



# BLACKRIDGE

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting. Date: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025  
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
<b>COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS</b>	Andrew Valentini
Marion Stewart (Chair)	Rebecca Rylott
Fiona Wilson (Secretary)	Councillor Susan Manion
Kate Strachan (Treasurer)	
Sadie Montgomery	
Alan Montgomery (IT Lead)	
Keith Baylis	
Billy Craig	
John Ramsay	
Dawn Lindsay	
Tom Cassell	
<b>INVITED GUESTS</b>	
Claire McGoldrick (H/T Blackridge PS)	
Councillor Andrew McGuire	
Councillor Linda Kenna	
Ally Graham	

**1. Minutes from last meeting**

Proposed: Kate Strachan  
Seconded: Sadie Montgomery

**2. Matters Arising:**

Discussion on planning report for the wind turbines and financial assistance for the Craig Inn Centre, Blackridge via local Councillors.

**3. School Update:**

Claire McGoldrick discussed the Self Evaluation Report and copies to be emailed to members of Blackridge Community Council. Members to receive a copy of this report via email.

**4. Police Update:**

No Police presence. Nothing to report.

**5. Finance:**

£8,078.46 in the account.

**6. Planning:**

Discussion took place regarding the windfarm Planning Report and financial assistance in funding in relation to the closure of Craig Inn Community Centre, Blackridge.



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**7. Newsletter/Website:**

Gala Day Committee members will be meeting on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and any input will feature within the next newsletter. Two newsletters will be printed each year and delivered by volunteers. Responses to the QR code in relation to the closure of the Craig Inn Community Centre have been favourable and it is proposed to keep this survey open for a while longer prior to submission to West Lothian Council. It has been noted that there has been an increase in users of the website.

**8. Projects:**

Enquiries to be made regarding the design of a map providing areas of interest in the surrounding area for walking and cycling. Advice sought regarding planting of flowers and plants in baskets at Blackridge Railway Station and the cycle path.

**9. Health Centre:**

Nothing to report.

**10. AOB:**

Flyers regarding the Dial A Bus have been updated, which is proving useful for residents within the area who do not have access to a car or unable to drive. An ongoing survey is in progress regarding Broadband issues. The Government have introduced a Battery Safety Campaign in relation to the Manufacturing safety issues and Blackridge Community Council are in favour of this campaign.

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on the **18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm** within the Craig Inn Community Centre, Blackridge.