

BLACKRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from Tuesday 17th January 2023, Next Meeting 21st February 2023

Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS	A Sharp
M Stewart	J Robertson
S Montgomery	A Montgomery
K Strachan	B Craig
J Ramsay	A Downie
A Valentini	R Rylott
K Baylis	
INVITED GUESTS	
Cllr Borrowman	
Cllr McGuire	
Cllr Kenna	
A Graham	
D Wilson	

Minutes from last meeting

Proposed: S Montgomery

Seconded: M Stewart

Matters Arising:

None

School Update:

Mrs Claire McGoldrick will take up the position of Acting Headteacher at Blackridge Primary on Monday 20th February.

Police Update:

Community Police were unable to attend in person but offered an update.

“We have had a busy month with pro-active activity around antisocial behaviour and road traffic work throughout West Lothian. We have conducted patrols and interacted with groups of youths and engaged with the local licenced premises. The crime statistics are fairly static for the previous 4 weeks with 47 police reported incidents and 7 crimes being reported, all of which are isolated and occurred within domestic dwellings.

We have plans to conduct more talks in the local primary school, on the back of the recent round of anti-social behaviour talks in relation to on-line safety.

Patrols continue through the main street, and towards the North Rigg Road in relation to off-road vehicles. There has been work conducted in Armadale in relation to quad bike use, and this has had a positive impact there. We hope that a continued police presence will help to keep this issue at bay in Blackridge.”

Finance:

£12,720.01 most of which is earmarked for projects. New Bank of Scotland account is open and RBS will remain open for now in case of any further transactions.

Planning:

Erection of a house - Land South of Beechbrae Woodland Centre, Heights Road, Blackridge - 1142/FUL/22 –Statutory Expiry Date: 11th February 2023.

Newsletter/Website:

We are looking for someone to help out with the website possibly young volunteer.

Local news/snippets can be added to the website, Gala Day info can be added to the printed newsletter of which 2 will be produced annually and the other two will be added to the website.

December and June will be the printed and delivered versions, Gala Team may be able to help deliver.

Church has provided a forward year planner and can be added to the website.

Projects:

Town Centre Fund:

- Notice Board has been delivered.
- Bollards and planting waiting for springtime, bulbs have been planted.

Westrigg Way (on the road down to railway station) is missing some willow, CC will speak to local farmer and find out if this is still used for access or could be closed off.

Health Centre:

No updates, two new admin staff members have joined the health centre.

AOB:

- Open day at Craig Inn Centre on 22nd January 1-4pm.
- Cars and Lorries are cutting the corner at Blackridge cross.
- Armadale cross traffic lights, timings may be adjusted.
- Ideas required for Beech trees that were cut down from School area, trees are nearing time for being worked on, they have been stored for over 1 year.
- Buses remain an ongoing issue, Council are looking into this at the moment.
- New application process for Foundation Scotland grants is under review.

Next Meeting 21st February 2023