



BLACKRIDGE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting. Date: Tuesday 17th December 2024
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

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

1. Minutes from last meeting

Proposed: Keith Bayliss
Seconded: Kate Strachan

2. Matters Arising:

Discussion on wind turbines and closure of Craig Inn Community Centre.

3. School Update:

Claire McGoldrick gave her apologies due to other commitment's. She also thanked members of the Blackridge Community Council members who attended the School Nativity Play. It is hoped that the children can visit various clubs held in the Craig Inn Community Centre in the coming months, as well as using the Library.

4. Police Update:

The police representative attended the meeting. Discussions on anti-social behaviour, vandalism, and traffic speeding within the village took place and monitored.

5. Finance:

£8,078.46 in the account. After recent discussion with the Bank regarding bank charges on the account it has emerged these charges will no longer be levied.

6. Planning:

Enquiries will be made in the New Year regarding costs for proposed street signs.



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7. Newsletter/Website:

Some people have kindly volunteered to help with the Blackridge Railway Station work, but more volunteers are still required. Enquiries ongoing regarding the costs for flower baskets. Damaged willow trees at the Railway Station will be replaced in the next few weeks. Costings for new flower baskets to be obtained.

8. Projects:

Responses to the QR code in relation to the closure of the Craig Inn Centre, Blackridge have been good. Final figures will be noted in early January 2025 and submitted to West Lothian Council. Discussion took place regarding possibility of setting up a Subgroup Committee for same.

9. Health Centre:

The Health Centre and Blackridge Chemist will be closed on 25th and 26th December 2024 as well as 1st and 2nd January 2025.

10. AOB:

Nothing further to report.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the **21st January 2025** at **7pm** within the Craig Inn Community Centre, Blackridge.