

# Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

May 2019

## Welcome

Welcome to the May edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. This is a free news sheet from Stirling Council's Community Engagement Team which includes a variety of information gathered from different sources and organisations that we hope groups and communities will find useful. We endeavour to ensure all information is accurate and up-to-date. We can also include information about community activities and topics, please feel free to email us any contributions.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact us: [communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk)



**We have your ideas on how £100k should be spent in your ward area**

**Now you can vote on which ideas should be taken forward**

## Vote Now

Anyone of high school age and above, who lives in the area can vote

- online at - <http://bit.ly/YourStirlingYouDecideVoting>
- in person - at a **community event** (see our website)
- locally - by popping into **your local library**

**Voting starts 27th May until 23rd June 2019**

For more information see

**[www.stirling.gov.uk/youdecide](http://www.stirling.gov.uk/youdecide)**

## Stirling Council Consultations



There are two consultations open:

### **Stirling's Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Framework**

#### ***Survey of Taxi Users***

Users and non-users feedback on taxi/private hire provision within the Stirling Council area, please complete the online survey Survey for Taxi Users [<http://bit.ly/SC2019TaxiConsultation>]

#### ***Survey for Taxi License Holders***

For the Trade's view on the service and provision within the Stirling Council area, please complete the online survey Survey for Taxi licence holders [<http://bit.ly/SC2019LicenseHolders>]

**The closing date for the surveys is Wednesday 31 July 2019.**

### **Permanent Closure of Croftamie Nursery**

On 25 April 2019, Stirling Council's Children and Young People Committee agreed to a formal consultation to consider the permanent closure of Croftamie Nursery under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

For more information and to comment on the proposal, visit Permanent Closure of Croftamie Nursery [<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/learning-education/education-consultations/permanent-closure-of-croftamie-nursery/>]

**The consultation period will run from Friday 26 April to Friday 7 June 2019.** This is the period allowed for the statutory minimum of 30 school days.

## **Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Review of Occasional licences**

**The Scottish Government is reviewing the fee for occasional licences and considering a limit on the number and duration of occasional licences.**

The alcohol licensing regime is administered by Licensing Boards. The Boards carry out a range of functions including granting and reviewing licences. The regime operates on a cost recovery basis, with Board costs being covered by fees, including licence fees.

The purpose of the occasional licence is to cater for the multitude of events which take place on premises which are not 'fully' licensed but feature the sale of alcohol, for example fetes, wedding receptions and arts events. When used in their envisaged role, occasional licences offer a flexible regime for the hospitality and entertainment sector to provide alcohol at events outside licensed premises. However, concerns have been raised that some applicants have sought to use the occasional licence process to apply for consecutive occasional licences as an alternative to a full premises licence. Allowing them to circumvent parts of the licensing regime.

The purpose of the consultation is to consult on whether to raise the fee for an occasional licence from the current price of £10, and if it is agreed that the fee should increase, seek views on what that new fee level should be; and seek views on considering a limit on the number and duration of occasional licences for premises licence holders and personal licence holders.

To view the full consultation please visit the website:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/licensing-scotland-act-2005-consultation-occasional-licences/>

**The consultation will close on Tuesday 16 July 2019**

## Strengthening Community Councils



The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) and What Works Scotland have released their Strengthening Community Councils report. The report explores how community councils can be even more relevant in Scotland's evolving policy context, especially as public service reform continues through the Local Governance Review.

SCDC heard from more than 600 people involved in community councils about the role they play in the democratic landscape - and what could change to improve how they represent local communities going forward.

For more information and to access document please visit website:  
<https://www.scdc.org.uk/what/strengthening-community-councils>

## Updated Guidance on Charity Accounting

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) has updated its guidance on the legal requirements for preparing charity accounts and getting those accounts externally scrutinised. The legal requirements have not changed but the updated guidance aims to help charity trustees better understand the requirements. All of a charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the charity's accounts, even if they are not accountants or financial experts. So it's important that the guidance is accessible to all trustees.

OSCR advise that before you begin to prepare your charity's accounts, you should read **A Guide to Charity Accounts**. This guide explains the type of accounts that your charity should prepare and the kind of external scrutiny of the accounts that is required.

In addition to this, there are also two new guides for independent examination, one aimed at trustees and the other at Independent Examiners:

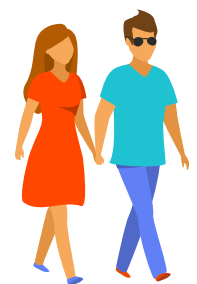
- **Independent Examination: A Guide for Charity Trustees**
- **Independent Examination: A Guide for Independent Examiners**

For more information please visit the website:  
<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/updated-guidance-on-charity-accounting/>

## Let's Get Scotland Walking - the National Walking Strategy

A major plan which aims to make Scotland a world leader as a walking-friendly country has been updated and relaunched. The Strategy sets out a vision where everyone benefits from walking as part of their everyday journeys, and everyone has access to welcoming and safe environments to walk in.

First published in 2014 by the Scottish Government, the National Walking Strategy (NWS) is a long-term plan to get more people in Scotland walking more often, improving the nation's health and wellbeing.



For more information please visit website:  
<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/news/news-post/national-walking-strategy-aims-to-make-scotland-one-of-the-worlds-most-walking-friendly-countries>

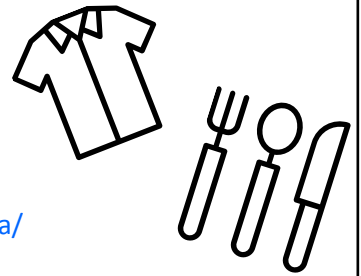
## School Uniforms, Free School Meals and Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

For information on what financial support may be available for you, including how to apply for the following;

- Footwear and Clothing Grants;
- Free School Meals;
- Free Nursery Meals;
- Education Maintenance Allowance.

Please visit Stirling Council's website

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/learning-education/schools/school-uniforms-free-meals-ema/>



## Switched On - latest report from Carnegie UK Trust

Switched On brings together recent research and evidence about key issues related to digital inclusion, with a particular focus on children and young people. Digital access is complex picture with multiple factors driving, compounding and impacting those who are included or excluded.

The report explores a number of features of the digital inclusion debate including analysing the components that comprise appropriate digital access, examines the impacts around a lack of access, maps exclusion factors in the UK and outlines the current policy and practice landscape, including successful interventions.

For more information please visit website: <https://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/publications/switched-on/>

## Living with M.E. in Scotland: your experience matters

The UK charity Action for M.E. is following-up on its survey from 2014. The charity is running a survey and are looking for people to share their experience on topics such as symptom management, impact on relationships and access to support.

To access the survey, follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/afmebigsurvey>

**The survey closes on Friday 2 August 2019.**

## Forth Valley Health & Social Care Bulletin

The latest edition of the Forth Valley Health & Social Care bulletin includes reports on how Housing Services meet the needs of older people; the new Scottish Government framework on a Fairer Scotland for Older People and the new Care Inspectorate resources hub. To access the bulletin visit

[https://mailchi.mp/8c87e5c24578/health-and-social-care-march-2019?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/8c87e5c24578/health-and-social-care-march-2019?e=[UNIQID])

## Movement for Good Awards

Ecclesiastical through its Movement for Good awards, are giving £1m to charities. They want to put their giving directly into the hands of remarkable organisations that are changing people's lives for the better.

For more information please visit the website:

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/>



## Stirling Council's Community Grants and Community Pride funding

These are small grants programmes up to £1500 which enable community groups and charities to deliver a huge variety of activities and opportunities in their communities, purchase new equipment, training or materials and much more.

There is a short and easy application form for eligible groups to complete; the Guidance Notes and Application Form give full details and are available at

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/community-leisure/support-to-communities/community-grants/> or please contact the Funding Officer on 01786 233143 if you wish to discuss.

The remaining deadlines/decision dates this financial year are below. Please note projects must not start prior to you being notified of a decision from us:

Deadline date:	Decision date:
9 July 19	14 August 19
20 August 19	25 September 19
1 October 19	6 November 19
12 November 19	18 December 19
7 January 20	12 February 20
4 February 20	11 March 20

## Investing in Communities Fund

The Investing in Communities Fund is open for applications from Tuesday 7th May 2019 until the deadline of Friday 14th June 2019 and is delivered as part of the Empowering Communities Programme. This is a new streamlined communities fund to tackle disadvantage, poverty and inequality that encourages community-led development, design and delivery of sustainable local solutions addressing local issues, circumstances and aspirations across a broad range of community led activity.

Grants of up to £250,000 are available over three years providing stability and recognising the need for longer term planning in some projects.

More information is available on the Empowering Communities Programme webpage

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/empowering-communities-fund/>

Guidance, help notes and the application form can be downloaded at

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/investing-in-communities-fund-application-form-and-guidance/>

If you have any questions regarding this guidance and/or the application process you can contact the Investing in Communities Fund Team by email at: [InvestingInCommunities@gov.scot](mailto:InvestingInCommunities@gov.scot)

## Crowdfund Scotland Events - Forth Valley and Lomond

### Interested in finding out more about crowdfunding?

Crowdfunding Scotland's team are running two events in association with partners at LEADER, within Forth Valley and Lomond area. This will be an introductory session suitable for anyone who wants to find out more about this method of fundraising and the potential uses for local projects.

Wednesday 12 June, 1.30pm – 2.30pm, Balloch

Tickets - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crowdfund-scotland-forth-valley-lomond-balloch-tickets-61626021088>

Tuesday 3 September, 1.30pm – 2.30pm, Callander

Tickets - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crowdfund-scotland-forth-valley-lomond-callander-tickets-61626123394>

## Eat Well Age Well - Small Ideas, Big Impact Fund

Eat Well Age Well aims to reduce the number of older people who are at risk of becoming malnourished, or already are hungry and malnourished.

The organisation want people to think outside the box and come up with innovative ideas that will help support older people to eat well and combat malnutrition. Your ideas could be to help support an existing project or it could be to implement a completely new initiative. Before applying, applicants should consider:

- What needs have been identified in your local area?
- What food/befriending activities are already in place?

Have any gaps been identified for morning/afternoon/evening or weekend support and activities

Applicants can apply for funds ranging from £50 to £5000 to test ideas which will prevent, detect and/or treat malnutrition.

Submissions for Round 2 of the Small Ideas, Big Impact Fund will be open from Monday 6 May 2019 until **Friday 2 August.**

For more information please visit the Eat Well Age Well website: <https://www.eatwellagewell.org.uk/apply>

## Scotch Whisky Action Fund

The Scotch Whisky Action fund is looking to support and develop a range of projects/ initiatives which deliver targeted interventions designed to tackle alcohol related harm in Scotland. It will focus on applications from new/innovative or pilot initiatives which aim to test new approaches and will offer an opportunity for learning that others can use. Grants of up to £25K are available.



For more information please visit the website:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotch-whisky-action-fund/>

**The closing date for application is Thursday 18 July 2019.**

## The Essential Trustee - What you need to know. What you need to do.

Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprises are hosting a free workshop on Friday 28 June from 10:30am to 1:30pm, at Jubilee House, Forthside Way Stirling.

This workshop is suitable for new trustees who wish to find out more about their duties and responsibilities in terms of the governance of charities. Good governance is about more than ticking boxes and ensuring you have the right policies and procedures in place. It's also about culture, behaviour and leadership. It's about how trustees make decisions, how well they understand their organisation and why it exists. If you have good governance in place your organisation will grow and flourish. This workshop aims to get you started in this process.

To book a place please click the link below

<https://theessentialtrusteeworkshop.eventbrite.co.uk>



## Holiday Fun Clubs – Summer 2019

Keeping children entertained and fed during school holidays can be a challenge and can have a big impact on family budgets. We know that for some families in particular, being able to use free Holiday Fun Clubs can help to take away some of these pressures. The Council cannot resource these clubs on its own and so we want to work with partner organisations to provide free Holiday Clubs across the Stirling Council area over the summer holidays. We hope that the families who would benefit most from these will

be able to attend clubs that are local to them.

If your organisation is interested in applying for funding to run a holiday club and you wish to find out more please contact:

Claire Barron – <a href="mailto:barronc@stirling.gov.uk">barronc@stirling.gov.uk</a>	01786 233881
Lynda Perkins – <a href="mailto:perkinsl@stirling.gov.uk">perkinsl@stirling.gov.uk</a>	01786 233032
Jennifer Abernethy – <a href="mailto:abernethyj@stirling.gov.uk">abernethyj@stirling.gov.uk</a>	01786 233209

If you are a parent/carer of a primary school aged child/children, please keep an eye on the Council's social media feeds and check in with your local school. Information about what's on should be available from mid -June onwards and booking will be required.

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