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**Eskdalemuir Community Council (ECC) Meeting**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 7pm, Eskdalemuir Hub**

**Present:** Stu Green (Chair), Barry Young (Treasurer), Liz McQueen (Secretary), Ian Warden, Al Green, Julie McLeod, Pat Wiles

Lara Porter Operational Manager (UEDG)

Lisa Warden (UEDG Chair & Secretary)

**Apologies:** Bernard Provost, Archie Dryfeburgh, PC Glendinning,

*Minutes of last meeting supplied by Liz - approved by Barry, seconded by Al.*

Lisa Warden (UEDG Chair & Secretary) made a presentation to ECC about UEDG constitution to illustrate how UEDG supports whole parish of Eskdalemuir and its objectives ('objects')

**Matters Arising:**

**LPP**

- Update from Barry – Good uptake of response
- AJS now on maternity leave so behind on getting the draft out
- 8 week Consultation on the draft including review by Shelley Bell ( LPP Officer)
- Plan could help with Planning Aid Scotland application to support walking biking routes.
- LPP would aid future community discussion about land buy out or community housing

**Police Report**

- A report will be emailed directly from PC Stephen Glendinning to Liz (ECC Secretary) – report from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025, forwarded on to ECC members.  
(Please note – due to changes made by Police Scotland, we will no longer have a representative attend our meetings. There is an option to attend group online Annadale East and Eskdale, Annandale South, Police Community Council dial in, though dates and times aren't always convenient.

**Timber Route/Traffic Calming**

- Gerry & Louise local residents at Craighaugh -present to discuss issues around timber bypass, and impact on their experience living in the village since last November and her ongoing communication with James England. Most recently an email to all haulers explain that penalties will be applied if bypass not utilised
- Gerry commented that haulage traffic has reduced in her opinion.
- Land and Forest Scotland Civil Engineer responsible for works; Timber Route has been repaired
- Suggestion speed limits or road narrowing pavements within village could help

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- **Action:** Email to representative to Timber Transport Representative – [james.england@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:james.england@dumgal.gov.uk) to invite him (and Timber Forum members) to a special meeting, and establish a collaborative approach with all community groups.
- **Action:** Dennis has taken photos to raise question of pavement narrowing for traffic calming and ask about speed reduction from 30mph to 20mph

### Resilience Planning

- Couple of residents have taken up water assistance in recent heat wave.
- Barry updated from Environmental Health who are keen to know who is effected
- Scottish Water to bring water to Harthill depot in Lockerbie
- Help is available, if there is holding tank at your property they will top up tank.
- £800 grant per household available to improve your system e.g to create holding tank
- Significant fund available for resilience - £19K ringfenced from Minska Fund – need to discuss further with other groups.

### Planning Notices

- None

### Website Update

- Al chasing up bios & photos of community council members to add to website
- **Action:** 2 x ECC members still outstanding to forward bios/photos to Al as soon as able

### Cost of Living – Foundation Scotland

- £500 given to ECC
- Proposed to use on running costs of ECC including room hire

### Crossdykes Community Benefit Company Update

- £957 left out of the £2000 annual pot available
- 2 x Education & Training bursary applications to consider  
Ruby Irving - £510 – laptop and Microsoft 365 & McAfee – for Forestry course at Barony College – **unanimously agreed**  
Jude Graham - £839 - Global Sisterhood Circle Initiation US course – **Query**  
**Action:** Require a bit more detailed information from Jude about the course and about fees as over budget (Barry/Stu)
- 2 x Small grants fund from Eskdalemuir Expressive Arts  
1.) Scribblers Writing Group support to pay for room hire for the hub – 2hrs every other Thursday - £21.60 x 25 sessions = £540 – **unanimously agreed**  
2.) Film Nights – 3hrs every other month £32.40 per film for 6 films across the year + £194 + a charge for entry - **Query**  
**Action:** propose ECC sponsor 1 x Friday Film Night with free entry – offering £200 to cover costs of film and hire.

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**AOCB:**

- Raised by Davington Resident, Kirsten Jenkins with regards to bus service 112 particular last bus – 5.15 from Lockerbie which unlike the other buses on the timetable stops at Samye Ling – rather than the full route to Nether Cassock
- Kirsten is concerned for Davington teenagers catching this bus, after their afterschool clubs who would have to walk 2 miles with no pavement from Samye Ling, particularly in winter
- Suggestion certain days for full service could be proposed for review
- Action : Denis will contact SWestrans and raise the issue

**Date of next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - 7pm**