

Grantshouse Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026

in Grantshouse Village Hall

at 7.30pm

Present: Trevor Warne (Chairman), Michael Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson Alex Sargent, George Murray, David McCran, Margaret & Ian Fleming, Eugene Mak, Pat Drurie & Steven Lough

Apologies: Cllr Aileen Orr, Stephen Birtch, Ian Leslie, Stuart Nairn, Cllr Carol Hamilton, John Prentice, Graham Fleming, Cllr James Anderson, Margaret Bell, Catherine Cunnane

Introductions

Police Report Neighbourhood Watch – Feb and March police reports.

Previous Minutes – agreed and committed to record.

Matters arising:

The installation of a mirror at the junction with the Butterdean Road seems the best option to address the poor sightline at the junction – Alex has sent over one to order.

New Hub: - The drawings have been sent to SBC planning for comment. Arthian have submitted a fee cost for completing the remediation report – this will be complete at the end of April for submission early May. Parallel activity will include grant applications to cover the costs.

Cedar Café Toilets: - No update – Cllr Anderson has chased SBC legal – however, activity on site would suggest the caravan park plans are progressing. **Post meeting note** – it appears new owners are progressing the plans – this raises several questions and contact with the new owners will be attempted.

Playpark – The owner of the former Outward Bound has been emailed – still no response. Melrose and Portious have been asked for a cost estimate for legal support – funds remain from Quixwood to cover this.

Newsletter – Content needed!

Former Drysdale Garages – New stones and containment have been installed and the planters positioned and filled with soil.

Training – we will focus on the Houndwood team to begin with – new equipment will be included.

Houndwood bench – no update.

Kerbstones at Cedar – no update – they will be reported on the SBC web but the work at the

development will impact this.

The New Powers for CC campaign – still active – Grantshouse are not taking part.

BEAR meeting – David attended and there is useful information regarding their activities. They will eventually cease verge work without protection - which calls into question the safety of the path to Harelawside – this issue will be raised again.

There will be cameras installed to deter littering.

The issue of ice on the bridge section at Harelawside was raised – no action is recommended by BEAR.

Bench at Butterdean road – an area has been cleared – it just needs a border that can be used to contain the stones to be used for the base – this will allow the grass to be cut without damage to the blades. The bench has arrived.

Tractor insurance – has been updated and renewed

Houndwood Storage – a new project to provide container storage at Houndwood is underway – details are being gathered and a grant application to Quixwood will follow.

Treasurer's Report - No 1 £1861.09

Correspondence:

Planning application review – the retrospective planning for a building at Howpark is to be reviewed – this will take place on **Monday, 19th May 2026 at 10am**

COOP bank – is changing the authorisation process – either using an App or a token

A1 Culverts – work is being carried out on culverts to the north and south of the main village – hopefully this will alleviate the flooding problem.

SBC review of Community Councils – One Community Councillor is sought to represent each locality in the review. Community Councils are asked to consider nominating a Community Councillor from their membership to join the Working Group on behalf of the relevant locality.

Community Led Local Development funding - is opening on the 8th April for Expressions of Interest. Supported by the Scottish Government, the CLLD programme provides financial assistance for community-based initiatives that deliver benefits to local groups, communities, and businesses.

The Lavender Touch - is now inviting interest in the role of Chair of Trustees, alongside additional Trustee positions, as the charity prepares for its next phase.

The Rural Scotland Convention on Major Energy Infrastructure – email sent out regarding a campaign to cease major infrastructure projects.

A.O.B.:

CPR training has been arranged for 18th April 10-12noon – village hall

The Bollards at the access to the walk at Houndwood have been damaged. It may be prudent to leave them until the containers are positioned.

A review of members of the Grantshouse Development Company Ltd will be undertaken with the view of increasing the numbers.

Meeting closed at 21.15

Date of next meeting: May 14th