



BLACKRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from Community Council meeting. Date: Tuesday 20th May 2025
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS	Andrew Valentini
Marion Stewart (Chair)	Billy Craig
Fiona Wilson (Secretary)	Kate Strachan (Treasurer)
Caroline Melville	Sadie Montgomery
Alan Montgomery	Keith Baylis
John Ramsay	Mrs McGoldrick (H/T Blackridge PS)
Rebecca Rylott	Ally Graham
	Dawn Lindsay
INVITED GUESTS	
Councillor Andrew McGuire	
Councillor Lynda Kenna	
Councillor Susan Manion	
Enid Trevett, Coalfield Regeneration Trust	

1. Minutes from last meeting

Proposed: Rebecca Rylott
Seconded: Caroline Melville

2. Matters Arising:

None.

3. School Update:

Mrs McGoldrick sent her apologies for not attending due to a prior engagement. She provided an update in that Gala Day preparations are well underway with the theme of Scottish Myths & Legends. Each class has identified a different topic to focus on and prepare costumes and props for the big day. Families have been invited into the school to assist with further preparation for the Gala Day during this term's 'Blackridge Blether.' We would like to say 'Thank You' to Rebecca for her support with recent tree planting where our learners enjoyed being outdoors and this experience. Community Council members were invited to attend the P7 Assembly, celebrating their P7 journey and the end of Session 24/25. This event will be held on Thursday, 26th June 2025 at 2.00pm. If you would like to attend, please email me in advance. In addition, we will be attending Blackridge Parish Church on Friday, 27th June 2025 at 9.30am for a short service, to which we extend an invitation to Community Council members.



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4. Police Update:

No police attendance due to manning levels. Discussions took place regarding ongoing anti-social behaviour, quad bikes and motor bikes causing issues within Blackridge and surrounding areas. This will hopefully be monitored by officers in conjunction with other partner Agencies.

5. Finance:

No update.

6. Planning:

Enid Trevett, Coalfield Regeneration Trust was welcomed to the meeting where she discussed issues relating to the outdated Blackridge 'Community Action Plan' and offered support to produce our own 'Local Place Plans' for the village. She shared examples of previously issued place plans for different areas. An 'Open Day' was discussed to raise awareness of this scheme which could benefit Blackridge, along with 'three wishes' post cards for residents to complete and further information to be shared in the newsletter/website.

7. Newsletter/Website:

Michael Reilly, Pharmacist provided an update on progress since he took over the Blackridge Pharmacy along with a new photograph which will appear in the next edition of our newsletter. Other items have been received for inclusion in the newsletter, and we await other sections to submit same for design and print in early June.

8. Projects:

Discussion took place regarding either repairing or replacing the damaged hanging basket post situated near the park. This is dependent on costs. Progress has been made regarding a new four finger signpost to be situated at the Craig Inn, pointing towards recognised landmarks in the village. e.g. Blawhorn Moss, Beechbrae, Railway Station and Cycle Route 75.

9. Health Centre:

None.

10. AOB:

None.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be the **AGM** held on the **17th June 2025** at **7pm** within the Craig Inn Community Centre, Blackridge.