



BLACKRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting. Date: Tuesday 18th February 2025
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS	Andrew Valentini
Marion Stewart (Chair)	Claire McGoldrick (H/T Blackridge PS)
Fiona Wilson (Secretary)	Councillor Susan Manion
Kate Strachan (Treasurer)	Alan Montgomery (IT Lead)
Sadie Montgomery	Ally Graham
Rebecca Rylott	
Keith Baylis	
Billy Craig	
John Ramsay	
Dawn Lindsay	
Tom Cassell	
INVITED GUESTS	
P.C. Kerr	
Councillor Andrew McGuire	
Councillor Linda Kenna	
Nicola Barker-Harrison (H/T Armadale Academy)	

1. Minutes from last meeting

Proposed: Tom Cassell
Seconded: John Ramsay

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:

Blackridge Primary School.

Claire McGoldrick gave her apologies for being unable to attend but submitted an update. Gala Day arrangements are underway. Pupil Inclusion Ambassadors have been gathering ideas from across the school and this will be shared in the next week or so with the Community. The theme will be linked to literacy events within the school. Plans for classes to make arrangements with Craig Inn Centre over the coming term for visits. ELC & P1 have been visiting the Library. This is further supported through the Book Bug initiative being run. Transition arrangements to be shared with ELC & P7 parents in the coming weeks. Over 40 P5 – P7 pupils will be heading to Lendrick Muir after the Easter break.



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Armada Academy.

Nicola Barker-Harrison, Head Teacher, Armada Academy was welcomed to the meeting. Discussion took place on the Self Evaluation Visits in October. Good report and progress being made. Revision of core values and work in the Community. Pupils have been involved in local groups and Churches finding out more about Community life. Invited to the next AGM at Craig Inn Centre and some senior pupils may attend and participate in discussions. Some Teachers and pupils are in Partnership with a school in Malawi and visiting there in the Summer.

4. Police Update:

The officer apologised for non-attendance to previous meetings due to other duties. Anti-Social Behaviour issues as well as speed checks and quad bikes were discussed.

5. Finance:

£8,078.46 in the account.

6. Planning:

Nothing to report.

7. Newsletter/Website:

Next Community Council newsletter will be delivered in June. Gala Day Committee will deliver a separate flyer with information on Gala day and civic week events. This will also be hosted on website.

8. Projects:

Enquiries to be made with Foundation Scotland and Green Power in relation to funding to keep the Craig Inn Centre open and the need for employment of a Development Support Worker. Notice Board for outside the Health Centre has been purchased and awaiting installation. Millenium paths to be repaired and looking into solutions to assist Disabled access from the village to surrounding landmarks for residents and visitors.

9. Health Centre:

Nothing to report.

10. AOB:

Discussion took place regarding the flats in Craig Inn Terrace, Blackridge now being let. Recent resurfacing in Northrigg Road may require additional work. Councillors to contact Network Rail regarding the recent increase in fly tipping in the area. Sign outside the Centre damaged in recent storm and requires repair. Two proposals submitted to Scotrail regarding additional planters. New windows to be installed within the flats adjacent to the Craig Inn Centre.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the **18th March 2025** at **7pm** within the Craig Inn Community Centre, Blackridge.