

Grantshouse Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 12th March 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 & Catherine Cunnane

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

Introductions

Police Report Neighbourhood Watch – January’s report is in and Feb’s is on its way.

Previous Minutes – agreed and committed to record.

Matters arising:

The installation of a mirror at the junction with the Butterdean Road may fit on the existing sign post – Alex will check if its possible.

New Hub: - The design drawings have been circulated with some comments received. A pack will be submitted to the Planning Dept for their comments. Arthian are working up a cost plan for the additional works required. An Arthian engineer was on site this morning to collect water samples from the boreholes – this will help answer some of the outstanding questions.

Cedar Café Toilets: - No update – Cllr Anderson will be contacted to see if there is an update.

Playpark – The owner of the former Outward Bound has been emailed – no reply so far.

Newsletter – Content needed!

Former Drysdale Garages – The frontage has been cleared and materials ordered.

Training – we will focus on the Houndwood team to begin with.

Houndwood bench – This will be sent to the councillors in the new financial year for sign-off.

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

Treasurer’s Report - No 1 £2056.82

Correspondence:

Scottish Human Rights Commission ('SHRC'), have a free community engagement event: [Sign up to the event on Eventbrite](#).

- at Borders College in Galashiels
- on **Tuesday, the 17th of March 2026** between 10 am and 12 pm.

The plaque for John Brown - put up last week in the crematorium grounds

BEAR – have a meeting **Reston Village Hall at 18:15 on Monday, 23 March 2026**.

Scottish Borders Council is continuing work to explore the potential extension of the Borders Railway to Hawick and Carlisle. Support from both Parliaments

Forestry issues have been circulated on behalf of Camilla Fowler and her community council - Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk and Midlem Community Council (LAMCC)

SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – have a conference – see link [Rethinking Public Services Online Conference – real solutions, real innovation, and real impact](#).

Wise Group. use Scottish Government funding to help support families. Their Relational Mentoring service covers 6 local authorities including The Scottish Borders. There are no waiting lists. See link - : [One to one tailored mentoring and support](#)

Impact of Energy Infrastructure – there is a growing movement to protest against the impact of various infrastructure projects.

New powers for Scottish CC – there is a campaign to give CC more power – using the English Parish Council model. We will let the campaign organisers we are not interested.

A.O.B.:

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

Catherine is doing a sponsored abseil on 21st March

First aid training will be arranged

19th March – is the date for the next Big Community clean up

A 70s disco night has been proposed – agreement in principle to fund from the micro grant – nominally £350

Quotes for the containers for Houndwood will be sent on and a Quixwood grant will be applied for.

Meeting closed at 20.45

Date of next meeting: April 9th