



Eddleston & District Community Council

Minutes

Meeting 26 May 2026 at 7.45pm in Eddleston Village Hall



Present CC: GH (Chair/sec), JO (Treasurer), CMcD, RT.

Present Others: Cllr Drummond Begg, PC Gary Beaumont, CD.

Apologies: AB, MA, AW-S, KK.

1. Welcome / Apologies. Continued from AGM.
2. Review of Actions from last meeting.
 - Orchard Bench fixing and Plaque. NTR
 - Website, contacts and mailing lists update. Mailing list largely redone. 78 email addresses matched with names and updated, 48 addresses unmatched at present.
 - Police liaison with Bite & Blether. Expected to happen 3rd June 2026.
 - Peebles Life delivery to Eddleston. 80 magazines now being delivered to Village Hall, Horseshoe, Barony, Scots Pine, Church and Bus Stop. More available on request.
 - Border maintenance by A703. NTR.
 - Report on church upgrade for Leithenwater Windfarm. [Report here](#). Will be used by CC and windfarm to publicise.
 - Hedges obstructing footpaths. This is affecting safe use by prams and walking aids at a number of locations in the village. SBC to be informed of addresses of concern.
 - Road marking on A703 to aid crossing. Will seek further clarification of what is permissible.
3. Approval of Minutes. Minutes from 28 April 2026 meeting discussed and agreed.
4. Reports and Correspondence
 - Police. [April Report](#). Gary informed us of a number of car thefts in Tweeddale and emphasised importance of protecting key access using Faraday bags. They are now aware of the MAPA event and will have a visit by a community police officer.
5. Planning. Nil.
6. Future of School.
 - Current situation. Library van on every Saturday (10am - 1pm, 1.30pm - 2.45pm) and every Monday (10am - 12 noon). Building full of stuff and occupied on weekdays. Fence repaired.
 - There is interest in the possibility of an open day once the building is fully set up in its current use to view some exhibits. Will try to arrange later in the year.
 - Need for business plan. [Outline concept \(here\)](#) in planning. All comments gratefully received. Will need professional help.
 - SBC permission for self-help groundwork on school site. Approved to do minor works not involving power tools or working at height. The raised vegetable beds will be brought back to use and the willow house will get cut back. Anyone interested in cultivating the vegetable beds or helping with minor maintenance then please get in touch.

- Small schemes grant use. Intend to apply for 4 new picnic tables for the school grounds.
7. [MAPA event 31 May](#). This is a free “Polish” themed event with lots of childrens’ activities and is open to everyone. It would be great to see many Eddleston residents in attendance. Permission has kindly been granted to use the field to the left of the Barony as car parking if the ground is dry. Alternative parking arranged in school playground if field unavailable. These plans should avoid traffic congestion from parked cars in the village.
 8. Windfarms. Meetings on going to progress development of Leithenwater Windfarm.
Bowbeat.
 - Bowbeat Community Benefit fund now open for applications. [GRANT APPLICATION HERE](#).
 - Fund distribution panel volunteer status. [VOLUNTEER APPLICATION HERE](#).
 9. Open Floor / AoB
 - Still looking for someone as EDCC secretary to review the many emails we get each month. Volunteers welcome. We are also able to offer a small payment if that is of help.
 - There is concern about a lack of knowledge of issues affecting the village hall. We will seek more regular updates.
 10. Date of Next meetings. Tuesday 7 July 2026, Tuesday 25 August 2026, Tuesday 22 September 2026,