



Minutes of the meeting held on
10th December 2025

I. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Michele Bennett (Chair), Ian Rodger (Vice Chair), Moira Mackay (Treasurer), Hendy Spence (Secretary), Jackie Garvie, Ronnie Garvie
Lord Provost Rosemary Fraser (Stirling Councillor)
2 members of the public
- **Apologies:** None

II. Declaration of interest in any items of business

There were no declarations of interest.

III. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

The previous minutes were approved.

IV. Stirling Councillor's Report

- Following the by-election in October 2025, the SNP took over the administration of Stirling Council and Councillor Rosemary Fraser was elected as Lord Provost.
- Budget discussions have started and the motion which was put through earlier in the year will ensure that there will be no cuts to nurseries and libraries until at least May 2027.
- All children aged three and four are eligible for 1,140 hours of funded childcare each year. At the moment, the date that this starts is dependent on the child's date of birth. RF is looking at the possibility of the funding starting on the child's 3rd birthday rather than having to wait until the term following their birthday. She is also looking into the figures for having Fintry Nursery open for 48 weeks per year rather than term-time only.
- The daily mile for primary and nursery school children which was introduced several years ago is no longer happening in many schools. RF is working on re-introducing this in some way to ensure that all children have some form of physical activity every day.
- Discussions are ongoing about the proposed Visitor Levy. There has been opposition to this from some businesses in Stirling but support from many Stirling residents. The money raised would be ring-fenced to promote tourism and visitor events. A trial bus service which will hopefully begin in early 2026 would also be one of the projects supported by the Visitor Levy. The current proposal is that the bus service would operate between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. but it is hoped that this could be extended. The levy is likely to start in June 2027.
- MB asked about the provision of public toilets in the area. The Sports Centre in Fintry is amenable to allowing their toilets to be used by members of the public but would appreciate funding to assist with keeping the toilets clean and with the provision of toilet paper, soap etc. RF confirmed that this is one of the issues that will be looked at if visitor numbers are to increase. The use of comfort partners could be re-introduced; facilities for camper vans and caravans to empty their toilets needs to improve; and the option of eco-toilets is being investigated.
- MM asked if there was a move at the moment to clean up certain areas around Stirling (pavements etc.). RF confirmed that deep-cleans are going on Stirling wide.

MB will find out if Fintry is on the list and in particular check if the path to the church is going to be cleaned.

- The budget for grass cutting, especially in cemeteries and play parks is being looked at.
- RF will chase up the funding for the flying fox in the play park in Fintry.

V. Police Report

Fintry

Crime: No crime recorded within the period

Incidents of note: After a particularly heavy night of rain, police received a call regarding a driver whose vehicle had become stuck in a large puddle on the B822 outside of Fintry. Thankfully, there were no injuries, and the occupants of the car were able to safely exit the vehicle until such time the car could be moved.

VI. Planning

- An application for a side extension and erection of a double garage at 2 Gartcarron, Denny Road, Fintry has been submitted.
- An application has been submitted for a wind farm comprising of 4 turbines (180m to blade tip), associated infrastructure, including access and access tracks, bridge crossings, 33KV sub station, borrow pits, cabling and temporary construction compound (known as Drummarnock Wind Farm) at land 1340m south east of Easter Cringate Cottage, Polmaise Road, Fintry. The Senior Planning Officer has sent an email to FCC inviting comments.
- MB will ask the Planning Department to include RG on their emailing list.
- MM will request the minutes from a recent licensing meeting which she was unable to attend.

VII. Finance

- FCC received £500 from the filming company who were filming at the Menzies Hall recently.

VIII. Resilience update

- The BBC have requested an interview re: the leaky dams.
- More willow spilling is planned in the river to the rear of the Sports Centre.

IX. Roads/paths

- A member of the public raised the issue of the speed limits on the road between new and old Fintry and between old Fintry and the Denny Road. Parts of this are the national speed limit which often leads to motorists not abiding to the speed limits in places that are 40 mph. The member of the public has been in correspondence with Stirling Council but the reply quoted rules/technicalities which are not applicable to this situation. Various methods of encouraging motorists to stick to the speed limits were discussed including the purchase of a hand-held speeding gun shared between a few local communities. MB will contact Stirling Council. RF also suggested putting together a petition from Fintry residents asking for a review of the speed limits if MB does not get a positive response.

X. Correspondence

- A letter was received from Paul Henke (Stirling Councillor) to say that work is planned in 2026 to thin out the trees in the jungle. This is in response to the issue with the crows.
- Information was received about full fibre optic timelines for Fintry with the phasing out of landlines for telephones.

XI. Any other business

- MB has been made aware of funding available for young people and will put in an application.

- Information regarding keeping warm during the winter from Age Scotland will be posted on Facebook.
- Information about reducing social isolation including the lunch club in Balfron and coffee mornings in Stirling will be posted on Facebook.
- RG attended a meeting regarding proposed changes to the Balfron Household Waste site. The existing facilities will be demolished and a new facility will be built. Dependent on planning, work may start in June 2026 and will take approximately 6 months.
- RG asked about the zebra crossing planned for Main Street. This is not going ahead. No other plans have been finalised yet.

XII. Date of next meeting

- The next FCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30 p.m.

MB thanked everyone for attending and thanked HS for chasing up the situation with the post box. She also congratulated RF on becoming Lord Provost.