**THORNHILL & BLAIR DRUMMOND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**19th August 2025 at 7:30 pm**

**Thornhill Community Hall**

**Minutes**

**1. Present and Apologies**

**Present:** Hector Muir (HM), Chair, Elaine Blanchard (EB) Secretary, Alison Newlands (AN) Minute Taker, Veronica Bachelor (VB), Cllr Gene Maxwell (GM), Rowena Coulthard (RC), Gary Thompson (GT), Sheena Stewart (SS), Robbie Craig (RC)

**Apologies:** Gabriele Ingle (GI), Campbell Millar (CM), Al Rawlinson (AR), Moira Russell (MR),

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting on the 3rd June 2025**

Minutes approved.

Approved by **VB**

Seconded by **RC**

**3. Matters Arising**

**Police Scotland**

HM reported that no response has been received to date for the Freedom of Information request submitted to Police Scotland.

**Community Hall Car Park Extension**

Stirling Council has refused the request to extend the community hall car park for school drop-off purposes. In addition, new **no waiting** restrictions have now come into effect around the school during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times, aimed at improving safety and traffic flow in the area.

**4. Reports – External**

**a. Police Scotland**

HM updated the meeting on the Police Scotland Report.

**Antisocial Behaviour**

On 19/07/25 Police had cause to stop a vehicle in the Blair Drummond area. Officers detected a smell of cannabis from the vehicle and following a search recovered a personal amount of cannabis. The driver was tested with no trace of cannabis in his system. He was issued a recorded police warning.

**Road Safety**

On 04/06/25 a two vehicle, non-injury RTC occurred at the junction with the A84 and the B8075, Kirk Lane. Police attended and enquiry was carried out with one driver being the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal for Careless Driving.

On 29/07/25 a two vehicle RTC occurred on the A84 at Blair Drummond. Police attended and after enquiry no offences were detected.

On 30/07/25 whilst on proactive mobile patrol on the A84 near Blair Drummond, officers had cause to stop a motorcycle in relation to the manner of driving. The rider was issued with a conditional offer of fixed penalty for careless

driving.

On 31/07/25 officers attended a car off the road, non-injury RTC in the Blair Drummond area. After investigation the driver was issued with a conditional offer of fixed penalty for careless driving.

On 02/08/25 a serious RTC occurred on the A84 at Blair Drummond with persons injured. Police attended and after enquiry one driver was arrested and charged for causing serious injury through careless or inconsiderate driving. He is the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

On 06/08/25 a two vehicle non injury RTC occurred on the A84 at its junction with the A873. Police attended and after enquiry the driver of one of the vehicles was charged and will be the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for Dangerous Driving.

**b. Stirling County Councillor**

GM advised that Stirling Councillors are now returning to office following the summer recess. Additionally, the Chief Executive of Stirling Council has resigned from her post. The Executive Director will assume the role on an interim basis until a permanent appointment is made.

GM advised that the transformation of Stirling’s former Ministry of Defence site is progressing well. The site is being redeveloped into a major film studio campus as part of a multi-million-pound deal. The project, known as **Stirling Studios**, forms a key part of the wider **Forthside redevelopment** initiative.

**5. Reports – Internal**

**a. Chair**

HM advised that he is continuing to campaign for improved road safety on the A84, particularly in light of the recent spate of crashes. The preferred outcome of the campaign is a reduction in the speed limit along this section of the road to help prevent further incidents and improve safety for all road users.

**b. Secretary**

EB advised that a request has been submitted to Stirling Council regarding reinstating the white line road marking just outside the village on the Aberfoyle side.

**c. Treasurer**

GT advised that the current account balance stands at approximately £200. A 2024/25 income and expenditure report has been circulated to members. GT also outlined the forecasted costs for the 2025/26 financial year.

**d. Planning**

Planning Report circulated prior to meeting and advised of the updates and changes received for planning in the area.

**6. Community Council Business**

1. **Traffic Issues - A84/Thornhill**

As discussed under matters arising.

1. **Traffic Issues - Primary Schools**

No update at present, new school signage still outstanding.

**c. Stirling Local Development Plan 3**

EB advised that Stirling Council are working on the new Stirling Local Development Plan, which is expected to be adopted in 2028. To inform the preparation of the proposed Local Development Plan, a [‘Call for Sites and Ideas’ consultation](https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/shaping-stirlings-next-local-development-plan) has now opened for a period of 12 weeks. The closing date for this consultation is aligned with the deadline for communities to submit Local Place Plans – 31 October 2025.

**d. Offering VB and CM full membership from their co-opted status**

Co-opted members Veronica Bachelor and Campbell Millar are now eligible for full membership of the Community Council. Both have accepted full membership.

**e. DRT/Public Transport**

GM has advised that Stirling Council is currently pausing taxi licences in the city centre due to an overload of taxis operating in the area. The review is intended to manage congestion and ensure an appropriate balance of licensed vehicles within the city centre.

The DRT is not currently running due lack of drivers willing to take on the contract.

**7. Residents Forum**

**Nothing to report.**

**8. AOB**

**Royal Mail Deliveries**

VB has reported ongoing issues with Royal Mail letter deliveries in the Thornhill area, resulting in noticeable delays. Additionally, the local Post Office mobile unit is facing significant mechanical problems, causing inconsistent service availability.

GM advised he will raise an issue regarding rural post deliveries.

**8. Date, time, and venue of next meeting**

**7th October 2025 at 7:30pm Thornhill Community Hall.**

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| **Action Points** | **Member Responsible** |
| **FOI Request to Police Scotland** | **HM** |
| **A84 Road Safety Campaign** | **HM** |
| **Rural Post Deliveries** | **GM** |

Meeting closed 20:30.