Agenda for the Meeting on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Springfield Church.

Present
William Sell, Margaret Meikle, Cameron Campbell, Robert Frost, Pamela Fraser, Susan Reader, Ranald Cameron, Councillor Martin Greig, Councillor Ken McLeod.
Resident: Christine Boylan.

Apologies Cllr John Cooke, Keith Watson, Craig Melville, Martin Roberts.

Police Report
No Police Officers were present.

Minutes of the Meeting of 4th August 2026
The minutes of the meeting of 4th August 2026 were adopted on a proposal by Robert Frost, seconded by Cameron Campbell.

Treasurer's Report
Financial Report for September 2026 by Cameron Campbell: -

15 July 2026 - Statement opening balance 2026: £1850.18
31 July 2026 – Monthly Direct Debit payment to the Information Commissioner's Office was £47.00 (the data protection fee has risen from £35.00 in 2025).
03 August 2026 - Bank service charges Ref: 491825672: £4.25
14 August 2026 - Cheque no.010212 cashed: Honorarium payment to Catherine Mackay, Independent Auditor - £35.00
14 August 2026 - Statement closing balance £1763.93
This does not include his reimbursement for paying the Zurich Insurance premium of £97.20. The cheque has been cashed, and this will appear in the next Bank Statement due in mid-September.

During the August meeting, it was agreed to provide Mannofield Church with the sum of £100.00 as a contribution to one of their summer events. Cameron reported that the cheque has been prepared but not yet sent**.**

Cameron also reminded William that. during the August meeting, he asked the community council members to support a small change to proceedings for suggestions/project ideas requiring possible funding to be listed as a separate

agenda item, rather than being discussed during the Treasurer's report. This was supported by the Community Council. He had hoped that this format could be included in the September meeting agenda - and thereafter.

Suggestions/Project Ideas requiring possible funding
At the August meeting, Margaret Meikle reported that leaflets for Mrs Murray's Cat and Dog Home had been distributed. The organisation has launched a fundraising appeal for £500,000 to extend its premises and hopes to welcome residents to meet pets awaiting rehoming.
She proposed a £300 donation towards food costs, noting that regular donations would allow the organisation to focus its fundraising on the extension.
Cameron Campbell noted that £250–£300 would represent a significant proportion of the Community Council's budget.
Margaret Meikle replied that Mrs Murray's serves the entire city.
Keith Watson had suggested deferring the matter until this meeting.
The meeting had agreed with Keith's suggestion.

Accordingly, this subject was discussed at length, and an agreement was reached to support the principle of donating to Mrs. Murray's towards the building work, i.e. capital expenditure as opposed to feeding costs.

The Treasurer expressed his wish to keep donations local but suggested a donation of £30. Margaret disagreed with the insufficiency of this amount. Therefore, an improved proposal of £100.00, when put to a vote, was supported by a majority of 5.
The cheque for £100, payable to Mrs. Murray's Cat and Dog Home, was signed by Cameron and countersigned by William.

Funding the Christmas lights
William recalled that, at the August meeting, Martin Greig said he would ask developer Malcolm Allan to fund the Christmas lights.
He also recalled that Craig Melville had offered to seek additional funding from Dandara and other local businesses, including the owner of Figment Café on Countesswells Road. Craig had also proposed installing Christmas lights on Countesswells Road.
Martin had told the August meeting that he would explore solar-powered options and whether the lights could be attached to the new street-light columns.

Since the August meeting, Martin has asked the Council about installing Christmas lights on Countesswells Road beside the Seafield shops. He was told

this would be possible, but the Community Council would need to meet the installation costs and obtain approval from the lighting team. His enquiries are continuing.

Secretary's Report
Nil report.

Planning Officer's Report
Robert outlined the Council's planning applications and decisions for August 2026. These included works to protected trees at Queens Crescent.
Robert reported that the retrospective planning application by Malcolm Allan to build a retaining wall had been approved.
Planning permission had also been granted to the James Hutton Institute to fell several trees on their campus.
Members commented on the lack of water in Coupers Pond. Susan asked if this lack of flowing water affected Johnson Gardens. In his reply, Martin reported that SEPA said that the Pond in Johnson Gardens 'was fine'.

Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors
At the previous meeting, Robert Frost asked Martin about removing dock weeds from the Meadows and whether an area could be cleared and sown with wildflower seeds.
Martin Greig said he would investigate whether funding was available to create a meadow.
When Martin followed up with the Council, it suggested using a different name for the area because meadows do not thrive in woodland. The newly planted trees should eventually suppress the dock weeds.
A potential site was identified near Craigiebuckler Terrace, and Susan suggested planting one area as a trial.
Other suggested sites included the grassland beside the burn leading to Walker Dam, the island at the bus terminus, and an area near the junction of Monymusk Terrace and Craigiebuckler Avenue. Martin will pass these suggestions to the Council so that a site visit can be arranged.

Margaret Meikle reported that, when she visited Hazlehead Park with William to check for litter, she noticed that there were no litter bins in the path near the Memorial Garden. Ken McLeod explained that there are litter bins in the Memorial Garden.

Margaret informed Martin Greig that there is a deep pothole on Craigiebuckler Drive at its junction with Craigiebuckler Avenue.
Martin will report it to the Council.

Consultation pertaining to the proposed pedestrian crossing on Countesswells Road at the “Seafield Shops”: -

Martin Greig explained the sequence of the actions that will be taken at the end of the consultation.

Susan asked what is happening with the 20mph zones. Martin provided an update on the status of this initiative.

A.O.C.B.
Litter Pick on Saturday 29th August: -
Susan thanked all who attended the litter pick. She reported that 7 bags had been filled with litter and 15 dog waste bags had been removed by Martin and Vanessa Roberts from the ALDI area. Bottles and vapes were amongst the litter that was cleared.
She found that it was useful to patrol wearing hi-vis jackets because we were noticed by a lot of people and they spoke to us.
Susan mentioned that the pre-check that was carried out by Margaret and William was important.
She recommended the procurement of an ordinance survey map for the next litter pick so that areas can be delegated to team members.
Susan pointed out that, for safety reasons, team members should not split up.
She also rated communication as being too poor in the event of a medical emergency occurring during a litter pick. Therefore, she suggested that everyone should join our WhatsApp group as a means of communication.

Susan commented that it would be helpful to have signage in areas of much footfall to point out directions and environmental factors, etc.

It was agreed to hold the next litter pick on 26th September with Susan as organiser.
Susan suggested that 1.5 hours is sufficient for the event and we can revisit the areas we covered on 29th August.

There being no further business, William thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Date of the Next Meeting
7.00 pm on Tuesday 6th October 2026 in the Douglas Lounge, Springfield Church.