



Community  
Development  
Team



# Stirling area Community Council News

January 2023

## **Community Council Elections 2023**

Stirling Council is putting in place the arrangements required to provide a full set of Community Council elections in the first half of 2023. Formal notice of election will be published in due course, but it is expected that the process will start around April. A full timetable will be published when set with periods set out for nominations to be made and, where required, for polls to be held.

Once memberships have been elected, Stirling Council will support inaugural meetings of each Community Council. Now is the time to engage with your community to assess any interest in the run up to these elections.

Support will be provided by the Community Development Team where this is assessed to be required or when requested, subject to resource. Please let us know if you feel the community would benefit from our involvement. Keep an eye out for further updates to follow.

## **Community Development Team Winter Programme**

Details have now been sent out to all Community Councils on how they can apply for £100 to plan or host a community event between December-March.

The event would be a great way for communities to meet their Community Council, find out more about them and what they do. The event can also be a great way of networking with other

community groups and organisations within your area. If you would like to discuss further or for more information please contact Marnie Forster, Community Development Officer (Covid Recovery).

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## December Stats.

Enquiries received

**34**

Enquiries responded to by deadline

**32**

Deadline achieved

**94%**

## Community news

***This is where any events or initiatives you are involved in can be published.***

## Community Council Health Check Pilot

As part of strengthening Community Councils and boosting their resilience, the Community Development Team have developed a **Community Council Health Check**.

Based on the Community Council Handbook, this Health Check uses a self-assessment tool, which can be used to identify the aspects of your Community Council you may want to strengthen and supports you to consider ways to do this and build the knowledge, skills and capacity of your group.

The Community Development team are currently running a pilot scheme with the Community Councils who expressed an interest in being part of the pilot. The participating group of Community Councils attended a presentation to explain the process and are now working on completing the Health Check and summary documents. The participating Community Councils are working hard to get the finished documents completed and returned to the Community Development Team by end of December, beginning of January to be evaluated.

## PlaceBuilder

Thirty-two community subscriptions are available to local authorities **free of charge** between now and the end of this year for a digital engagement tool called PlaceBuilder, a cloud-based community engagement and consultation platform for planning projects. The Scottish Government's Digital Planning Team have been collaborating with [The Future Fox](#) on the tool, developed to better reach under-represented groups. It can be used to assist with local planning policy, development planning, improvements to towns and cities, transport planning and environmental projects. PlaceBuilder includes interactive mapping, questionnaires and built in feedback tools email: [digitalplanning@gov.scot](mailto:digitalplanning@gov.scot).

## USEFUL LINKS

[Stirling Council Community Council Web Page](#)

[Stirling Council Community Council Handbook](#)

[Stirling Council Elected Members By Ward](#)

[Stirling Council Ranger Service](#)

[Improvement Service, Useful For Updates And Support](#)

[Information Commissioner's Office](#)