

# Callander Community Council

## Draft Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Venue: CYP, Callander

**Community Councillors present:** John Kennedy (JK), Fiona Kerr (FK), Ruth Barrie (RB), Richard Johnson (RJ), Heather Ward (HW)

**Also in attendance:** Caroline Stewart (CS, minute taker), Councillor Elaine Watterson (EW), Laura Waddell, Mike Luti, Alex MacDonald.

**Apologies:** David King (DK)

**Abbreviations:** All in attendance will be referred to by their initials.

CCC = Callander Community Council; CE = Callander Enterprise; CCDT = Callander Community Development Trust; SC = Stirling Council; LPP = Local Place Plan; NP = Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park; FLS= Forestry and Land Scotland.

**Chair of Meeting:** John Kennedy

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<p><b>1. Welcome, apologies and meeting procedures</b></p> <p>JK welcomed everyone to the September meeting.</p> <p>JK noted that there have been three letters of resignations received since the last meeting – David Moore, Marilyn Moore and Olga Watkins. The CC present were asked to accept the resignations and this was agreed.</p> <p>This leaves CCC down to 6 members which is below the minimum. RJ has spoken to Stephen Bly of SC, who has agreed that the CCC can continue to operate with the support of Stirling Council even though they are below the minimum membership.</p> <p>Apologies were received from David King and Police Scotland</p>	
<p><b>2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</b></p> <p>RJ declared a conflict of interest and advised he wouldn't take part in any discussion on planning as he is a member of the National Park Planning Committee.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of Previous meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the August 2025 meeting were proposed by HW and seconded by JK and adopted as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>Mike Luti asked for the minutes to be displayed in the library along with the reports so that members of the public can read them prior to the meeting. RJ advised that reports will in future be presented verbally but only approved minutes can be published on the web site and displayed on notice boards.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>There were various actions from the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RJ had included the co-option process in the agenda for this month's meeting</li> <li>• RJ had emailed Police Scotland to suggest they put in a report to Ben Ledi View.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless housing allocation. RJ had contacted the MSP who contacted SC who provided a detailed response on how their properties are allocated. It stated that SC have seven properties within Callander that are used as temporary accommodation. These houses are allocated to people who want to live in the area due to family or other connections and people who want to live in urban Stirling would not be allocated this accommodation. The legislation around housing allocation changed in 2022 to allow homeless people more choice in where they live.</li> <li>• Defibrillators – a funding application has been made to Braes of Doune by Trossachs Search and Rescue for spare parts for the defibrillators. RB had sent RJ a list of defibrillators in Callander.</li> <li>• Final report on painting of 18 shops fronts - there was no update as this was being dealt with by Marilyn Moore.</li> <li>• Marilyn Moore had applied to the Braes of Doune Fund for funds for signage outside of several shops along Main Street. The application was turned down as there wasn't enough detail provided. The application can be resubmitted, but more details have to be given on the specific shops and the cost estimates.</li> <li>• Marilyn Moore had organised a meeting to discuss Braes of Doune funding applications.</li> <li>• Councillor Martin Earl had sent information on Aros Lane closure due to work on the adjacent building.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Special Items</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Main Street Speeding</b></p> <p>Laura Waddell, resident of Main Street, Callander, spoke to raise her concerns about the extent of speeding along Main Street. She reminded everyone about a survey that Traffic Scotland carried out in April 2024, looking at nine locations on the A84 including Stirling Road and Main Street. This was carried out as part of the review of the implementation of 20mph speed limits across Scotland. Through the Freedom of Information Act, Laura asked for information on what happened with the results of the survey. She went through the main points of the information she received – 95% of traffic exceeded speed limit, 75% violating traffic regulations, with a top speed of 79 mph. In every location there were breaches in the speeds. Laura had asked for a report based on the survey, but nothing was available from Transport Scotland. Concerns were raised about local school children, lack of pedestrian crossings, cyclists having to cycle on the pavement and noise pollution. Laura asked CCC for support as she is currently pushing the issue as an individual and feels she needs community support to have any weight behind it.</p> <p>Councillor Watterson advised that there is a scheme that CCC can adopt with the police where a team of volunteers are given powers to record and challenge speeds. If CCC wanted to go ahead with this, they would need to liaise with the Community Police and there is also a cost involved in getting the equipment. Bridge of Allan CC have adopted the scheme and have lots of information on their website on how they have dealt with the process.</p> <p>There was a reminder that the A84 is managed by BEAR not SC.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the size of road signage and worn road markings. This is something CCC has tried to deal with for many years and the response has been that nothing will be done until there has been an incident. Laura agreed to send the data</p>	<p>Laura Waddell to send data to CCC.</p> <p>RJ to approach Police Scotland to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>RJ to put an article in the Ben Ledi View</p>

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<p>from Transport Scotland to CCC. RJ agreed to contact Police Scotland and arrange for an article to be put in the Ben Ledi View, as well as contacting the MSP and SC</p> <p><b>5.2 St Kessogs</b></p> <p>The meeting with Megan Avery, who may be purchasing the building, was postponed, she will contact CCC the next time she is in Callander.</p> <p><b>5.3 Safe entrance to Coilhallan Woods</b></p> <p>RJ was contacted by Emma King who is doing work with Callander Primary School pupils using the Coilhallan Woods for outdoor learning. It was highlighted that the entrance near the mini roundabout is a dangerous location and needs to be moved for safe access. There will be a new road crossing built for the new Primary School and it was suggested that a new access footpath be constructed through the woodland to the existing path. Mike Luti advised that he is a member of the Woodlands Group, and this is being looked into by them. RJ will contact Callander Wood Group and offer CCC support</p> <p><b>5.4 Citizen of the Year</b></p> <p>The award has previously been made at the December CCC meeting. The CCC needs to advertise for nominations which will be discussed at the November meeting. RJ will invite nominations.</p> <p><b>5.5 Questions from the Public</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex MacDonald advised that he has been in touch with SC regarding surface water drainage along Main Street between Roman Camp to Burnside Garage. The issue has been reported through the SC portal and a reference number and a date for the work to be completed was given. JK/RB will raise with SC.</li> <li>Mike Luti has been contacted by a couple from England who regularly visit Callander. They wanted to say how pleased they are with the work that has been done in the old Graveyard in Callander.</li> </ul>	<p>and contact MSP and SC</p> <p>RJ will contact Callander Wood Group and offer CCC support</p> <p>RJ to invite nominations</p> <p>JK/RB to raise drainage issue with SC</p>
<p><b>6 CCC Reports</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Chair</b></p> <p>JK advised that the surgeries in Callander Connect have seen a significant decrease in the numbers attending. This may be due to accessibility to the building. JK suggested that future surgeries are held in the library, on the Friday before the CCC meeting between 2 and 4pm. There were no objections to this suggestion.</p> <p><b>6.2 Secretary</b></p> <p>RJ had a handover from Marilyn Moore. He has been sending weekly list of emails both in and out to all community councillors.</p> <p>RJ has spent time going through the Secretary emails for the past few months. There is a series of emails dating back to April 2025 regarding an Expression of Interest submitted by CCDT to take ownership of the Primary School building. JK and RJ have obtained confirmation from CCDT that CCC is not involved in this Expression of Interest. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that CCC should remain neutral about the future of the building until all options have been listed and detailed plans submitted.</p>	

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<p>An invitation has been received from CCDT to attend a “Stakeholder” meeting to discuss the Primary School building. CCC agreed they are not stakeholders, but RJ will go to the meeting to gather information.</p> <p><b>6.2 Treasurer</b></p> <p>RB provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bank account includes our administration grant from SC (restricted fund) plus CCC funds not related to SC (unrestricted funds) plus funds for projects.</li> <li>• Bank account (14/09/2025): £7,882.06</li> <li>• SC 2025-6 administration grant: £985.30 (agreed but not yet received)</li> <li>• CCC funds: £525.58</li> <li>• Camp Place Play Park Project: £6,500.00</li> <li>• FEL project: £856.48</li> </ul> <p><b>6.4 Braes of Doune Community Fund</b></p> <p>JK proposed that in future the administration of the Braes of Doune Community Fund will be undertaken by the CCC Secretary and the financial will be undertaken by the CCC Treasurer. JK proposed and seconded by FK and it was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RJ will contact Marilyn Moore to get all the details transferred to RJ and RB.</p> <p>The Braes of Doune bank account needs changing including change of address and the removal of past signatories and new signatories of JK, RB and RJ – agreed by the meeting.</p> <p><b>6.5 Planning</b></p> <p>No relevant planning applications.</p> <p><b>6.6 Liquor Licensing</b></p> <p>DK had reported that there was one application from the Callander Gift Company who want to sell spirits. DK visited and everything looks appropriate therefore he recommended that there were no objections. CCC agreed.</p>	<p>RJ to attend the Stakeholder meeting</p> <p>RJ to contact Marilyn Moore</p>
<p><b>7 Other Reports</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Police Scotland</b></p> <p>The submitted report provided was read out. The main issues were around anti-social behaviour and road safety. There is a new Sergeant in the Callander office, David Dempster. There is also a new neighbourhood watch scheme and residents are being encouraging to sign up to alerts.</p> <p><b>7.2 Stirling Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back after summer recess</li> <li>• New household glass recycling bin will be available in the next four weeks – still discussion about colour of lid</li> <li>• All committees underway, full Council meeting in October</li> <li>• Bi-election 31<sup>st</sup> October for Stirling East.</li> <li>• Finance and Economy Committee sat last week and announced £47,000 available for local communities. There are details on the SC website on what the funding can be used for. SC will decide if any applications are appropriate.</li> </ul> <p><b>7.3 National Park</b></p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board meeting and strategy discussion today, looking at developing sustainable visitor management. A report on visitor numbers has been produced for this year showing that visitors numbers are now back to pre-covid numbers.</li> <li>• A new water features management group has been formed, and RJ has been invited to be part of it.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8 Co-option of Community Councillors</b></p> <p>At the start of the 2025 AGM, 2 new members were co-opted – RJ and HW. They have now attended 3 meetings and CCC agreed that they should become full members. CCC now can co-opt two more community councillors. RJ has spoken to Stephen Bly (SC) and agreed to start the co-option process, an advert will be put out and applications will go to Stephen Bly for verification.</p>	
<p><b>9 AOB</b></p> <p>RB reported that there have been positive reports on the refurbished Dreadnaught Hotel.</p>	
<p><b>10 Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> October 2025</p>	