BLACKRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting. Date: Tuesday 15th September 2026
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS	Alan Montgomery
Marion Stewart (Chair)	John Ramsay
Fiona Wilson (Secretary)	Ally Graham, Beechbrae
Michelle Thackeray	Caroline Melville
Keith Baylis	Ms K Plenderleith Blackridge PS
Kate Strachan	Cllr Susan Manion
Billy Craig	
Sadie Montgomery	
June McKay	
Rebecca Rylott	
INVITED GUESTS	
Cllr Andrew McGuire	
Cllr Lynda Kenna	
Clark Steele	
Callum Rylott (S6 Armadale Academy)	
Ruth Reid, Blackridge PS	
Rae Sedman, Foundation Scotland	

1. **Welcome**

   Marion welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

   Previous Minutes:
   Proposed by Rebecca Rylott and Seconded by Sadie Montgomery,

   Fiona Wilson stood down as Secretary and Michelle Thackeray was appointed.

   Marion welcomed Rae Sedham, Foundation Scotland to the meeting and members were given a brief background to the recent MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) merger between Foundation Scotland and Blackridge Community Council Fund Panel.

2. **Minutes / Matters Arising –** None

3. **School Update**

   - **Blackridge Primary School**

Ruth Reid attended the meeting on behalf of (Acting) Head Teacher Kelly Plenderleith and gave a brief update on the involvement of a Nature Project with the World Wildlife Fund. There have been a few issues which have resulted in delays with these two projects but hopefully work will resume soon.

- **Armadale Academy -** No update

4. **Police Update -** None

5. **Finance -** No activity on the account over the summer months.

6. **Planning -** None

7. **Newsletter/Website**

   The **final date** for **submission** of articles for inclusion in the next Newsletter is **20th November 2026**. It is proposed to deliver the next Newsletter week ending 4th/5th December 2026 to Blackridge residents.

8. **Community Council Projects**

   Marion advised the meeting that the Handicabs direct bus service from Blackridge to Livingston Centre for residents aged 50 plus will be starting on **Sunday**, **20th September 2026 at the designated 4 x pick up points.** The bus will depart from Blackridge to Livingston at 12.00 noon and leave Livingston at 4.00pm prompt to return to Blackridge. It is proposed to run this service from October to February twice a month dependent on numbers using the bus. Flyers providing further information on this will be distributed to various premises within Blackridge area. Bookings MUST be made on the contact details provided.

   A further two bins have been purchased for use in the area.

   The missing Dog Poo Dispenser has been found.

   Blackridge in Bloom: Tree planting and ideas for plants/hanging baskets are in hand.

   Safeguarding Policy has been submitted.

   Finger posts are in storage, awaiting installation.

9. **Health Centre – Nothing to report.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th October 2026 at 7.00pm in the Craig Inn Centre, Blackridge.