

Approved Minutes

Balmullo Community Council – Monday 8th June 2026

Committee present: Colin Finlay (CF) *Convener*, Andrew Donald (AD), Mike Fearon (MF), Cllr Louise Kennedy-Dalby (LKD) Sheryl Morris (SM), Sue Smith (SS), Cllr Jonny Tepp (JT)

Public present: 4

Apologies: Cllr Alan Knox, Alan Newlands, Moira Robertson

Minutes: Mike Fearon

Summary of Action Points	ACTION

1. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. Corrections
There were no errors or omissions.
- b. Actions arising.

	ACTION	OUTCOME
Confirm responsibility of the burn with Greenbelt and report flooding risk to SEPA	LKD/CF	Ongoing
Review website analytics to identify any improvements.	SM	Ongoing
Arrange temporary monitoring within the community – Breedon to install equipment at a local resident's house before the next blast date.	CF	Completed
Request an update on complaints process including contact details.	CF	Completed

2. Councillors Reports

- a. LKD advised a meeting has been scheduled with Greenbelt to address ongoing resident complaints and clarify land ownership/maintenance responsibilities. It was also confirmed that legal advice would have to be obtained to review the process for formally changing or terminating the current factor.

In addition, the proposal to scrap the North East Planning Committee and transfer its powers to a new, politically balanced, all-Fife Planning Committee have been paused.

- b. JT had no additional updates.

3. Treasurers Report

- a. No update.

4. Incoming Correspondence

- a. SS provided details of the current planning applications within the community including
 - [26/01493/FULL](#) – registered.
 - [25/02625/CON](#) – awaiting decision.
 - [25/00418/EIA](#) – registered.
- b. SS has circulated all incoming correspondence with committee members including.
 - Taybridgehead Forum meeting scheduled for Tuesday 9th June – CF and SS will be in attendance.
 - Newsletters (Fife Industry, Scottish Rural Action, The Editor - Public Sector Network Newsletter, Scottish Forum of Community Councils Newsletter 8).

5. Updates

- a. Officers from Police Scotland attended to provide an update on the policing profile in North East Fife. They noted that high call volumes and competing operational tasks had previously restricted their capacity for community liaison. However, a new model introduced in February 2026 has successfully freed up resources, allowing officers to refocus on community policing and actively engage with primary schools and local clubs.

It was highlighted that previously provided statistics do not fully reflect local crime realities, and that producing the monthly newsletter had required a disproportionate four hours of administrative time. As an alternative, Police Scotland recommends signing up to [Neighbourhood Alert](#), which provide more accurate, area-specific reporting tailored to localised crime threats.

The new community policing email address for non-crime communication is fifecommunitypolicenortheast@scotland.police.uk.

- b. Quarry liaison group – a secondary air monitoring site has been selected as CF's garden with a proposed installation of Friday 12th June. A request for an update on the complaints process remains unclear. Under the current policy, complaints are routed through the main central system at Breedon, resulting in a lack of direct feedback to the local team.
- c. Local Development – no update from Easy Living who left the meeting early.
- d. Save Lucklawhill – the group noted that the proposed changes to the planning committee are not impacting current progress and their primary focus will be organising a series of community events, including a picnic and wildlife talk to maintain public interest and engagement.
- e. Plants – plants and containers now in hand, including support for replacement of existing damaged barrels. Work to be completed before end of June.

6. AOB

- a. Quarterly Newsletter – it was proposed to reinstate the village newsletter as a means of sharing information out with the community Facebook Group/website. The publication will be entirely funded by advertising revenue, with various delivery options still to be considered. The first new edition will be released in November 2026

7. Date of next meeting – Monday 14th September