

Callander Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 20th July 2026

Present: John Kennedy (Chair) (JK), Richard Johnson (RJ), Ruth Barrie (RB), Heather Ward (HW), Fiona Kerr (FK), Sandra Corrieri (SC), Brian Luti (BL) David King (DK)

1 member of the public

Daisy King (DK), National Park

Councillor Martin Earl (ME), Stirling Council

Caroline Stewart, Minute Taker

1. Introductions, apologies & conflicts of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the July meeting. Apologies were received from Police Scotland. RJ declared a conflict of interest as he is the applicant for the Braes of Doune application so advised that he wouldn't take part in the discussion.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by BL and seconded by SC

3. Police Report

The Chair read out the Police report. The main issues were around anti-social behaviour, speeding and dangerous driving. There has been an increase in the number of vehicles parking on the clearway on the A84 at Loch Lubnaig and parking tickets have been issued by Police Scotland.

4. Matters Arising (not covered below)

Regarding a planning application for CCTV cameras on a building along Manse Lane – JK has been trying to contact the Planning Officer at the National Park but has not had a response yet.

5. Specific items:

5.1 CCC Co-option

SC has now attended 3 meetings, she was offered full membership and accepted.

BL has attended 2 meetings so can be offered full membership at the August meeting.

5.2 A84 speed control

RJ and ME had a meeting with Transport Scotland regarding speeding along the A84 through Callander. Transport Scotland has provided speed data from the survey that was carried out in October. Roger Watt, Callander resident, had analysed the data and shown that there are problems with people speeding both exiting and entering Callander and there are issues with early morning traffic. There are also occasional incidents during the day with vehicles doing excessive speeds. It is unclear whether this is due to a data error or an emergency service vehicle. Transport Scotland have taken on board the results and will undertake further surveys when necessary.

Transport Scotland have completed an assessment on the speed camera at the eastern end of Callander and advised that the camera is in the best location but the system will be changed later in the year to a better speed indicating device.

CCC had suggested that additional 30mph speed signs should be installed but this was not approved by Transport Scotland. They suggested that CCC could add signage to the grass verge to advise drivers to exercise caution.

5.3 CCC Open Day

The focus of the event was on transport and the new footbridge. There was a full discussion about the footbridge but further discussions are needed about the access routes to the bridge. There needs to be consultation with parents on the north side of the river about their preference for access routes.

If further Open Days are to be held there needs to be other subjects. RJ suggested a discussion about a “pump track” in the Camp Place playing fields. If it is going ahead there would need to be evidence of public support.

5.4 Footbridge over the River Teith / Creep footpath

At the last meeting with Stirling Council, they advised that they have agreed on the location for the new bridge but not the approaching footpaths. The consultants have reviewed this option and it is considered to be viable and falls within the budget. The next stage is the consultant will produce detailed designs for the bridge. David Hopper (SC) has met with the landowners with positive results and has a meeting with NP planners soon.

5.5 Benches

6 benches have been installed, Stirling Council has agreed to install the remaining 4 benches.

5.6 Litter / Street cleaning

This was part of the meeting between CCC and Stirling Council which took place on 15th July. There were concerns raised about the streets not being cleaned adequately. Stirling Council advised that changes will be seen moving forward. There was a discussion about bins filling up in less than 24 hours and birds scattering the rubbish. HW sent photos of the Meadows from last weekend to RJ who has forwarded them to Stirling Council.

ME and RJ have been discussing these issues for more than 6 months and they are getting mixed messages about the management of litter.

RJ suggested a community volunteer day to clean the pavements and car parks. There was also a suggestion about the possibility of applying to the Hydro Fund to employ a Town Officer who could be responsible for keeping the town clean and tidy.

5.7 Pavements

RJ has been in contact with Stirling Council about repairs to the pavement along the side streets and BEAR with regards to the pavements on Main Street. Stirling Council have already completed some minor works. Stirling Council has a list of all the pavements that are in a poor condition throughout the Stirling Council area. They have advised that some maintenance work will be carried out this year along Bridge Street and Bridgend with further resurfacing work planned for next year.

6. CCC Reports

6.1 Chair

JK attended a meeting regarding the need for resilience hubs. The results of the survey and minutes of the meeting have still to be received. JK has emailed the consultant, Community Enterprise, about this. There was a discussion about the need for a resilience hub and what this would look like and further discussion will take place at the next CCC meeting.

6.2 Treasurer

RB gave an update:

CCC account: £8,774.15

Ringfenced amounts:

Camp Place picnic tables: £6,500.00

FEL: £856.48

Remainder of SC grant for benches: £311.95

Available balance: £943.47

Braes of Doune: current balance: £78,484.56

RB reported that the hall hire for the Open Day needs to be paid, £53. This was taken out of Braes of Doune account last time. RJ advised that Stirling Council have funds for community consultation which CCC should apply to for the cost of future open days.

6.3 Secretary

- A member of the public asked CCC to investigate issues with the fishing platform on the River Teith at Geisher Pool. This has been reported to Stirling Council.
- The lifebelts along the river bank in the Meadows were not being maintained so were in a poor state. This has been reported to Stirling Council, and they will now be inspected monthly.
- Due to the recent accident at Bracklinn Falls there has been a lot of concern about the safety of the area. RJ has raised these concerns with the National Park Chief Executive and Head of Access. The response had been that there is sufficient safety information available at Bracklinn Falls. CCC still has concerns about lack of signage and unmarked steep drops. There are no physical barriers to stop anyone running to the edge and falling over. It was highlighted that this was raised at a CCC meeting in 2023 and the response from the National Park was that there were adequate safety measures in place.
- RJ had a meeting with Callander Kirk to discuss both the future of the Kirk and Hall. The Church of Scotland can't maintain both so have decided that they will maintain the Kirk. There was a discussion about the uncertainty over the future of other buildings in Callander which means it is difficult to know how the Hall could be used.
- There is an amount in the CCC accounts that was raised from grants about 2 years ago to fund benches in Camp Place Play Park. Stirling Council purchased and installed the benches, and CCC is waiting to transfer the money to Stirling Council.
- Defibrillators – Trossachs Search and Rescue Organisation had contacted RJ to ask if CCC could take ownership of the defibrillators in Ancaster Square, Station Road, Golf Club and Dreadnaught Garage. RB and FK have information that the owners of these four sites are willing to own the defibrillators. CCC has recently purchased new cabinets for Ancaster Square and Station Road and TSAR now say that the Station Road one needs a new battery (at a cost of some £300). There has been discussion with Trossachs Search and Rescue, who have agreed to check and maintain them. It was agreed that CCC would purchase a new battery to be paid through a Braes of

Doune application. It was agreed that clarification was needed about the ownership of the four defibs.

- The National Park is running a consultation on the Camping Management Bylaws. RJ had emailed the CCC members for comments but no replies were received so RJ submitted a response to the NP including that the Camping Management Zones should be operational all year round, in each CMZ there should be zoned areas for mobile homes and the Meadows should be designated as a camping management zone.

7. Braes of Doune Community Fund

One application had been received. The application was made by Community Projects in Callander to purchase additional Christmas lights. The supplier, Blachere, was offering new light motifs at 50% discount so the application was to purchase 14 motifs at a cost of £2131.92. There were no objections and the application was approved.

8. Planning

FK gave an update. There have been four new applications, and all have been approved and there were no objections from CCC.

A retrospective application has been made by East Mains House for the installation of CCTV cameras. The CC have already submitted an objection and so have several other people.

9. Other Reports:

9.1 Stirling Council

ME gave an update:

Stirling Council are currently in recess. ME has previously sent information about the Community Parking Management Plan. There were plans to do this in the past, but this was ceased due to covid. Relevant Officers will visit CCC and other relevant organisations and businesses. ME suggested that CCC start to think about how they would want to manage their input. BL was on the committee previously and advised that lots of research took place, but things didn't proceed.

9.2 National Park

Daisy King introduced herself as the National Park Board Member for Callander. She will begin training in October.

10. Any Other Business

- HW highlighted a conversation she was involved with on social media regarding the future of St Kessog's. There was a discussion about this, and further clarity was provided around the comments that had been made online and the background to them. HW was concerned that negative comments online might contribute to a negative perception of CCC locally.
- RJ pointed out that arrangements for the Best Kept Garden competition should start. DK has been responsible for judging for the last three years and feels he would like to step down and let someone else take over the responsibility. SC volunteered to take on the role and DK offered to provide support.
- RJ suggested that the Citizen of Year award should include an additional award for a "Young Citizen of the Year". FK to include this award in 2026.

11. Date of Next Meeting

17th August 2026

CCC July 2026

Meeting closed at 20:59pm