



# BLACKRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023  
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

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

**1. Minutes from last meeting**

Proposed: Rebecca Rylott  
Seconded: Sadie Montgomery

**2. Matters Arising:**

No matters arising.

**3. School Update:**

The Headteacher had submitted her apologies so there was no update but the community council was shown a draft of the newsletter including the front cover which had been designed by children at the school. It was also noted that the Headteacher wished to extend an invite to all community council members to attend a Christmas Service to be held at the school at 2.15 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**4. Police Update:**

No attendance by the Community Police. It was agreed that contact would be made with the Community Police to invite them to future meetings.



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### **5. Finance:**

There was no update on finance.

### **6. Planning:**

The developer who is progressing with the Drumduff wind turbine application has requested to attend a future community council meeting. It was agreed an invitation would be extended to them to attend the January meeting to provide an update on the proposed development.

It was also noted that there were no current live planning applications in Blackridge but that 3 separate applications for wind turbines were being progressed through the planning system currently.

### **7. Newsletter/Website:**

A preview of the upcoming winter newsletter was shown but it was noted that it was still being worked on. The newsletter is due very early in December and volunteers will be required to deliver.

Information relating to the changes to the bus timetable are to be published on West Lothian Council's website to help provide advice on connections to other locations.

### **8. Projects:**

There is more street furniture being delivered and once all received Sibbald's will arrange install.

Awaiting a contractor to come and re-install the bollards that were previously damaged.

The village has been awarded £5,000 from the Electrical Safety Fund. Details are still being worked out but will be a joint project with the school to raise awareness around electrical safety.

### **9. Health Centre:**

No update on the health centre other than that e-consult continues to embed in.

### **10. AOB:**



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- There is an issue with power cuts in some properties in the village with this happening regularly. This issue has been raised with Scottish Power.
- Consideration is to be given to purchasing more benches around the cycle track.
- Funding is to be applied for so dog poo bags can be purchased.
- Issue with location of grit bins in Alison Gardens. Councillors will look into this.
- The NHS have written back regarding the mammogram van. They have confirmed that the van will no longer attend Blackridge but will instead go to Bathgate. Concern was raised about the impact this could have especially with the poor bus service. This will be communicated to NHS Lothian.

**Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.