



# BLACKRIDGE

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024  
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
<b>COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS</b>	
Marion Stewart (Chair)	Andrew Valentini
Billy Craig	Alan Montgomery
John Ramsay	Kate Strachan
Sadie Montgomery	
Keith Bayliss	
<b>INVITED GUESTS</b>	
Ally Graham	
Cllr McGuire	

**1. Minutes from last meeting**

Proposed: Billy Craig  
Seconded: John Ramsay

**2. Matters Arising:**

No matters arising.

**3. School Update:**

The school will work on producing items for the newsletter.

**4. Police Update:**

Sergeant Sinnet who had been the acting Police Sergeant for the area in recent months has moved on to a new role and a new sergeant has been appointed. It was noted that due to the ongoing local issues in the area contact would be made with the new sergeant to ensure that focus continues to be given in the village.



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## 5. Finance:

There had been no transactions in the last month. The old RBS account will be closed down in the coming weeks.

## 6. Planning:

Greenpower's application for the wind farm has now been granted planning permission.

Cllr McGuire has written to Cllr Stevenson the Councillor for Harthill to raise concerns on the road surface. Some potholes have been filled in and Cllr Stevenson has agreed to write jointly with Cllr McGuire to local haulage firms to ask them to be more considerate on their use of the road.

## 7. Newsletter/Website:

The deadline for content for the newsletter is 31<sup>st</sup> May for distribution in mid/late June. Keith will provide a picture from the gala day for the front cover.

## 8. Projects:

Waiting on the jubilee bench, information boards and replacement bollards to be installed. Rebecca Rylott continues to work on this.

## 9. Health Centre:

No update.

## 10. AOB:

- Geo-tagging has been proposed as an anti-social behaviour measure by the working group of local partners.
- An art project at the school has also been proposed by the anti-social behaviour group, quotes and artists are being identified and funding may be applied for.
- Adopt a station training will take place on Friday (24<sup>th</sup>) between 10 and 12. This training is mandatory and required before any volunteer can do anything on the station. Keith will attend and other are encouraged to attend so a bank of volunteers can be built up. Consideration about art work on the platforms is also to be considered and can be funded by Scotrail.
- An email has been received from a local resident regarding a bench for Walter who recently died. This is already being fundraised for by other villagers.
- Poo bags and poop scoops to be given out at the school, a funding application will be progressed through Foundation Scotland.



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- Ally Graham has had a meeting with the wood sculptor to agree the designs for the trees cut down from the nursery. Ally will progress this and it was agreed that any extra wood left over would be left with the wood sculptor.
- The amount of empty council houses in the village was highlighted as an issue. Cllr McGuire advised that he would write to the Housing Manager about this to seek information on how many were empty and for how long.

**Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.