



BLACKRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting. Date: Tuesday 17th March 2026
Held at Craig Inn Community Centre

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS	Cllr Susan Manion
Marion Stewart (Chair)	Community Police
Fiona Wilson (Secretary)	Clark Steele
Alan Montgomery	Caroline Melville
Keith Baylis	Nicola Barker-Harrison
Rebecca Rylott	Billy Craig
Kate Strachan	
June MacKay	
John Ramsay	
Sadie Montgomery	
Michelle Thackeray	
INVITED GUESTS	
Cllr Andrew McGuire	
Cllr Lynda Kenna	
Ally Graham	
Callum Rylott (S5 Armadale Academy)	
David Cochrane	
Kelly Plenderleith (Blackridge PS A/HT)	

1. Welcome

Marion welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes / Matters Arising

Proposed – Kate Strachan
Seconded – Rebecca Rylott

Blackridge Community Council celebrated its 50th anniversary.

3. School Update

- Blackridge Primary School**
Acting Head Teacher Kelly Plenderleith gave a brief update on school matters which were positive.
- Armadale Academy**
No update as head teacher not present.

4. Police Update

Apologies given but an update was submitted, this detailed an increase in calls to the Blackridge area regarding youth disorder and vandalism. Main concern is youths on electric bikes riding on pavements and when on the roads causing motorists to brake sharply. Situation to be monitored.

5. Finance

Balance is £12,784.03

6. Planning

Extension to house at 77 Allison Gardens, Blackridge. (Ref 1009/H/2S).

West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP2). Council in process of preparing LDP2 to replace current Plan adopted in 2018.

Woodland/Habitat Management Plan – Lower Bathville and Gas/Coalmine assessment. (0957/MS/25)

West Lothian Council voted not to drain Armadale Swimming Pool. 100 residents and petition with 1980 signatures (at time of meeting) noting local feeling. (12 March Meeting). Officers to consult Community further aiming to re-open the pool.

7. Newsletter/Website

An upcoming survey will be conducted in relation to Open Spaces in Blackridge area. Consultation to take place regarding noise complaints from increased flights from nearby Airports.

8. Community Council Projects

Blackridge in Bloom planters to be maintained.

Tree planting to be kept up to date.

Fingerpost signage is in progress.

The first dispenser containing bags for dog walkers to use to dispose of the dog poo was installed on Station Road/Allison Gardens.

9. Health Centre - Nothing to report.

10. A O B

Discussion held regarding future training in Food Hygiene within the Centre and costs to be looked at.

Review to take place in relocation of rubbish bins in area.

Vandalism to bus shelters is ongoing concern.

Potholes underneath the Railway Bridge have again been repaired.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust held their Conference on Thursday, 12th March 2026 from 10am – 3pm at the Glenboig Life Centre, 110 Main Street, Glenboig, North Lanarkshire. This meeting was informative.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Craig Inn Centre, Blackridge.