



BLACKRIDGE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting. Date: Tuesday 15th October 2024
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS	Councillor Andrew McGuire
Marion Stewart (Chair)	Councillor Linda Kenna
Fiona Wilson (Secretary)	Sadie Montgomery
Dawn Lindsay	Claire McGoldrick (H/T Blackridge PS)
John Ramsay	Kate Strachan
Billy Craig	Andrew Valentini
INVITED GUESTS	
Nick Fennell (Green Power)	
Sam Layton (Green Power)	
George Baxter (Green Power)	
Councillor Susan Manion	
Ally Graham	

1. Minutes from last meeting

Proposed: Billy Craig
Seconded: Dawn Lindsay

2. Matters Arising:

There was nothing to report.

3. School Update:

Claire McGoldrick gave her apologies due to being on Annual Leave however, she submitted a brief summary of school news.

Recent Validated Self Evaluation by West Lothian Council was very successful. Strengths across the ELC and School included positive relationships, motivated, and engaged learners, and focus from Staff to improve outcomes for learners. Parent Support Groups are beginning after the October week which are open to everyone in the Blackridge Community. We have lots planned for the next Term including a project with the Church and getting ready for the Christmas Nativity. An invitation will be sent to the Blackridge Community Council members.

4. Police Update:

There was no Police presence at the meeting.



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5. Finance:

£9,512.29 in the account, £285 which is Blackridge Community Council.

6. Planning:

There is no update on the new housing development in Blackridge.

7. Newsletter/Website:

Marion requested that all Groups within the Community Centre provide an input into the November Newsletter on their own Club activities which will go in conjunction with a photograph of the Centre.

8. Projects:

All benches are now installed and are proving beneficial to residents and visitors. New signage for the Museum within the Centre to be investigated, along with the possibility of replacement or new lights in Westrigg Park. Awaiting installation of notice board at Health Centre.

9. Health Centre:

There is no update this month.

10. AOB:

Nick Fennell, Project Development, Green Power and two other members attended the meeting to provide an update on the Drumduff Windfarm Project Extension and the submitted Proposal of Application Notice for changes.

Drumduff were advised at the meeting that volunteers were fighting to keep the Craig Inn Community Centre open as it faces closure due to cuts. The Owners of their Company would be appalled and were unaware of the threat of closure and would be willing to attend further Community Council Meetings to discuss any issues. The Community Council thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Councillor Susan Manion then introduced herself to the members as new Ward Councillor representing Blackridge.

Discussion took place regarding the refurbishment of the Millenium Footpath and available funding. New Signage at the footpath to be investigated which will allow people to be aware of the link to Armadale.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the **19th November 2024** at **7pm** within the Craig Inn Community Centre, Blackridge.