

**Midlothian Federation of Community Councils**  
**15 November 2023**  
**Council Chambers - Midlothian House**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Dan Lennie (DL)	Bonnyrigg and District
Dougie West (DW)	Bonnyrigg and District
Ann Stewart-Kmicha (ASK)	Dalkeith and District
Andrew Watt (AW)	Dalkeith and District
Joanne Gilles (JG)	Damhead and District
Robin Barclay (RB)	Eskbank and Newbattle
Barbara Mackie (BM)	Eskbank and Newbattle
Eddie Robertson (ER)	Gorebridge and District
Steve Chalmers (SC)	Gorebridge and District
Judy Thomson (JT)	Mayfield & Easthouses and District
Robert Hogg (RH)	Mayfield & Easthouses and District (Chair)
Paul McGrath (PMcG)	Moorfoot and District
Sarah Matthews (SM)	Newtongrange & District
Jamie Tennant (JT)	Penicuik and District
Gordon Brown (GB)	Tynewater and District

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Paul Johnson (PJ)	Midlothian Council – Communities, Lifelong Learning and Employability
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**Apologies**

Brian Farrell	Eskbank and Newbattle (Vice Chair)
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**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

RH (Chairperson) welcomed Community Councillors to the meeting.

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (MAY) APPROVAL & MATTERS ARISING**

**Moved:** Robert Hogg

**Seconded:** Andrew Watt

**Meeting was shortened due to AGM meeting being extended.**

### **3. LOCAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES**

#### **Bonnyrigg and District**

- i** Jan Irvine's funeral was held on 24 October and a retiral collection of £250 was raised. The money will be divided between the two wards at Midlothian Community Hospital where Jan spent her final days. We'd like to thank everyone who attended or sent tributes for Jan.
- ii** Following on from last month's AGM we now have 18 full and 2 co-opted Community Councillors. We had our November meeting last week and it was well attended.
- iii** Local Place Plans - our working group created and advertised a survey and have received 120 responses to date.
- iv** The proposal to put down double yellow lines on both sides of Lothian Street, Bonnyrigg were approved at the October Cabinet meeting. The Community Council and at least one of our elected members have concerns that the discussion took no account of responses from two consultations, the majority of which objected to the proposal.
- v** Members of the Community Council participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies at Bonnyrigg, Lasswade and Polton Village.
- vi** We are reviewing our Constitution, Standing Orders, and the Community Council's bank account. Also trying to set up a sub-group to look at Aims and Objectives for the next year.
- vii** The Community Council's Residents Info Forum is being reviewed.
- viii** Our Chair is liaising with Midlothian's Road Safety team with a view to submitting a funding application to Cycle Scotland for installing cycle racks in Bonnyrigg town centre.

#### **Dalkeith and District**

- i** No update

#### **Damhead**

- i** No update

#### **Danderhall and District**

- i** No update

#### **Eskbank and Newbattle**

- i** No update

### Gorebridge and District

- i No update

### Howgate and District

- i No update

### Loanhead

- i No update

### Mayfield and Easthouses

- i No update

### Moorfoot

- i **Local Place Plan:** We are just launching our on-line consultation across the Moorfoot area. We aim to advertise this across the region using facebook, posters, word-of-mouth, and our CC website.
- ii **Breedon's proposed extension to works at Temple Quarry:** There are to be two public events to present the proposals with opportunities to raise concerns and comments.
- iii **Speeding in Borthwick:** Wayne Clark, Roads Network & Transportation Manager, has accepted our invitation to attend our December meeting.

### Newtongrange

- i **Crawlees Road:** Risk assessment needed. Proposal for all the Councillors and Village Voices group to walk the route. Request for a crossing from Doctor's surgery to the bus stop which could make a difference. Add this road to the possible [850 roads](#) that will be 20 miles per hour in the county.
- ii **Local Place Plan:** SMART targets are currently being organised - how will these work going forward? Contact with Midlothian Planning Team to understand how we can work together to set and achieve the targets.
- iii **Pool Site:** Follow up with Midlothian Council to understand their plans and next steps to ensure the community is not overlooked.
- iv **Solar Panels** - Added to Mining Museum and hopefully the Church (planning application is back in)

### Penicuik and District

- i No update

### Rosewell and District

- i No update

### Roslin and Bilston

- i **Multi Use Games Area (Muga):** We continue to pursue the closure issue at weekends and evenings with Councillors who appear to have been unaware of the 'scoping' exercise. Parent Council & Community Council are seeking a meeting with Sports & Leisure as to their plans. Meantime the padlock has been vandalised, so the Muga is open!!!
- ii **Friends of the Moat:** We have undertaken some tremendous work at the historical Roslin Curling Pond site creating a Bird Hide from the Curling Pond hut (see picture). Any groups who would like a tour, let us know.
- iii **Roslin Guerilla Gardeners:** The group continues to make a difference at the school entrance involving Primary school children in bulb planting. Next project is a mini orchard sponsored by Scotmid.
- iv **Crime:** Regrettably, vandalism issues continue in Bilston with the Defib recently installed by the First Responders was badly damaged. Also, incidents of missiles being thrown at Roslin properties.
- v **Pump Tracks in Roslin & Rosewell:** Are going out to tender at the end of the year and will hopefully be in both parks first quarter of 2024 (if costs have not spiralled out of control!).

### Tynewater

- i No update

## 4. UPDATES FROM OCTOBER MINUTE

### i **Crawlees Road**

Meeting including Newtongrange, Mayfield and Easthouses, Gorebridge Community Councils and Midlothian Council had been held to discuss safety concerns about the road.

- ii **Letter to re Coalfield Regeneration Trust Funding. (Item 8.1 October Minutes)**  
RH submitted a letter. At the point of the meeting no reply had been received.

### iii **Letter re Planning Housing Allocation**

The letter has been submitted. Included submission from those Community Councils who were in disagreement with points made.

**iv Parliamentary Boundaries**

ASK noted that a response to the proposals will need to be submitted at the earliest opportunity.

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, 20 December 2023, 7:00 - 9.00 pm. Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86713956016?pwd=bmVCNkRBV3UvZjl1aDlDNu8yZkFLdz09>

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