

Dollar Community Council Meeting

Monday 19th January 2026

7pm Captain's Room Dollar Academy

Attendees

Community Councillors	Guests	Apologies
Derek McDonald (DMc) Chair	Cllr Scott Harrison (Clacks Council)	Cllr Kathleen Martin (Clacks C)
Homer Fairley (HF) Vice Chair		Cllr Denis Coyne (Clacks C.)
Alistair Wood (AW) Treasurer	Janie Gordon (DCDT)	Adam Fitchet
Francis Allan (FA) Secretary		
Anne Sutherland (AS)		
Steven MacMillan (SM)		
Lorna Anderson (LA)		
Steve Holden (SH)		
Donald Malcolm (DM)		
Brian Thomson (BT)		
Mark Cresswell		
Roy Auld (RA)		
Peter Ritchie		

Nominated and Elected Office Bearers

Derek McDonald	Chair
Homer Fairley	Vice Chair
Alistair Wood	Treasurer
Francis Allan	Secretary

Subject	Actions	Note
1. Minutes of last meeting	Minutes of 15 th December 2025 Proposed Anne Sutherland and Seconded Brian Thomson	
2. Matters Arising	1. Resident's complaint: light pollution at FIDA building site DMc will raise the matter with the Rector and feedback to resident. 2. Clacks Council Planning Training Wed 25th February Peter Ritchie, Derek McDonald, Lorna Anderson and Donald Malcolm agreed to attend the training. FA will contact Lesley Baillie to book places. 3. Harviestoun Development DMc contacted Mr Poett. DMc requested more information about progress with the development. The site has not been sold to date and progress is slow. Mr Poett confirmed he will keep DCC informed.	
3. Clackmannanshire Councillors' Report	Councillors' report. See Appendix 1. Cow Wood update Cllr Harrison reported. The matter is now with Clack Council's Legal Dept as there is little that the Planning Dept. can do without legal back up.	
4. Law and Order	Police Scotland Report. See Appendix 2.	

<p>5. Finance and Fundraising</p>	<p>Alistair Wood reported.</p> <p>1. EDF Microgrants To release the next batch of microgrants, it is necessary to verify the expenditure from the previous batch. This is in progress.</p> <p>2. EDF Application to finance new DCC Website Grant of up to £5000 available. AW has one quote and is chasing up second quote. EDF grant closing is end of January. AW will submit application. DCC hope to work with DCDT on a new website for both organisations. AW will coordinate with Janie Gordon. DCDT also aim to apply for funding.</p> <p>3. Dollar News Advertising Almost all the invoices have been paid. AS will contact advertiser about remaining unpaid invoice.</p> <p>4. DCC Bank Account The transfer of the mandates is almost complete.</p>	
<p>6. Subcommittee Reports</p>	<p>1. Roads and Planning DCDT Planning permission granted for new public toilets on Burnside. Peter Ritchie will liaise with Rebecca. Harviestoun Development (see 2.3)</p> <p>2. Communications</p> <p>1. Dollar News AS will prepare document for handover of Dollar News to new team. (also see 5.3)</p> <p>2. Website (see 5.2)</p> <p>3. Dollar Flood Group Lorna Anderson is awaiting a response from Clare Johnstone (TCV Community Flood Resilience officer for Scotland) regarding a precise description of role the flood group is to perform and holding an open meeting with all interested groups in Dollar.</p>	
<p>7. Other Reports</p>	<p>1. EDF Steven MacMillan reported. Applications for the current round must be submitted by 31st January. Decisions will be made in March. Email to update on Microgrants, Christmas light grants etc. is expected soon. New named contact to be confirmed.</p> <p>2. JCCF No meetings.</p> <p>3. Dollar Community Development Trust Janie Gordon reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 5 trustee remains cause for concern. New trustees are required. Ideal candidates - DCDT is looking for a specialist in business/secretary, someone with legal experience and volunteers for events. • Join up in January event will be held on Saturday 31st January 2026 at The Hive. It will showcase activities and organisations in Dollar. • Public Toilet on Burnside Planning permission and partial funding secured. 	
<p>8. Local Place Plan</p>	<p>AS has circulated framework document to DCC. LPP deadline is late spring. It is to be submitted in draft form and Clack Council will review contents and may return to CCs with feedback for alterations. Identify main aspirations and priorities for three groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DCC and DCDT 	

	<p>2. Local Businesses and Schools etc. 3. Local event to collect community's input</p> <p>Organisations contacted include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCDT They provided details of previous surveys (eg street landscaping) • Alison Marshall has distributed surveys to local businesses. Awaiting responses. • Other organisations: Churches, National Trust, Historic Scotland and scouts <p>Anne Sutherland will continue to collect responses.</p> <p>A review of the Muckhart Plan identifies areas such as: community assets, emerging trends, climate, facilities, housing, public space, moving around etc. This plan follows the categories for the National Planning Framework.</p> <p>DCC does not have the resources to employ a consultant to carry out this process and finding funding could be a lengthy process.</p> <p>AS will forward current documents to DMc and RA. Derek and Roy will try to synthesise a draft document for the next DCC meeting.</p> <p>DCC members were asked to forward priorities for the place plan which conform to its 4 cornerstones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify sites for housing or community facilities • Improve town centres or village cores • Protect green spaces or local character • Supporting Active travel and climate resilience 	
<p>9. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Dollar has started the process of becoming a SCIO. With the help of funding from foundation Scotland etc. it has created walking and cycling maps for Dollar. These will promote good health and well-being. 	

Details of next meeting, Monday 16th February 2026. 7pm, Captain's Room Dollar Academy.

NB All members of the Dollar community are welcome to attend.

If you would like any information about DCC and its activities or wish to raise any matters, please contact the secretary or visit the website.

Email: dollarcommcouncilsecretary@gmail.com

Website: www.dollarcommunity.org.uk

Appendix 1. Clacks Councillors' Report

Clacks East Report including a short update from the Roads & Transportation Service.
Forwarded by Kathleen Martin

Traffic Management Updates

A new traffic island will be installed on Harviestoun Road this week.

The Traffic Management Officer is having a meeting with Dollar Academy regarding the Back Road to address various issues, including vehicles parking on double yellow lines/driving on the footpath.

The service will be looking at lining work outside the Co-op, but this is likely more for the new financial year. These works need to be carried out in the better weather, and the road needs to be partially closed to do it.

Delivering Educational Improvement in Clacks

The recent Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) Levels 2024-25 report, has highlighted that pupils in Clackmannanshire are benefitting from well-resourced schools and early learning and childcare settings, according to performance data. The report also shows significant improvements in attainment have been made, and that while pupil numbers have decreased slightly to 6,322, this local authority area has a current teacher workforce of 551. This means a Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) of 11.5, which is significantly better than the national average of 13.2 and the best figure for any mainland authority.

In secondary schools, attainment is outperforming the national average. S3 pupils achieving Third Level or better in literacy stands at 91.3%, higher than the 90% national average. S3 pupils achieving Fourth Level are now 5% above the national average in literacy and slightly above in numeracy. While exclusion rates remain high nationally, the Council recorded zero exclusions for the 2024/25 period.

Clackmannanshire also has the highest number of Additional Support Needs (ASN) teachers (37), resulting in an increase in ASN learners' literacy and numeracy compared to the 2021/22 figures.

Other key achievements highlighted in the report include:

- **Early Years Success:** The uptake of eligible two-year-olds in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) is 88%, the highest in Scotland and significantly above the national average of 55%.
- **Primary Literacy:** Early Level (P1) literacy stands at 78%, tracking 2% above the national average.
- **Attendance:** School attendance has improved to 91.2%

Appendix 2. Police Scotland Report

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INTRODUCTION

The Ward Officers for Clackmannanshire East (Clackmannan, Forestmill, Dollar and Muckhart) can be contacted by calling 101 or by e-mail at

barry.reiter@scotland.pnn.police.uk

barry.ritchie@scotland.pnn.police.uk

There have been 2 crimes recorded in the Dollar area since the last meeting.

INCIDENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Enquiries are ongoing after a driver was reported for driving dangerously, striking a pedestrian and thereafter assaulting them.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Additional patrols are continuing in relation to anti-social behavioural and to carry out speed monitoring in the area.

Any relevant information can be passed on by contacting police on 101 or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111.

Further information and advice regarding scams and fraud can be found at;
www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/

