 25th June. This is the last meeting until October as the council go into recess.
- The Film Studios are taking shape, and announcements will be made in the next few weeks on how this is progressing.
- LPP consultation for Stirling, residents are being asked to contribute to it, this affects Callander as they are part of the National Park.
- St Kessog's still waiting to hear the results of the submissions.
- Chicken farm, outside Thornhill, a planning application has been made for a large barn. An objection has gone in from Thornhill Community Council regarding the application.

b) National Park

- Camping Management Bylaws – 10-year review being carried out including two main changes: 1. Campfires and Barbecues will be required to be raised off the ground to reduce the risk of wildfires; 2. Protection of Staff it will be an offense to obstruct a member of the NP staff undertaking their duty. Bylaw will be going out for public consultation with a final decision by the Board in December.
- Camping Management Bylaws only apply to the designated camping management zones so, for example, will not apply to mobile homes parked in the Meadows Car Park. There was a question raised if this covers tents which were in the Meadows at the weekend. Concerns were raised about Motor Homes parking in the Meadows when there are facilities available in Callander and there is a sign advising “no overnight parking”. There were also concerns raised about illegal drinking in the Meadows.
- Mobility Road Map – this is a park wide initiative involving the National Park and Partners. It aims to transform transport within the National Park to a low carbon system.
- Visitor Levy Charge – National Park working with the four local authorities to identify the types of tourism projects which could be funded.

- Callander National Park Office – still looking for an alternative location. It was asked for clarification why they are looking for an alternative and if this refers to the premisses in Callander.

8. Any Other Business

- FK asked for the Chair to send a copy of RJ Secretary's report.
- HW is preparing the article for the July issue of the "Ben Ledi" view, she will liaise with RB regarding the open day. The article is to be submitted by the start of July. DK highlighted the photos of the new benches to be included.
- RB brought along photos of the Underground observation used by the military on Bracklinn Road to highlight that it no longer has a hatch on it, should be bolted down. RB has reported it to the Police but will still be the responsibility of the MOD. As yet a response has not been received from Stirling Council.

9. Date of Next Meeting 20th July 2026

Meeting closed at 20:25pm