



BLACKRIDGE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting. Date: Tuesday 17th November 2025
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS	Cllr Susan Manion
Marion Stewart (Chair)	Keith Baylis
Fiona Wilson (Secretary)	Clark Steele
Sadie Montgomery	Mrs McGoldrick (H/T Blackridge PS)
Alan Montgomery	Billy Craig
Rebecca Rylott	
June MacKay	
John Ramsay	
Dawn Lindsay	
Kate Strachan	
Caroline Bell	
INVITED GUESTS	
Cllr Andrew McGuire	
Ally Graham	
Janet Ramsay	
Callum Rylott (S5 Armadale Academy)	
Aaron McGreskin (S5 Armadale Academy)	

1. Minutes from last meeting

Proposed: Rebecca Rylott
Seconded: Dawn Lindsay

Marion welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Kate Strachan for taking the minutes at the October meeting.

2. Matters Arising: None.

3. School Update

Mrs McGoldrick, Head Teacher, Blackridge Primary School gave her apologies but submitted a brief update. Blackridge Primary School has successfully achieved **Reading Schools Accreditation**. This award celebrates the value placed on the school on reading for enjoyment and maximising opportunities for learners to do this. Our pupil 'Reader Leaders' worked very hard on gathering evidence for this award and we are delighted that we have had this national recognition.

The Nursery Team had the opportunity to share their practice at the recent **West Lothian Early Years Conference**. Following this, we have had lots of requests from staff from other settings to come and see our Nursery and the great things happening.

Christmas Fair has been arranged for Friday, 12th December 2025 between 11.00am – 2.00pm. Please note the first hour has been protected for ELC children and ASN to provide a quieter time.

Christmas Carol Concert will be held on Tuesday, 16th December 2025 from 2.15pm - 3.15pm in the school. A warm welcome is extended to all families and Community Council Members.

We will officially open our Sensory Room, funded through James Wood Bequest, on Thursday, 20th November 2025. Our senior pupils will lead on this. So far, the space has been used to support a few learners, and we are excited to see the impact it makes.

4. Police Update: No attendance or update.

5. Finance: The balance in the account is **£7,424.40**

6. Planning: No update.

7. Newsletter/Website

It was noted that a good response was received for the next issue of our Newsletter. It is hoped this will be printed and distributed by the 5th December 2026.

A request was made regarding the location of the Village War Memorial, and it was noted this is located within Blackridge Parish Church. If anyone wished to view the memorial it can be arranged by emailing the church or visiting while church is open.

8. Community Council Projects

Bulbs were planted outside the Craig Inn Community Centre, Blackridge.

It is hoped to replace the damaged Willow down near the Railway Station in early Spring 2026. Salt bins near to the benches to be re-sited also.

Possibility of starting additional groups in the area to promote health benefits of Cycling, Running, Walking, or attending Yoga classes.

9. Health Centre

An e-mail will be sent to the local Councillors regarding a review of the current situation requesting any ideas or feedback for the future running of the health centre.

We look forward to meeting with the Practice Manager and a GP in January/February 2026 to discuss this. Feedback from Blackridge Community Council members also welcomed.

10. A O B

Complaints have again been received regarding further fly tipping in and around the Blackridge area.

Date of next meeting:

Next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 16th December 2025 at 7pm** at the Craig Inn Centre. Please bring along some nibbles for a light buffet on the night.