

# Midlothian Federation of Community Councils Meeting

Wednesday 19 March 2026

ZOOM

## Meeting Minutes



### PRESENT

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| George Nichol (GN)       | Bonnyrigg and District               |
| Andrew Watt (AW)         | Dalkeith and District (Acting Chair) |
| Derek Law (DL)           | Dalkeith and District (DIDCC)        |
| Jo Gillies (JG)          | Damhead and District (DmDCC)         |
| Barbara Mackie (BM)      | Eskbank and District                 |
| Richard Horsburgh (RHrb) | Gorebridge and Newbattle             |
| Judy Thomson (JT)        | Mayfield & Easthouses and District   |
| Les McDonald (LM)        | Moorfoot                             |
| Norma McDonald (NM)      | Moorfoot                             |
| Helen Blackburn (HB)     | Rosewell and District                |
| Chris Gooding (CG)       | Roslin and Bilston                   |

### APOLOGIES

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| Robert Hogg (RH)  | Mayfield & Easthouses and District (Chair)                            |
| Ian Walker (IW)   | Penicuik and District   |
| Paul Johnson (PJ) | Midlothian Council - Communities, Lifelong Learning and Employability |

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

AW (Acting Chair) welcomed Community Councillors to the meeting.

### 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Approved as accurate.

Proposed: RHrb (GDCC)

Seconded: BM (ENCC)

- Community Council constitutions outstanding.
- Insurance invoices deadline passed.
- No further action on tree removal.
- MTRaP to be discussed later.

### 3. LOCAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

- School roll projections delayed until May.
- Loss of meeting venue in Bilston.
- Concerns over increased facility hire costs affecting after-school clubs.
- Loss of early years provision (Sure Start) in Gorebridge.

### 4. EVENT

AMC Scotland Peace Symposium – no formal attendance required from Federation.

## 5. COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS

- Deadline: 12 April 2026.
- Admin grants up to £350; additional funding up to £1,000.

## 6. EDINBURGH AIRPORT NOISE BOARD

- Consultation ongoing.
- Passenger numbers increasing.

## 7. CARE FOR PEOPLE MEETING

- Lorraine Chapman has now retired (again), replaced by Joanna Eceiza as Resettlement Lead.
- PSTN switch-off delayed to January 2027.

## 8. COMMUNITY PLANNING

- No volunteer for Community Planning Group.

## 9. PLANNING

- Crawlees Road: concerns over traffic data and developer engagement.
- Issues with road access in new developments.

## 10. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Mine water management ongoing.

## 11. INFRASTRUCTURE

- A7 roadworks and confusing diversions.
- Proposed Park & Ride near Roslin opposed.
- Bus service reductions causing concern.
- Agreement it was ok to share petition from local MP.
- Might be worth sharing letter from MSP at the same time for balance.

## 12. MTRAP

- Pothole Pro effectiveness questioned.

**Action:** Request tracking visibility.

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Recycling changes causing confusion.
- Three CCs with abbreviation DDCC, so distinction should be made between each – DLDCC, DmDDC, DnDCC.

## 14. NEXT MEETING

15 April 2026, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (Zoom).

## ACTIONS SUMMARY

- Complete constitutions.
- Submit grant applications.
- Support after-school club campaign.
- Write to Midlothian Council re pothole tracking