Buchlyvie Community Council Meeting
Minute of Meeting
23/04/2026
Buchlyvie Village Hall

Present: Jessica Langford (Chair)
Margaret Bennie (Vice Chair)
Alison Moffat (Secretary)
Colin Mutch (Planning Officer)
Maureen Burnside (Member)
Fionna Armour (Interim Treasurer)

Apologies: Emily McLelland

Minutes: Caroline Stewart
Residents: 14 residents in attendance

1. **Welcome, recording of those present and apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the April meeting and thanked them for attending. Apologies were received from Emily McLellan.

2. **Recording of Declarations of Interest**

Nothing declared

3. **Adoption of Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes were adopted and approved by AM and seconded by CM

4. **Matters Arising**

No matter arising

5. **Chair's Report – Jessica Langford**

Jessica wanted to give thanks to the volunteers for giving up their Friday to support the Youth Café. The volunteers have been running the café without a Youth Worker. The rave disco on March 27th was very successful, 37 young people attended from the local villages and the Music was provided by Europa Music. Special thanks to Eilidh Weir for organising and Margaret Bennie for doing hotdogs and everyone else who helped.

We received funding from Stirling Council and Youth Scotland Action Fund which means that the Youth Café can now recruit a paid Youth Worker for the next term. Kat Stepian will be employed on a freelance basis. She lives in Stirling and will be supported by at least one volunteer. There are plans to run a Friday fun night with a bouncy castle and disco. This will be discussed with the young people and volunteers.

Spring Clean, Buchlyvie Litter Pick took place on 1St April with a group of 7 volunteers picking up litter for 2 hours. Margaret and Shena McLean cleared rubbish around the streets and playpark. Stirling Council came and collected the rubbish bags.

6. **Treasurer's Report – Fionna Armour**

<u>Account Activity</u>

Opening balance from last reporting (BCC Meeting on 12.02.26
£4742.19
Current Balance @ 21/04/26
£5116.27

Balance Ringfenced as follows:
Buchlyvie Community Council (BCC) - £ 2182.94
Youth Café - £2430.77 (including 1183 in grant funding)
Community Hub - £502.56 (including £240 in grant funding)

Opening Balance	Income	Amount	Expenditure	Amount	Closing Balance
	Rural Action Fund Grant for Youth Cafe	750	Hall Hire Jan/Feb/Mar	420	
	Stirling Council Grant for Youth Cafe	433	Minute Taking & travel	50	
			Insurance Costs (YC Insurance and litter	184.46	

			picking for BCC)		
			New website	120.36	
			Bank Service Charges	14.10	
			YC Disco – Ticket Printing Costs	20.00	
4742.19		1183		808.92	5116.27

Income

Two successful grant applications for Youth Café have added £1183 to their balance and will be used for weekly activities and the cost of a Youth Worker.

Expenditure

Total Expenditure for the period of £808.92 as detailed in table above which include renewal of Youth Café annual insurance.

Admin/Minute Taking Grant – For reporting year 25-26 we were allocated £677.03 from Stirling Council to cover admin and minute taking costs for the BCC. We have now utilised all admin funds allocated to us and have £160.00 of minute taking funds remaining. Admin/Minute taking grant submission for reporting year 26/27 is due by 31st July 2026.

Assets Insurance submission completed at end of March to ensure that assets owned by the Community Council are adequately insured.

7. Planning Report – Colin Mutch

Only been one new application for Burnside Terrace to convert ground and first floor flats into a single dwelling, no decision has been made on it yet. One comment from the Scottish Wildlife Trust advising that they need to take into consideration bats that may be nesting in the roof. Even if they aren't there at the moment, they can move back later.

Mansfield Station Road approved with conditions applicants have three years to complete the work.

North Burn dog grooming service approved with three conditions work must be done in 3 years, only operate within agreed times and it can't be used as a shop. There should be no issues with parking or the road as people would only drop dogs off and leave. No more enforcements since the last report

8. **Police Report – Alison Moffat**

Police received a report of a theft of a motor vehicle from an unlocked shed. Enquiries are still ongoing to identify a suspect.

Police received a report of three persons having used cutting equipment to force entry to a locked container and attempt steal items from within. Enquiry conducted and no offenders yet identified.

Two speeding offences detected on the A811 near Buchlyvie by the Safety Camera Unit. The highest speed recorded being 61 mph (Vehicle Restricted to 50mph).

9. **Local Place Plan – Colin Mutch**

There have been issues with the map in the LPP. Colin has been liaising with James at SC. A site had appeared on the map, therefore had to get the map amended. The LPP has already been uploaded on the website, waiting for it to be signed off, once the map has been updated

10. **The Triangle – Maureen Burnside**

Maureen sent a long email to Stirling Council on 2nd March, but SC haven't provided answers to any of the questions raised. Maureen is working with Stephen Bly to try and resolve the issues. It has been agreed if a response is not received by the end of the month, a formal complaint will be made.

The Triangle is looking much better. Maureen advised that legislation states that abandoned vehicles are the council's responsibility, therefore need to decide if the vehicles on the Triangle are abandoned.

Maureen asked the CC what they want to do with the Triangle as SC will not maintain it.. There was a discussion about whether it should be all grass, flowers, wildlife garden, plant another tree and if also who would do the work. The general feeling was that it should be kept simple. Maureen will try and get a group together. There was a discussion about whether the families in the cottages could share the maintenance, eg: grass cutting.
Action: Contact the owners of the cottage to try and arrange a meeting.

11. The Play Park – Jessica Langford

This was developed by the Buchylvie Community Association between 2012 and 2014. It is well used by toddlers and Primary aged children but now needs repair due to lack of maintenance. The equipment needs cleaned and algae removed as well as varnished, the timber also needs replaced and new bark chips needs to be put down. The CC met with SC Land Services and service who agreed to take on the job, but due to cutbacks they can't guarantee when it will be done. There was a discussion about getting a group of volunteers to clean and varnish and get SC to do the heavy work. One resident asked if the community would be allowed to do the work, as the land is owned by SC and the structures have been adopted.

A resident asked about the bench seat in Culbowie Road. The neighbour had previously offered to repair wooden slats, but not allowed to do so by SC due to H & S issues. There was a discussion about replacing the current seat and putting a new one in the same place or move to another place near the wood.
Action: To asked if a bench could be put near the tree - Margaret

12. Community Development Trust – Colin Mutch/Maureen Burnside

Things are progressing with this and the next thing that is due to happen is on Sunday 3rd May. There will be an open meeting between 1 and 4pm in the Village Hall with everyone who is interested welcome to come along and have a chat.

13. Burn Green Banking – Margaret Bennie

Alison was approached by a resident as the banking on the corner is falling away. Alison contacted SC who confirmed they own the land a meter away from the edge of the burn. Therefore, the area is no man's land. Alison then contacted John Brown who previously owned Central Farm business. The four houses were sold along with the land which included the bridge. The people who bought it only have right of access and no one owns the ground before the bridge. There was a discussion about what the CC should do or is the responsibility of people who live across the burn as it is likely in a few years they won't be able to use the bridge. There was also a discussion about the gabion baskets, and this led to some confusion, so a member of the public asked for it to be minuted that two separate discussions took place.
Action: Maureen will write a draft letter, and Margaret will try to find the names of all the people that live there.

14. AOCB

- MOP raised ongoing issues with Buchlyvie United Football team having to postpone games due to issues with a waterlogged pitch. The pitch is

owned by SC, and no one is willing to take responsibility with the issue being passed back and forth between SC and Primary School. If the team can't play their games, it affects the whole league. There was a discussion about the best resolution including planting trees to help with drainage and the possibility of the CC addressing the issue themselves if they meet conditions and what the principles would be to do
Action: Contact local Councillors, SB has previously been involved but the matter didn't progress due to cost.

- Information received from Frank Deas, Southwest Scotland Community Action Group who are trying to support villages to set up a resilience hub to respond to emergency such as flooding, bad weather and power cuts and have systems in place to keep the village running. SC have an enterprise group who have been allocated funding to help set up the hubs. It was agreed it was a good idea for Buchyvie. There was a discussion about the Issues previously with getting a generator for the Village Hall this was due to the site of hall Jessica has agreed to be the CC representative. Maureen will report back. The community expressed an interest in being involved.
- Youth café – the CC have enough money to pay a Youth Worker every week for the next 10 weeks but would be good to have a more long-term arrangement in place. Due to this the CC want to apply to the lottery to get funding for 2 years so there is continuity. JL asked for permission to this and this was greed by the community
- Kings Highway meeting – the feedback was that there were issues with the accuracy of the maps. Emily McLelland advised that she was very disappointed about how the consultation was conducted, maps were blurry and not all routes were considered. This has been discussed with David Hopper, SC felt it would be better to start afresh. If anyone is interested in getting involved contact David Hopper.
- Speed Survey at last meeting chased up about getting it done this was completed a week later. Still awaiting the results. CM will chase the results up. Only have two patrols covering the whole of FV area but Police Scotland have agreed if they are on their way back, they will sit in the village and do a survey with a radar gun. Share data, can do own analysis.
- Many people will know Patrica (Tricia) Cummings is leaving the village. Minute that the village wants to thank her for all she has done for the community.

15. Resident's Forum

Nothing else raised

16. **Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 18 June 2026, AGM 7pm followed by the scheduled meeting at 7.30pm**