

SALINE AND STEELEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING TUESDAY 27th January 2026 at 7:30 pm

VENUE SALINE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MINUTES

Present	Tina Chapman, Sharon Glendon, Claire Cuthbertson, Ronnie Collins, Gary Collins, Annabelle Davidson, David Sproul, Jean Morris, Marie Crane, Chloe Veitch, Donald Murdoch, Kay Jackson, Lorraine Dobie	
1	Welcome - Tina welcomed everyone for coming tonight on such a windy and cold night	
2	Apologies - Sam Steele, Karen Beaton, Lisa Duncan, Di Crawford, Jacqueline Stones	
3	Previous meeting notes - Accepted	
4	Matters arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of Saline church building – item from Jacqueline Stones, delighted to say our community consultation event over the weekend went well. We had 98 people coming along to the event and have had 150 community Questionnaire’s completed as off 21st January, will continue to canvas support over next 2 weeks as follows, • Regular posts on the village Facebook page to share ideas and encourage completion of Questionnaires • Ongoing communication with Saline Primary School to gather their input into the Project. • Discuss at Community Council meetings • Community Consultation Questionnaires pick up and drop off points around the Village. <p>We are aiming for 250 completed Questionnaires Many people did not understand that the Church building would no longer be a ‘Church’ or ‘religious’ establishment and when clarified confirmed their support – we will provide further clarification over next 2 weeks via the activities above.</p> <p>Many people favoured the option to retain the site and church hall but felt it would be more cost effective to remove the Church building and develop a purpose-built community space.</p> <p>Most people agreed with the listed options for use detailed on the Questionnaire however there was huge support at the event to develop the retained Church into flexible performance space.</p> <p>We will hopefully hear from the Scottish Land Trust regarding our funding application by the end of January to allow us to progress all the required surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oakley Road traffic/parking safety ongoing 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defib update, with thanks to Saline Primary School for Raising funds to purchase a defib or possibility to hire or rent one. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loop hearing system update – Tina has acquired one and in place Unsafe Trees Oaklea -most have been done no update from Cllr Beaton as not in attendance 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-painting of white lines in the village still awaiting information 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pothole issues- keep reporting any issues to Fife Council through their website, sinking manhole by bus turning circle Steelend, terrible potholes from Elderberry gGen all the way to Toll Gask heading to Kelty. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage issues new housing site west road - no progression with take this matter up again 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continual speeding on main street. February is the 6 months after 20 zone applied should now have a further speed check to see if more needs to be done. Pharmacy update from Lisa Duncan 'Apologies for my absence tonight, it's hard to believe that the pharmacy has been open for 4 months already. Although it also feels like we've been here for ages so 4 months in we have done over 5000 prescriptions and consultations. These include urgent referrals to GP' Hospital and Optometry so think it is safe to say we are making a difference to ease with which people can access pharmaceutical services. I have to say the welcome we have received from the community has been outstanding and we will do our utmost to ensure that we provide the best care that we can. Now that we are being to get our processes established, I can only say how much we are looking forward to the year ahead and the opportunity to provide more services like flu and travel vaccinations, exciting times indeed and we'll look forward to seeing you in the pharmacy.' West Fife Woodlands -Ronnie Collins -Scottish Forestry have been giving run around for over a year. Has been dealing with a guy called Will Huckleberry on path at Muir side path. Chris Beach sent pictures but don't think anything will happen for a couple of months. Will be doing tidy up of path at golf course and going back into Glen to do some work. 	
5	Reports	
	a) Secretary - Nothing to Report	Sharon
	b) Treasurer - Nothing to Report	Marie
	c) Councillors – Sam sent voice note- Flexi Bus Pilot - people having any issues any problems to email Cllr Sam, Kinneddar Park pavement fault over a year ago and is now completed after apologies from council. Bridge Street- road closure works will be done by 29 th January.	Sam and Karen

	d) Police – the report will be sent to the Community Council Gmail address and thereafter placed on the community Facebook page. Change of Community Officers who are not present tonight.	
	e) Community Groups	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Trust No change from last meeting no update on grant applied for 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage society No update 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening group' We have been having a little break however plan to get out mid-February. Keep an eye on Facebook for posts detailing our activities. We will be participating in the Keep Scotland Beautiful Spring clean campaign again this year which will run from the 3rd march to 24th April. We would love other village groups to get involved and we have the equipment available. Please get in touch salinesteelend.gardening@gmail.com Lovely to see villagers enjoying the Christmas Tree however concerned at the tyre marks left around the area. Many bulbs were planted in the area son don't want to fix the mess just now for fear of damaging them.' 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental group 'Thanks to Eddie MacFarline for doing the terraces for the Tool Shed (due beginning March) and bed. Looking for volunteers for the construction of the raised beds. March\April – courses and events we are planning to do (still in the planning stages so although likely not 100%) Foraging Fairea (herbalist who forages and then does stuff like aromantic footbaths and herbal remedies) Forth Pilgrim organisation for a 4 day children club to be held in the garden (forest school like activities) and a weekly permaculture gardening course for 5 weeks. (Grants from the Sanctuary Garden). 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community pantry AGM 3rd February 2026. Cozy Kingdom, Christmas Grotto and Law Centre have all been things done. Pantry is thriving people coming from all over to it 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA No Updates 	

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	<p>Date of the next meetings 24th February 2026</p>	