

BLACKRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the Craig Inn Centre

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

Marion Stewart	A Valentini
S Montgomery	R Rylott
A Montgomery	A Downie
J Ramsay	Cllr King
B Craig	Community Police
K Strachan	
K Bayliss	
INVITED GUESTS	
A Graham	
Cllr McGuire	
Cllr Borrowman	

**Minutes from last meeting**

Proposed; B Craig

Seconded; J Ramsay

**Matters Arising: None**

**School Update;**

No update from school, Mrs Downie is aware of the deadlines for the Newsletter and Gala Day.

**Police Update;**

There continues to be anti-social behaviour within small pockets of the village which is causing anxiety and fear within the community. House windows and service buses have been targeted although not exclusively. The CC discussed whether Police, school, and the Council may take further action to intervene and have requested a response from the Community Police.

CCTV, installed in key areas was suggested. Affected residents are advised to continue reporting any incidents, but concerns were raised about whether there is any collection of the reports to form a picture of the effect on the village.

Off-road bikes continue to be an issue on footpaths and the cycle track, often being used as a through-way to access other areas. There have been occasions where pedestrians are intimidated off the path by motor bikes. Often the bikes are brought into the area on vans and offloaded near the cycle track. Cllr Borrowman has reported three times recently.

Sgt Keith Jack is leaving on 9<sup>th</sup> May. There has been no information on his replacement as yet. Community police will still be present where possible at future CC meetings.

**Finance:**

The balance in the account is £12,563.66

Although the bank said that all statements in future would go Kate Strachan's address, they are still being sent to C Steele's.

**Planning:**

No update.

**Newsletter/Website;**

A list of clubs that are active within the Craig Inn Centre will be put onto the website.

The Gala Day events will have the centre pages of the next newsletter issue and committee members will help with delivery.

The Community Council will have a table at the Gala Day and will aim to ask residents about their views on the grants applied for and any future ideas.

The Deadline for the next newsletter is 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Projects;**

An application has been made for the upkeep of the planters

The bollards at Doctor's Brae will be re-concreted in place very soon.

**Health Centre;**

The health centre is now called Barbauchlaw Medical Practice/Blackridge Health Centre.

**AOB:**

Queen's Jubilee. The purple version of the coin has been chosen.

There will be a Tea Dance in the Craig Inn Centre on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. tickets £7.00

The model railway club have agreed to put on a display in the Craig Inn Centre in December to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the Train Station in the village.

We need to increase the use of the Craig Inn Centre, to make it more of a focus for activities.

The extended boardwalk is now open at Blawhorn Moss, and there is a hope to extend further in future.

There is no frequent bus service to Harthill and because of a change in route there is now no direct bus through Armadale stopping East of the cross.

The village noticeboard will be installed soon.

Proposed pedestrian access south west of the railway station is currently at design stage with the Council and other parties and is hoped will be complete by next year.

There will be an open day at Beechbrae on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, with activities and a Q&A session.

**Next Meeting; Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Craig Inn Centre.**