

STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the open to the public meeting held on 9/3/2026.

ATTENDEES

J Frew	SCC Chair
D Campbell	SCC Secretary/Treasurer
D Devoy	SCC Member
R Wilson	SCC Member
N Clarke	Co-Opted Advisor (to be ratified at the next meeting)
D McTiernan	Elected Member
C Inglis	Elected Member
J Sweeney	Elected Member
K O'Neil	NAC
D Young	NAC
M Miller	NAC
D Mac Phee	Guest Speaker . Scottish Flood Forum

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed all attending.

RATIFICATION OF A NEW SCC MEMBER

David Devoy was Proposed as a New SCC Member by D Campbell and Seconded by J Frew.

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from J McClung, A Finlayson and A Kane.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Acceptance was Proposed D Devoy and Seconded by R Wilson

MATTERS OUTSTANDING

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Only routine correspondence had been received and passed on as required.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following balances were reported:
Community A/C £9259.64

Business A/C £1383.64

POLICE REPORT

The Secretary stated that the Official Police Report for Stevenston Community Council for February 2026 had been received, and it had been circulated to all on the SCC mailing list prior to this meeting.

The Secretary hoped that this would give SCC members and members of the public time to read the report and comment on its contents at the next SCC open to the public meeting. The Secretary also stated that this would be “standard practise” going forward.

SCOTTISH FLOOD FORUM

Doug MacPhee of the above organisation gave a Powerpoint presentation about his organisation’s work and how they can help house holders and business owners in the event of flooding. The salient points are noted below.

The Scottish Flood Forum is a registered charity (Sc043783) funded by the Scottish Government.

They can help with impartial help and guidance in making the best choice of property flood protection.

They can help with what to do before, during and after a flood.

They can help if you have problems getting (or keeping) buildings insurance, particularly cover for flood damage.

They can help with advice and support via their information line and enquiries number 0131 563 9392.

They can help with useful information on their website, www.scottishfloodforum.org

They can help in bringing your community to plan and prepare in advance of a flood.

Various handouts were available for distribution at the meeting. These included the following:

A Guide to Flood Protection.

A Guide for household resilience.

A Guide for recovering from flooding for insured properties.

A Guide for recovering from flooding for un-insured properties.

A Guide on the Emotional impact of flooding.

A Guide on Flooding-What to do now.

A Guide on an Emergency Flood Kit should you be evacuated to a Rest Centre.

A Guide to the SEPA Flood Forecast.

NB. These handouts can be downloaded from www.scottishfloodforum.org

A short Q&A session took place in which Mr MacPhee answered questions from SCC members and members of the public present.

M Miller (NAC Team Leader Flooding) who was present at the meeting, was asked to comment on what NAC were doing to mitigate flooding in Stevenston. His answer is printed below.

“NAC’s flooding team has commissioned a consultant to assess options to reduce flood risk from Stevenston Burn. The identified “ preferred option” could have the potential to be put

forward as a formal scheme but consultations along with economic and environmental studies would all need to be favourable and both the local authority and the Scottish Government would need to be able to make funding available. A flood scheme remains a long term ambition at this stage and there is still a lot of uncertainty.

In the meantime and because of the work undertaken to date as a verified existing flood risk, NAC Flooding is keen to support the establishment of a local flood resilience group for at-risk areas in Stevenston. The group (or groups) could help manage flood impacts from more regular, lower magnitude events.

NAC would still be able to help when required and would still act as a “first responder” in emergency situations along with other organisations.”

The Chair thanked Mr MacPhee for his presentation.

NAC PLANNING SERVICES.

Mr A Finlayson of NAC was unable to attend and has rescheduled to meet with us at our April 2026 meeting.

BERRY WIND FARM UPDATE

The Chair informed the meeting that SCC had taken advice on making an appeal against the Reporters decision. The advice given to SCC that an appeal was unlikely to succeed. If SCC were to proceed, the next step would involve High Court hearings and would be expensive. This would be outside the scope of SCC finances.

OPERATION MOONBEAM

The question of raising another FOI request on the cost of this multi-agency operation on Bon Fire Night was raised.
The consensus of SCC was that we should not pursue this course of action.

FOI RESPONSE. BEACH PATH.

SCC had received a response. This response had been circulated to all on our mailing list. NB. Every document in this FOI Report had been heavily redacted.
SCC had sent a letter to T Reaney, Head of Service at NAC. This letter had also been circulated to all on our mailing list.

AFTON COURT ALARM SYSTEMS.

J Sweeney informed the meeting that he had arranged for NAC Housing to visit every resident in Afton Court to ensure that each premises had a working and compliant alarm system.

MATTERS OF CONCERN

No report was available on the Rankins situation.
No report was available on the bins situation at the Glebe St/Boglemart St gable end.
Parking issues are still problematic on Glencairn St.
Parking issues are still problematic on Moor Park Road West.

A.O.C.B.

The following points were noted.

An email from the NAC Parking Enforcement Team had been received and circulated to all on our mailing list. The team will carry out checks on this area. This is in response to concerns of SCC on Illegal and irresponsible parking on Afton Rd raised at our February 2026 meeting.

Elected Members will look at the congestion issues on Afton Rd at peak times.

I Kinghorn (NAC Street Scene) and the Chair had agreed the siting of new litter bins/dog fouling bins in Stevenston.

Bins sited so far:

Station Rd bus stop near the Moor Park Rd junction.

Cambuskeith Rd

Stevenston Cross at the Library side of the pedestrian crossing.

A new red dog poo bin at the Tesco end of the High Rd, replacing a very old damaged one.

2 further sites are being looked at.

A bin on Mayfield Rd, hopefully a black one, to replace the existing red dog poo bin which does not have a big enough capacity.

A new bin outside Hayocks Community Centre.

I Kinghorn still has these 2 sites on his radar and will let us know his decision later.

It was noted that NAC is looking to appoint a Chair for Three Towns Pride of Place Funding Committee.

The Chair thanked D Young and his team on the cleaning of the paths on Dubbs Rd. This has made a considerable difference to the area and made it safer for pedestrians.

There has been no further response from the Ayrshire Medical Group on questions posed by SCC.

It was noted that when work is completed on the Shore Rd Memorial Garden, new gravel (2 to 3 tons) will have to be placed. D Young will help in this matter.

NAC has intimated that Purple and Blue domestic bins will now be put on a four weekly collection cycle. The Grey and Brown bin cycle is unchanged.

NAC will advise tenants and homeowners when these changes are to be implemented

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

April 13th at 7.00pm in the Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre.