



# Eddleston & District Community Council Minutes



Meeting 19 August 2025

7.30-9pm in Eddleston Village Hall

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**Present CC:** Gordon Harwell (Chair/sec), Jo Oliver (Treasurer), Ronan Toolis, Callum McDonald.

**Present Others:** Cllr Drummond Begg, George Winter, Christine Donnelly, Lorna Jones.

**Apologies:** Mike Adams, Karen Kerr, Amy Bartlett, Abi Whitefield-Stevens.

1. **Welcome.**
2. **Actions from last meeting.**
  - a. Leithenwater £1000 Grant. Account details passed but nothing received yet. -**GH**
  - b. MAPA event organiser contacted by GH but no response. **DB** will send a contact email.
  - c. Council flower beds -no action yet but **RT** will try to organise a work party after horti show, on 7 September. **JO** will contact Pentland plants to see if they can provide any plants.
  - d. Website improvement. No action but **GH** will try to organise a meeting with **RT** and **Steve White**.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from 24 June 2025 meeting discussed and agreed.
4. **Planning Applications.** Cloich – new foreset Road. No other new plans.
5. **Reports.**
  - a. **Chair.** The EDCC email regularly receives offers of courses eg resilience planning, community ownership, fundraising etc. Anyone interested please let me know.
  - b. **Treasurer.** £600 in account. Awaiting £605ish for this year's award + hall hire paid directly.
  - c. **Police.** Police reports received for June and July. On website. Gary Beaumont offered to join the meeting via Zoom but suggested not required this time. He welcomes increased feedback. GW noted that he had reported shoplifting in Peebles but it had not been reported. GW to contact Gary directly - **DB**
6. **Bowbeat Windfarm Update.** Payments should start in next month and continue until site closure in 2030. The 3 community areas of Peebles, Innerleithen and Eddleston will share a fund of £156,000 per year. The fund manager will be Foundation Scotland, who will do all accounting and regulation compliance. They are seeking a representative from each community group to work on the fund distribution panel. Also, community needs to be ready with project bids. **RT** and **JO** volunteered to be involved. **GH** will notify when required. Village hall has multiple funding needs – will be notified as soon as applications open. Foundation Scotland email and attachments to be circulated to CC members and regular attendees of meetings. -**GH**
7. **Cloich Forest Windfarm Shared Ownership Working Group.** Meeting 18 June. A valuable meeting but no one available to attend. Subsequently **GH** met with Tim Crick (Director West Linton and Carlops Community Development Trust) to discuss our keenness to be involved. [Presentation](#) circulated. Next meeting 15 September. **AWS** agreed to go to for EDCC.

8. **Local Place Plan and Community Action Plan.** These documents define where the village would like to see itself in the future. They are very valuable when applying for grants etc. Needs a lot of work but it may be possible to use windfarm money to employ someone to help. We need to start to action. Examples for reference here - [West Linton](#). **DB** suggested [Skirling](#), [Tweedsmuir](#) were more representative due to size and complexity. Please read and feedback ideas.
9. **School Review.** To be published shortly and put to SBC on 25 September. There is a need for volunteers from the village to engage proactively in finding a future use for the building; however more information will be required from SBC to allow for planning this next phase. We need a volunteer to liaise with SBC to collate and circulate this information. Will email SBC to ensure report sent to EDCC before meeting and find out CC input. -**GH**
10. **Other Projects.**
  - a. **Secretary.** EDCC still needs a volunteer for secretary. Meanwhile covered by **GH**.
  - b. **Website.** **GH, RT and SW** will arrange to chat about developments to the website.
  - c. **Mailing/ contacts list.** No plan as yet. Need to review.
11. **AoB.**
  - a. **Footpath Grant £600 to use by December.** Suggested stile over wall to Village Hall garden from bridge to avoid walking on main road. Also, bike rack and bike repair stand by village hall for users of multi use path and visitors to Horseshoe. -**JO**
  - b. **Orchard Bench.** Bench now pressurewashed. Needs protective coating and will be moved to location
    - a. soon. -**JO**.
  - c. **Trees overhanging footpath on A703 near bridge.** Send photos to DB. -**CD**. Report to SBC – **DB**.
  - d. **Water path benches and signage.** Work appears to have stalled. Follow up required. -**RT**.
  - e. **Pavement still dangerous and degrading.** Report to SBC – **DB**.
12. **Date of next meetings. All at 7.30pm in Village Hall.**
  - **Tuesday 23 September 2025**
  - **Tuesday 21 October 2025**