



Present: Isobel Hunter (chair), Paul Barlow, Robert Laird, Andrew Clark, Alison Leite.

Apologies: Sara Van Der Vat, Cllr Viv Thompson, Ross McIntyre

Minutes approved Thursday 29th January 2026:

Proposed: AC second RL

Police Reports: The police have looked into reports of threatening behaviour within the village. It also identified increasing reports of scams in the area. Information on how to identify scams can be found on the police website.

1. Safe Skirling

Speed Spy (Rmc) No update.

Cinder path (RL): Discussions are ongoing regarding the path from Skirling Mill through the village. The CC would like to further inquire about the possibility of a path at the north side of the village.

Action: AC will ask the neighbours at the top of the village to gauge thoughts. RC will then enquire with possibility of funding.

2. Well connected skirling

Path (PB) Meeting with the landowner has taken place and he has agreed to the clearing of wood to go ahead. PB has also met with Lawrence Miller who has agreed to carry out this work. This will likely take place after September as lambs and nesting birds will no longer be an issue. Regarding the proposed way markers, Glenrath poultry said they will get back to us. RL suggested slabs with arrows as markers could potentially be used in where it would be inappropriate to use the wooden signage.

Busses (IH): IH has identified further flaws in the timetable which have been reported back. VT thinks it's unlikely any changes will be implemented as there has not been a lot of support or backing from the community.

3. Community life

Playpark (PB, IH): Pre application advice from SBC has been received and they have confirmed they have no issue with the proposed location. A design company has visited the site and drawn up some plans. Neighbours that will be directly affected have been informed. Proper consultation will take place in due course.

4. Environment and Heritage: No update.

5. Sustainability and Resilience

Graveyard railing: (AC) David Gardiner has carried out the work on the railing. **Action: SV will double check payment was made.**

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Tree felling: Cllr VT advised work will recommence when weather permits. A plan will be made available to the CC before any further action is taken. CC agreed to wait on repairing the wall until after the tree felling has been completed.

6. Village maintenance

Splash Bridge (RL): SBC has fixed the broken parts on the bridge. The CC is very grateful for this. The potholes on the road continue to be a problem. Work has been carried out on a small patch of the road here but it is disappointing the rest of the road has been overlooked. It has been noted that people avoid the road altogether as it's so bad.

6. Funds update (SV) Update:

Description	Balance
SSE Clyde Windfarm Funds (micro-grants & main grants)	£2,169.66
SSE Clyde Youth Bursary	£1,450.00
Nadara Glenkerie Winfarm (micro grants)	£1,413.92
SBC and Other.	£372.10
Bank Closing Balance.	£5,405.68

AL asked if we can apply to the windfarms again to consider increasing the amount of money available to be paid out from the YBF. She feels the cost of living has risen drastically in recent years and families need more financial assistance than before. Families within the community have benefitted from the windfarm grants and we are extremely grateful for any additional contributions that can be made. **Action: SV to look at cash flow and see what can be done.**

7. Correspondence Received – None.

8. AOB

Village clean – 12th April. Action: SV and her daughter will design a poster and Katy Miller will put it on social media. IH will correspond with KM and SV. AC suggested refreshments be served after.

Skirling Car Boot Sale 10th May.

Fallen tree beyond Skirling House: AC asked about the tree at Skirling House. Action: IH will ask Lawrence Miller to clear it away.

RL reiterated the need for dog walkers to be vigilant around livestock. Clean up dog mess and dispose of grass cuttings responsibly. Action: AL will ask KM to put this info on the village facebook page.

IH will stay on as co-opted trustee of the SDCT representing the CC.

RMc will chair the next CC meeting which will be the AGM (28.5.26): CC members discussed the need to try and obtain new volunteers to join the council.

Meeting end 20.45

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