



# BLACKRIDGE

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting. Date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
<b>COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS</b>	
Marion Stewart (Chair)	B Craig
Kate Strachan	A Valentini
Alan Montgomery	R Rylott
Keith Bayliss	Mrs McGoldrick
John Ramsay	Police representative
Sadie Montgomery	
<b>INVITED GUESTS</b>	
A Graham	
Cllr McGuire	

**1. Minutes from last meeting**

Proposed: S Montgomery  
Seconded: J Ramsay

**2. Matters Arising:**

A Montgomery showed a slideshow about the Electrical Safety Fund, which has provided funds for projects in Blackridge.

We will be purchasing a PAT tester to use on the Open Day on 4<sup>th</sup> February and regularly in the future.

**3. School Update:**

Not available.

**4. Police Update:**

There was no Police update, but they have asked to be informed of the date of the next meeting.

**5. Finance:**

K Strachan to check how to transfer the balance from the RBS account to the BofS account.

Payment due for Defibrillator Pads.

K Strachan to check that payment has been received for the Newsletter.



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## 6. Planning:

No relevant applications.

## 7. Newsletter/Website:

The latest Newsletter was well received.

## 8. Projects:

No update, as work not feasible in the Winter months.

## 9. Health Centre:

eConsult is still rolling out. There is a questionnaire available where patients can have their say.

## 10. AOB:

### Events

There will be a Dementia Awareness Course at Craig Inn Centre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

There will be an open day at Craig Inn Centre on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. This will include; Electrical safety and PAT Testing, Model Railway Club, Face painting, Balloon Modelling, BMET, Foundation Scotland and Groups, Fancy dress, Colouring in, Refreshments.

On 6<sup>th</sup> February there will be a fashion show and sale.

There seems to be a lot of dog poo around the village. This has been an issue in the past and there are plenty of bins, so no excuse for not picking up. Would it be possible to involve the school in converting juice bottles to make poo bag dispensers that could be placed around the village? There is a supply of bags at the Craig Inn Centre that could be used. Alternatively, could there be a grant application to provide dispensers and bags?

The trees that were felled at the school have been stored at a farm until they can be used. D Orr is asking how much longer they will be there and is requesting payment for storage. A Graham will speak to Malcolm at FS to see if application for a grant could be made for this.

There are a number of empty houses in the village. Why are they vacant for so long when there is a waiting list? Cllr McGuire advised that there are 16 void properties in Blackridge and the Council have stopped work on non-urgent repairs so they can deal with these voids.

The road to Harthill is in a poor state of repair and recent repairs have broken down. Cllr McGuire has previously contacted NLC about this and will do so again.

**Date of next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**