



Eddleston & District Community Council Minutes

Meeting 28 October 2025
7.30-9pm in Eddleston Village Hall

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Community Policing Questionnaire



Present CC: Gordon Harwell (Chair/sec), Ronan Toolis, Mike Adams, Callum McDonald.

Present Others: Cllr Viv Thomson, Christine Donnelly, Jeanette Dunlop, James McCaw, Dave Drimmie, Fiona Drimmie, George Winter, James McNab, Lorna Jones.

Apologies: Jo Oliver (Treasurer), Amy Bartlett, Abi Whitefield-Stevens, Karen Kerr.

1. **Welcome.**
2. **Actions from last meeting.**
 - a. Leithenwater £1000 Grant for church pews. Money in CC account. To be paid on receipt of invoices. Require info on completed project to send to windfarm. – CD & JD
 - b. Website improvement. TBN.
 - c. Orchard Bench. Now in place. Need to get fixed down and plaque attached. - JO
 - d. Footpath grant. Price for stile agreed. Need cycle rack then work can commence. -LJ
Need to be complete by 13 December to get grant.
 - e. Bus Shelter Refurb. Done and looking good. Need to establish whether they restorative justice also did Waterheads shelter! - VT
 - f. Waterpath benches and signage. TBN. -RT
 - g. Trees overhanging footpath on A703 near bridge. Info from Drummond that it is booked with SBC.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from 23 September 2025 meeting discussed and agreed.
4. **Planning Applications.**
 - a. 9 Old Manse Road. Erection of pergola and velux window. No comments.
 - b. Developer suggested naming road to new houses Bowbank Place. No comments.
5. **Reports and Correspondence**
 - a. Treasurer. NTR.
 - b. Police. [September Report](#)
6. **Local Place Plan / Community Action Plan Survey.** In order to proceed with several projects, we need a mandate from the community ([Eddleston Community Area](#)). The starting point for this will be in the form of a survey that we hope to have in circulation in time for the Eddleston Village Fair on 22 November. DWS has compiled a draft survey with GH/AWS. Please send all comments on this to the email above and it will be refined before distribution. This survey will gather views on the future of the school and possible community investment in windfarm projects as well gathering data to determine local satisfaction and how our community should develop over the next decade.

The survey will be open to all ages and we need all village groups to actively promote this, to gain a maximum number of replies. Each individual in a household is encouraged to complete their own survey. The survey is a balance of enough questions to get good information without putting off participation. In order to reduce the burden on respondents, most questions will be optional so that if you do not have an opinion, you do not need to answer. We hope that most residents will complete this electronically but paper copies will be available for those unable to do so. We hope to update and improve contact details but this will be done separately to the survey to preserve anonymity.

7. **Future of School Site.** A spirited discussion was had on the subject of potential Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the school site. Concern was raised about flood risk due to planned new-build houses upstream of the site and also regarding conflict with use of other community spaces. It was emphasised that the school was too big to be run purely by volunteers and that any enlarged community run estate (eg school & hall) would need to provide enough income to pay staff to manage. This would mean that some of the space would be used for business on a full or part-time basis. Again, compromise would have to be made between income generation and community benefit. All income would be used for maintenance or other community projects. Any decisions would be guided by community responses. All attendees agreed that that we should continue to progress research into CAT. All offers of assistance welcome!
 - a. **Progress update.**
 - i. We have requested Floorplans. Energy use and cost data.
 - ii. Working with SBC Communities and Partnerships Team and researching Community Asset Transfer.
 - iii. Much advice and many grants seem to be available. We are trying to work out which organisation does what and who to talk to!!!
 - iv. Liaising with existing community trusts in Peebles and West Linton.
 - v. Visiting other community run sites. Eg Glencorse, Newlands.
 - vi. Ensuring SBC is informed of our desire for CAT - VT
 - b. **Site visit.** 12 November 14:30. Anyone interested in attending, please email me in advance at the address above. Gregor, the organiser of the MAPA event at the Barony is interested in renting the space, possibly for a Polish Saturday school. He will be attending the visit. We hope to take a selection of photos and video inside the building, which we will make available to all.
 - c. **Ideas.** We seek any revenue earning ideas for the site for possible inclusion in the survey. Please send any ideas to the above address by 10 November.
 - d. **Contacts.** If anyone is willing to help, has special skills or can put us in contact with anyone who can help us progress this project then please let me know.
8. **Other Projects – Still outstanding but all deferred TFN unless there are volunteers.**
 - a. Need for EDCC secretary.
 - b. Village Website maintenance.
 - c. Contacts and mailing lists update. Hopefully alongside survey.
9. **Open Floor / AoB**
 - a. Larch tree fallen in Elibank Park. SBC to be informed - VT
10. **Date of next meetings. At 7.30pm in Village Hall.**
 - **Tuesday 25 November 2025.**
 - No meeting planned for December but may be reviewed if work ramps up on any of the projects above. Preference is for in-person rather than online meeting if required.
 - **Tuesday 27 January 2026.**