



Eddleston & District Community Council Minutes

Meeting 23 September 2025
7.30-9pm in Eddleston Village Hall

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Community Policing Questionnaire



Present CC: Gordon Harwell (Chair/sec), Ronan Toolis, Amy Bartlett, Abi Whitefield-Stevens, Callum McDonald.

Present Others: Christine Donnelly, Susan Donohue, Caroline Scott, Roddy Scott, Jeanette Dunlop, James McCaw, David Whitefield-Stevens, Kirsty Peebles.

Apologies: Jo Oliver (Treasurer), Mike Adams, Karen Kerr.

1. **Welcome.**
2. **Actions from last meeting.**
 - a. Leithenwater £1000 Grant for church pews. Money not yet in account
 - b. Council flower beds planting completed 7 September. Work done by RT and George Winter. Many thanks to them and to Pentland Plants, who supplied the plants.
 - c. Website improvement. No action yet but still planned.
 - d. Orchard Bench. Hopefully will get stained and relocated this week.
 - e. Waterpath benches and signage. No action yet. Anticipated by end of year.
 - f. Trees overhanging footpath on A703 near bridge. Grass verges cleared but trees not done yet.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from 19 August 2025 meeting discussed and agreed.
4. **Planning Applications.** Nil
5. **Reports.**
 - a. **Treasurer.** £555 in account. NFTR. Restorative justice contacted about work using footpath grant. -JO
 - b. **Police.** Police report received for [August](#). Gary Beaumont joined via zoom. Reported on shoplifting event (witnessed by GW in Peebles) and suspicious cars seen at night near Eddleston cemetery. He encouraged community feedback to direct policing priorities – do this by scanning QR code above which will direct you to a questionnaire. It allows a free text box and is anonymous – this will allow us to direct our time to what you as locals want rather than us going out doing what we want.
6. **Bowbeat Windfarm Community Benefit Update.** Discussions ongoing with Foundation Scotland regarding structure of fund – GH attending. [Recent Discussions](#) here. GH suggested that Peebles and Eddleston work together. Innerleithen appears to want to ring-fence its share of the fund. Allocation expected on a per capita basis and use mostly Open grants with some microgrants. This approach was agreed by the CC.
7. **Cloich Forest Windfarm Shared Ownership Working Group.** Meeting 15 September. AWS and DWS went for EDCC. DWS explained concept of seeking upto 25% ownership via a loan to a limited company led by West Linton. The CC and those in attendance agreed that we should continue meeting with West Linton to work towards potential shared ownership. They also noted a need to survey the residents to find out community views.

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 trying to manage projects (eg windfarm shared ownership or future of school), as they can provide a local mandate via community surveys. Examples for reference here - [Skirling](#), [Tweedsmuir](#) which are representative due to size and complexity. Please read and feedback ideas and questions for an Eddleston survey. **DWS** has volunteered to draft a flyer to go round the community to get residents to complete a community survey. He has also volunteered to collate and draft questions for this survey. Any information from other communities who have produced a place plan will be gratefully received.
9. **School Review.** SBC decision on 25 September. CC do not wish the school to close but acknowledged that it seems to be a done deal and can expect it to be completed quickly! The CC note that closure causes the loss of a centre of our community. Future plans for the site will possibly affect the loss of a major event space, community outdoor recreation space, and jeopardy to a footpath – all of which would adversely affect the cohesion of our community. The CC needs to be immediately informed of, and consulted on, any proposed actions by SBC that will affect the future of this resource. **KP** to contact council on CC behalf.
10. **Other Projects.**
 - a. **Secretary.** EDCC still needs a volunteer for secretary. Ideally for circulation of info rather than minutes etc. 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. Many errors contained. May be updated along with Place plan survey.
11. **AoB.**
 - a. Apparently, SBC can repair bus shelter but need to be asked. **RT** to follow up.
 - b. Chair accidentally omitted agenda item regarding MAPA event and the Map. The following was not included in the meeting discussion but is here for early warning to CC! Proposed date of next event 7 June 2026. **GH** has requested early involvement in planning.
12. **Date of next meetings. All at 7.30pm in Village Hall.**
 - **Tuesday 28 October 2025**
 - **Tuesday 25 November 2025.**