



Flood Resilience Group

Minutes 28th of November 2025

1) Welcome

2) Attendees: Andy Heer, Andrew McNaughton, Ewan Band, John Smith, Duncan Black, Councillor Donald Lothian

Apologies: John Brown, Annette Scott, Maaike Cook

3) Notes last meeting

Accepted as correct.

4) Woodmill Farm flooding

Duncan Black attended the meeting to complain about flooding in his fields caused by a diversion of the Falkland Burn on land belonging to Raecruick Farm. Previously the burn had entered the River Eden further downstream. At some time, not sure when but years ago, the burn was diverted and water now backed up so that Woodmill fields were flooded. Ewan explained that the problem was probably caused not by the angle at which the burn entered the river but by the fact that it now entered the river further upstream. Both farms are part of Falkland Estate and John Smith said that the estate had just engaged a new factor and he would speak to him at a meeting this Friday.

NB Woodmill Farm and the flooded fields lie within the Falkland CC area but the burn diversion lies within our CC area.

5) Leaky Barriers,

Three group members had visited Yetts O'Muchart and Ewan described their leaky barriers.

He was in touch with an engineer to visit the Glassarts location but had been waiting for the bracken to die down so that the site could be viewed better.

A level survey was needed to determine how many leaky barriers would be required.

Ewan can do an initial survey give us an estimate. We will need to decide on the best type of barrier.

6) Drains and Gullies

Councillor Lothian and local residents have cleared the gully in Station Road car park and the outlets to the burn and identified a broken non-return valve which has been reported. Cllr Lothian has also asked for a flood pod to be sited at this location.

The gullies at the fire station and on Newburgh Road now appear to be functioning. Group members are asked to identify any areas in their villages prone to puddling. Blocked gullies should be reported to Fife Council.

7) Any Other Business

Sandbag Stores. Councillor Lothian was asked to elaborate on his suggestion. He had visited another town outside Fife where he had seen a small shed for sandbags in a car park and he thought it was a good idea. He suggested that behind the bus shelter in Dunshalt would be a good location for one.

Auchtermuchty Burn retaining walls. These require regular maintenance. Ewan and Andy had met a Council officer who had told them that a program was in effect. Cllr Lothian will ask for a progress report.

Scottish Flood Forum flood bus. John Smith advised that the flood bus will be at the Falkland Winter Festival in the Falkland Village Hall car park on Saturday 6th December from 12-4pm.

Rivertrack. Still no reply from Rivertrack, Andy to chase them,

10) Date of Next Meeting

27th February 2026 at 14.00 hrs, Venue Auchtermuchty Church Session House.