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Quarterly Public Meeting

Thursday, 20st August 2026, 19:00

Walled Garden

Chair: Lyndsey Baker. Acting for this meeting: Dee Macfarlane

Minutes

- 1) Welcome and Apologies
 - i) Apologies: Cllr Parrott, Jack Rivett, David Fulton
 - ii) Present: Sophie Younger-Dowse, Dee Macfarlane, David Nicol, Cllr Ahern, Grant Stephens, Laura Mutch & 4 members of the public
- b) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Public Meeting held 21st May 2026
- c) Proposed: Sophie Younger-Dowse
- d) Seconded: Dee Macfarlane
- 2) Councillors Report
 - a) Not much to report — mostly been on recess
- 3) Matters Arising
 - a) 20mph limit rollout in built-up areas (Cllr Ahern)
 - i) Cllr Ahern is looking for opinions
 - ii) General feedback is positive for built-up areas, but less so for main roads
 - iii) Community councils in North Muirton are to receive training on speed guns, allowing the community to have police issue warnings
 - b) Bridgend Appearance (Sophie Younger-Dowse / Cllr Ahern)
 - i) Loose render on the Macintyre building — a ticket has been raised; assessed as not unstable. Jodie Blake contacted for further advice. The next phase of work was to be the front elevation, however work has been put on hold due to a separate issue with water ingress. A significant amount of funding, drawn from multiple grants, will be required to fix the facade and roof works. In line with upcoming legislation, it was highly recommended that owner and tenant associations be set up to aid with fundraising on multiple owner/occupier buildings. Sophie Younger-Dowse is researching the process with Perth & Kinross to assist the Ward
 - ii) Parking permits are a dead end — not even being pursued in the city centre
 - iii) Toll House — rumoured to become an Airbnb unit with a commercial unit on the top floor (accessible from street level)
 - iv) Shop-front support — Sophie Younger-Dowse and Emily Queen are looking into the broken window at HolyShake. An HES shop-front grant may help fund the repair; boarding it up is the fallback option
 - v) City centre regeneration funding — following a walkaround with Emily Queen, Bridgend is likely entitled to between £10,000 and £20,000. Options include banners and braids on x4 street lampposts, potentially using images from the museum's collection. A ticket has been raised to repaint the railings opposite the Cross Keys, and another to clean Smeaton's Bridge
 - c) Local Place Plan (Dee Macfarlane)
 - i) Progress has slipped slightly, but completion is still hoped for before winter

- ii) Green spaces content is complete
- iii) Gannochy section is complete
- iv) Active travel section is in progress
- v) KPS survey results will be available soon
- vi) The consultant has been very helpful
- vii) Next step is to combine all sections and carry out community engagement
- viii) Photographs of the areas covered by the plan are requested from the community
- ix) Brown Field Sites & Planning
- x) Bridgend / Conservation Area

4) Ongoing Projects and Updates

a) Beautiful Bridgend Project

- i) Funding raised via the land trust and the Lang Foundation, partly spent on planters
- ii) Planters are looking great
- iii) Several planters remain available; some may be suitable for small trees
- iv) Volunteers are in place, but more people are needed to help carry heavy items

b) KPS Pedestrian Crossing

- i) No update

c) Notice Boards

- i) Work in progress on the school board handover and Langley Place board relocation
- ii) New BGK signage installed across Bridgend — thanks to Wisecraft and Signs and Designs

d) PKC Tickets and Infrastructure

- i) No updates on drains, roads reporting, or the Potterhill potholes walkabout

e) Cross Tay Link Road

- i) Joint working with Scone Community Council continues; a meeting with councillors is being arranged to discuss increased traffic
- ii) No update on traffic light software

f) Pitcullen House

- i) No bid was submitted by the Walled Garden project
- ii) No update from the NHS

g) Website and Social Media

- i) No updates

5) Open Forum — Questions from Members of the Public

- a) Graffiti on Lochy Brae needs cleaning up — residents encouraged to report via MyPKC (specifically flagged as graffiti) for quicker action
- b) Residents asked to report any suspicious activity, particularly drug-related activity in Potter Hill and Lochy Brae, to Police Scotland on 101 — more reports increase the likelihood of action in the area

6) Any Other Business

- a) Bus stop near Manse Road — Cllr Ahern to follow up

7) Date of Next Public Meeting

- a) 15th October 2026