



BLACKRIDGE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS	Andrew Valentini
Marion Stewart (Chair)	Community Police Officer
Fiona Wilson (Secretary)	Councillor Susan Manion
Kate Strachan (Treasurer)	Rebecca Rylott
Sadie Montgomery	John Ramsay
Alan Montgomery	
Keith Baylis	
Billy Craig	
Dawn Lindsay	
Tom Cassell	
INVITED GUESTS	
Councillor Lynda Kenna	
Councillor Andrew McGuire	
Ally Graham	
Clare McGoldrick (H/T Blackridge PS)	
Michael Reilly, Blackridge Pharmacy	

1. Minutes from last meeting

Proposed: Sadie Montgomery
Seconded: Dawn Lindsay

2. Matters Arising:

None.

3. School Update:

Claire McGoldrick, Head Teacher, Blackridge PS gave her apologies for being unable to attend but submitted an update. Gala Day theme will be focusing on Myths & Legends. Blackridge PS has been selected to be part of a Pilot visit by HMI Care Inspectorate. Pupils from P5 – P7 will be going to Lendrick Muir school camp for 3 days at Easter.

4. Police Update:

No Police presence.

5. Finance:

Balance sheet was shared and discussed, including nominal amount of £91.29 carried over from previous closed account and how this should be recorded on balance sheet (as it will show up on bank statements)



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There is (at time of AGM meeting) £8,078.46 in the account.

Accounts and balance sheet:

Proposed: Tom Cassell

Seconded: Andrew McGuire

6. Planning:

Discussion regarding Planning Application to erect two dwelling houses at rear of 53 Main Street, Blackridge. It is believed that work will resume soon on the housing development at Raeburn Meadows, Blackridge.

7. Newsletter/Website:

Deadline for submission of articles in the Newsletter is Friday, 6th June 2025.

Distribution date will be on 27th June 2025.

8. Projects:

Cost to be sought for repair/replacement of damaged hanging basket holder at Westrigg Park.

2 Existing projects to be followed up (village notice board and bollards at main street)

New Funding application to be submitted for:

- Dog 'poo bag' holders to be sited near parks and paths throughout the village.
- New 'fingerpost' sign directing to areas of interest within the village.
- Maintenance for defibrillators in the village. (batteries and pads)

9. Health Centre:

No updates from health centre.

Mr Michael Reilly, Pharmacist/Prescriber, was invited to the meeting to discuss the takeover of Blackridge Pharmacy. He took ownership on 1st March 2025 and explained his vision for the improvement for patients and customers. Further information and updates will be shared in newsletter/website.

10. AOB:

Concerns raised regarding the continued vandalism, anti-social behaviour, and quad bikes within the Village.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the **15th April 2025** at **7pm** within the Craig Inn Community Centre, Blackridge.