

GOREBRIDGE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUES OF MEETING
20 JANUARY 2026, 7PM, GOREBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE HUNTERFIELD
ROAD GOREBRIDGE EH23 4TX

IN ATTENDANCE

Community council members

Chair Gael Robertson (GR), Secretary Richard Horsburgh (RH), Treasurer Juliet Bruce Dickie (JBD), Ian Hewitson (IH), Alice Drever (AD), Lorraine Amedro (LA), Jac Frankitti (JF), Heather Webb-Nelson (HWN), John Campbell (JC)

Midlothian councillors

Councillor Ellen Scott (ES)

Councillor Douglas Bowen (DB)

Visitors

M Cowie, R Rafferty, J Paget, A Murry, M-A Amedro, R Mackie, R Laird, A Watt

WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed members to the first meeting of 2026. It was noted that there had been a two-month gap since the previous meeting, and a three-month gap since the last meeting attended by the Chair and Secretary.

Members were advised that, due to a tight agenda, several follow-up items had been deferred and would be revisited at a future meeting. Planning for 2026, including events for which the Community Council has responsibility, will be a key agenda item at the next meeting.

APOLOGIES

M Webb, J McFarlane (Police Representative)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved – Ian Hewitson

Seconded – Jac Frankitti

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not already covered on the agenda. It was noted that one or two items, including bus-related issues, were removed from this meeting's agenda due to time constraints and will be carried forward to the next meeting.

EDINBURGH AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY BOARD (ENAB)

Andrew Watt (Dalkeith Community Council / Federation representative on the Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board) gave a presentation on the proposed Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change.

It was noted that previous proposals had been rejected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) due to inaccuracies. A revised proposal is currently subject to public consultation, which is nearing its closing date.

The proposed changes would introduce satellite-guided flight paths, concentrating arriving aircraft onto a single defined route and largely avoiding major population centres in Midlothian, including Gorebridge. The use of Continuous Descent Approaches was highlighted, with aircraft remaining higher for longer, which is expected to reduce noise impact. Overall, the proposal was described as a significant improvement for Midlothian.

It was further noted that most eastbound departing flights would be routed over the Firth of Forth rather than over Midlothian. One daily turboprop service to Dublin may remain at a lower altitude due to operational safety requirements.

Members noted the information presented and expressed support for the proposed changes. It was agreed that the Community Council would submit a response to the consultation reflecting this position. It was noted that, if approved, implementation is not expected before 2028.

Action to be taken:

- Secretary to submit consultation response in support of the proposal

PUPIL ROLL PROJECTION SIC RESPONSE UPDATE

The Scottish Information Commissioner has upheld the FOI complaint, requiring Midlothian Council to release the pupil roll projections by 26 January

No response had been received at the time of the meeting. It was noted that FOI responses are often issued close to deadlines. It was considered unlikely that the Council would pursue an appeal due to the associated costs. Once received, the projections will be shared with Gorebridge Community Council and other community councils as appropriate.

The data is regarded as important for understanding school planning and for informing work on MLDP2. The meeting noted frustration at the length of time taken to obtain the information.

Action to be taken:

- Await release of the figures and circulate when available.

PENICUIK SCHOOL AND SCHOOL TRANSPORT OVERSPEND

Members noted concerns regarding reported overspends associated with the Penicuik High School refurbishment, particularly in the context of continued disappointment at the lack of progress towards a new local high school. While acknowledging explanations relating to inflation, construction costs and unforeseen issues in an ageing building, members expressed concern regarding budgetary control, accountability and communication from Midlothian Council.

It was agreed that the Community Council would raise these concerns formally with Midlothian Council and seek clarification through a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, with specific questions to be drafted.

Members also noted increasing school transport costs, particularly in relation to Additional Support Needs (ASN) provision. It was acknowledged that this is a complex issue with legal and operational constraints, and that work is ongoing within the Council to address these pressures.

Action to be taken:

- Draft FOI request regarding Penicuik High School overspend and school transport costs.

CRAWLEES ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

The Chair introduced the item and thanked Richard for preparing a paper based on the Barrett Road survey reports, which members agreed clarified the technical evidence.

It was noted that the paper has been discussed with Robert and will be amended to better reflect real-world traffic conditions before being recirculated. Members raised concerns that existing road surveys, undertaken during the Covid period, no longer reflect current traffic volumes, particularly the impact of HGVs and school transport.

Concerns were also raised regarding the markedly different safety proposals for the two junctions at either end of Crawlees Road. Clarification will be sought on the rationale for these differences and on respective responsibilities.

Members were advised that discussions are ongoing with Kirsty McNeill MP's office, including a draft letter to the Chief Executive of Midlothian Council seeking clarification on road safety matters.

Recent incidents and observations, including poor road markings, signage, vegetation management and maintenance, were noted. Members agreed that GDCC's focus remains on road safety irrespective of future development.

Actions to be taken:

- Amend and recirculate road safety paper.
- Share paper with Barrett at forthcoming meeting.
- Agree on the content of the MP's letter before the letter is circulated by the MP's office.
- Seek clarification on junction safety proposals.

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL PLANNING ISSUES (MSLP2)

It was pointed out that this should be titled "Midlothian Council Planning and Development Issues".

A meeting was scheduled for 28 January regarding the Lingerwood / Barratt development. No significant updates were reported at this time.

Members reiterated ongoing concerns regarding infrastructure capacity, particularly roads and transport. Reference was made to a recent Borders Community Councils meeting in Jedburgh concerning wind farms and associated pylons, and it was agreed that further information should be sought once available.

No significant changes were reported in relation to housing developments since the last meeting.

An update was provided on discussions with Persimmon regarding road and traffic matters, including development boundaries, speeding and parking signage, and traffic management. It was noted that agreed actions have not yet been implemented, and that expiry dates of existing traffic restrictions are being monitored.

The Redheugh development was reported to have been recommissioned, with progress constrained by access issues relating to the railway bridge.

It was noted that planning permission for development at the former gasworks site had previously been refused and that an appeal has now been lodged with the Reporter. Ongoing concerns regarding land contamination and historic fire incidents were reiterated.

Members also noted that land within the Redheugh commercial area is currently for sale. Potential future use of the site, including commercial or retail development, was discussed, subject to consultation.

Concerns were raised regarding road safety on Crawlees Road, following a recent incident involving an empty school bus. Issues highlighted included worn road markings, missing or delayed signage (including at the Z-bends), overgrown vegetation, and the lack of visible safety improvements despite previous reports.

Actions to be taken:

- To monitor Redheugh development and access issues.
- To monitor gasworks site planning appeal.

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL ISSUES**• Dog Fouling Issues / Enforcement:**

Dog fouling was raised as an ongoing and worsening issue within the community. It was noted that Midlothian Council no longer provides free dog waste bags. Local veterinary practices have confirmed they are purchasing and providing bags to dog owners and have indicated a willingness to support community action.

Members discussed the need for a community-led campaign, potentially involving posters and awareness-raising, working in partnership with veterinary practices, dog wardens, and relevant council services. It was agreed that this should be developed as part of the Community Council's programme for the coming year, with a more detailed plan to be brought to a future meeting.

Actions to be taken:

- GDCC to collaborate with schools and other community groups on this issue.
- **New Waste Management System -Green bins:**
Members discussed the recently introduced waste and recycling changes, which were noted as already implemented. While some members felt the system made sense in principle, significant concerns were raised about practical implementation, particularly in areas such as Main Street where properties lack space for multiple bins or rear access.

Issues raised included:

- Confusion over what materials go into which bins, with council communications described as unclear and overly complex.
- Difficulties for households in flats, former commercial properties, and high-density housing.
- Bins frequently obstructing pavements and roads.
- Concerns about contamination of recycling and potential fines without sufficient clarity.
- Challenges for residents whose first language is not English.

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL ISSUES (continued)

- **New Waste Management System -Green bins (continued):**

Suggestions included:

- Clearer, simplified guidance (e.g. a single-page visual guide or stickers for bins).
- Digital or reminder systems similar to those used by other councils.
- Investigation into larger or communal bins for areas such as Main Street.
- Improved consideration of accessibility, space constraints, and local housing layouts.

Action to be taken:

- It was agreed that GDCC should consider gathering feedback from residents and raising these concerns with Midlothian Council, particularly around communication, equity, and practical delivery.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN (LPP) AUDIT UPDATE

The Chair provided an update on the Local Place Plan. It was noted that there has been a very poor response to the recent audit, with verbal feedback suggesting that some local groups are not interested in participating. This has prompted a rethink of the original approach and raised wider questions about the purpose and effectiveness of the Local Place Plan process.

While some benefits were acknowledged — notably that Gorebridge now has a strong written document — concerns were expressed that the process lacks a clear implementation framework. It was noted that, unlike other community planning work the Chair had previously been involved in, the Local Place Plan does not include defined steps for delivery or progression.

Concerns were also raised that Local Place Plans have limited influence, as they are only likely to be considered by the Planning Authority where they align with existing council priorities. It was further noted that issues identified locally risk being diluted when incorporated into the wider Midlothian planning framework, including the emerging Place Statement.

The Chair advised that further work will be undertaken with JBD on how best to make use of the existing Local Place Plan document. Ideas include holding a public engagement event, with proposals to be developed and brought back to the next meeting as part of the Council's work plan for the year.

Action to be taken:

- Further discussions will continue via email and at the next GDCC meeting.

COUNCILLORS UPDATES

Councillor Douglas Bowen

Apologised for not submitting a written report in advance, noting that much of his recent work has involved ongoing engagement and follow-up matters rather than new issues.

- **Former Pool Site / Range Road:**
 - Confirmation was if works are currently projected to commence in August, subject to completion of the planning process.
 - A short consultation period is still to take place prior to submission of the planning application.
 - Concerns raised by residents in Newtongrange regarding the proposed housing layout were noted.
 - The intention is for work to start this year, with completion anticipated in late 2027.
 - Ogilvie Construction has been appointed as the contractor.
 - Members welcomed progress on what has been a longstanding derelict site.
- **Former Station Building:**
 - Councillor Douglas advised that he has held meetings regarding the derelict former station building.
 - Compulsory purchase is not currently considered viable due to cost constraints.
 - Efforts are ongoing to engage with the owner to address the building's condition.
 - Discussions are also taking place with the Planning Service regarding potential flexibility in requirements.
 - The building's deteriorating condition and associated safety concerns were highlighted.

COUNCILLORS UPDATES (continued)

Councillor Ellen Scott's Report Abridged

Penicuik High School:

Project costs increased due to inflation, labour shortages, and unforeseen faults in the old building once works began. As pupils had already been decanted, the project could not be paused. The situation is acknowledged as disappointing, and appropriate scrutiny has taken place.

School Travel Costs:

The cost of bespoke school transport has risen from £800k in 2021 to £2.3m, reflecting increased provision for children with complex needs and higher contractor costs. Mitigation measures include offering parents mileage or personal travel budgets (with limited uptake), combining journeys where safe, reviewing council fleet use, and assessing bus size and usage. Transport eligibility remains at 2 miles for all pupils in Midlothian, with separate arrangements for children with Additional Support Needs. Difficult decisions on transport costs are anticipated.

Road Safety and Traffic Measures:

- Barleyknowe Road: Speed monitoring is ongoing to inform future traffic calming measures, to be funded next financial year.
- New Hunterfield: Street lighting will be improved immediately, with tree inspections to enhance light levels. Road layout changes, such as a pinch point at the crossing, may be considered for the 2026/27 budget.
- Gorewater Gardens: An access protection marker (white line) will be installed; yellow lines are not planned.

Cllr Scott's full report is attached to this document

Councillor Kelly Drummond

Nil return.

ROAD CALMING MEASURES / MAIN STEET ISSUES UPDATE

As per Cllr Scott's Report

POLICE REPORT AND POLICE SRGERY

Period: 1 November – 31 December 2025

Overall Police Demand

- **November:** 172 calls received
- **December:** 130 calls received
- **Total:** 302 calls over the two-month period

Police Response

- Multiple offenders **charged, arrested, or reported.**
- Ongoing investigations where suspects have not yet been identified.
- Increased patrols, vehicle checks, and partnership working with **Community Policing, CID, Housing, DVLA, and British Transport Police.**

Overall Assessment

Police activity over November and December reflects a mix of traffic-related offences, anti-social behaviour, acquisitive crime, and isolated but serious violent incidents. Proactive policing and partnership working continue to be used to address community concerns and improve public safety.

Police Surgery

Alice Drever will arrange a date for the next police surgery now that PC McFarlane is back to work.

The full Police Reports for November and December are attached to this document.

CORRESPONDENCE

Crawlees Road Safety Report sent to Constituency MP's office as already discussed.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer presented the circulated report.

The current bank balance is £2,238.76, comprising £1,105.94 in the Community Council account and £1,132.82 in the Community Fund. The report will be amended to correctly label the Community Fund.

There has been one expenditure since the last meeting (printing costs). A £40 payment for the church Remembrance Service remains pending, awaiting bank details.

Members noted allocated funding that must be used by 31 March, including funding for a railing banner, £150 for library noticeboard repair, £300 for Local Place Plan review and engagement, and a carry-forward allocation for Gala Day materials. Proposals for use of this funding will be brought to the next meeting.

The Treasurer confirmed the GDCC website has been updated, with the addition of a Local Place Plan page still to be completed.

A forthcoming funding round was noted, and members agreed to consider funding priorities and potential fundraising for the next financial year.

MIDLOTHIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL FEDERATION

The next Federation meeting will take place tomorrow the 21st January. The secretary will attend on behalf of the GDCC.

MIDLOTHIAN TRAFFIC ROADS AND PATHWAYS (MTRaP)

Jac Frankitti provided an update on current and upcoming roadworks. Works at Burghside/New Shanks Bridge have been delayed until 2026/27 for financial reasons. Attention then turned to the A7 works, which are widely used by residents.

Roadworks on the A7 (southbound towards Newtongrange) are scheduled to begin on 6 February and are expected to be completed by mid-May. During the works there will initially be three-way temporary traffic lights, later moving to two lanes. Jac stressed the importance of advance notice so that residents can plan alternative routes and avoid unnecessary congestion.

It was requested that Midlothian Council improve communication and publicity, including clear advance dates, diversion options, and warning of restrictions. Concern was raised about HGVs attempting to divert overweight-restricted bridges, and the need for clear signage to prevent inappropriate diversions.

Alan Heatley (Manager – Network & Structure, Road Services, Neighbourhood Services, Place Directorate, Midlothian Council) said he would speak to John Callaghan, who oversees the A7 project, regarding start dates and related details. The A7 project, covering the Carrington Junction to Newtongrange Junction, is due to start on 16 February and is expected to be completed by 15 May.

Regarding the Birkenhead to New Shanks Bridge footway resurfacing, Alan advised that this had been postponed. However, given the recent notice issued for works at Birkenhead, it is possible there has been some confusion between the Birkenhead scheme and the Easthouses scheme, which appeared above Birkenhead in his table. The Birkenhead scheme involves resurfacing 112 metres of footway.

Jack also advised that she is attending a meeting on 17 February with transport and community representatives to discuss sustainable transport in Midlothian, including bus connectivity and transport hubs. Concerns were raised that current services are largely Edinburgh-focused and do not adequately support east-west travel between communities (e.g. Gorebridge to Bonnyrigg).

Members reiterated that early and clear communication is essential. Jac's use of social media, particularly Facebook, to share updates was welcomed, while noting that information should remain accessible to residents who do not use Facebook.

COMMUNICATION

Meet and share – Saturday 24th January 9.30 – 10.30.at the Beacon Gorebridge.

AOB

The Chair of the GDCC, speaking also in their role with the National Mining Museum Scotland, thanked the Community Council for its financial contribution towards museum activities over the previous year. This support was greatly appreciated. It was noted that the museum has received a modest increase in funding from the Scottish Government. While limited, this additional support places the museum in a slightly stronger financial position and helps to secure its continued operation. This was welcomed as a positive development. Members were invited to share feedback and ideas regarding future activities and priorities for the museum. It was acknowledged that funding remains an ongoing challenge.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

17 February, 7–9 pm. Please note that the venue is to be confirmed due to ongoing refurbishment at Birkenside Pavilion.

As this is my first Report of 2025, I hope you all had a very happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Gorebridge Station

A very fruitful meeting was held between myself, members of Gorebridge Community Council, Network Rail, ScotRail and Midlothian Council to discuss the possibility of reopening the passenger entrance to the station from Station Road. This would be a fully accessible ramped scheme and make it easier for everyone to access the station from the north. It is very heartening when everyone works together towards a common goal and will improve access to the station enormously.

Parking on pavements – complaints

Complaints continue to be made about parking on the pavement at Hunter Square/Main Street and I have been told that bollards are being sourced to prevent this. I have asked that the Main Street be leafleted about this.

School Rolls

In response to a query from the Community Council, I was able to provide information that the Education Service update school roll projections every year taking account of the housing land audit and they also track school rolls during the year to ensure forecasts are as accurate as possible. Officers are currently working on updating school roll projections to inform the learning estate strategy update to be presented at February Council. I also asked the FOI Team to answer this query as the information provided can be used for any other Community Council that requests the information.

Gore Glen Primary School

I visited the Head Teacher and had a productive talk about various issues relating to the School Estate, school patrol crossings etc. There is also an ongoing problem with P5 to P7 having a safe access to the school/playgrounds. At the moment they have to cross over the car park for the Glenable drop offs, which involves Taxis etc coming and going. I have asked if it is possible to have an access further down, that perhaps could tie in with the potential new bottom playground, this would make things safer. Muster points are also going to be looked into. Discussions are ongoing.

Constituent matters

I am dealing with housing matters as well as complaints, which involves anti social behaviour. The Newbyres/River Gore site is a constant source of complaints and a meeting has been arranged with the Planning Officers, Persimmons, Ward Councillors early February to try to resolve these matters, which are causing some of my constituents a great deal of frustration. A fuller report is being given by a Community Council member.

Education matters

A great amount of work was done by Officers in relocating the Mayfield Primary School over the Christmas period. Feedback so far is that the children are very happy at the new Easthouses Primary School.

Meetings

I attend weekly with Education Officers, fortnightly with Chief Officer Children's Services, monthly with the Finance Team for these Directorates. I also attend the BTSG, Planning, Briefing and other meetings as necessary. I have also met with constituents face to face and here is my Surgery dates for the next few months.

COUNCILLOR ELLEN SCOTT

FORTHCOMING SURGERY DATES

21-01-25	Gorebridge Library	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
28-01-25	Newtongrange Library	5.30 pm – 6.15 pm
18-02-25	Gorebridge Library	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
25-02-25	Newtongrange Library	5.30 pm – 6.15 pm
18-03-25	Gorebridge Library	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
25-03-25	Newtongrange Library	5.30 pm – 6.15 pm
15-04-25	Gorebridge Library	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
29-04-25	Newtongrange Library	5.30 pm – 6.15 pm
20-05-25	Gorebridge Library	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
27-05-25	Newtongrange Library	5.30 pm – 6.15 pm
	Rural Areas/other queries outside these times	By arrangement - email Ellen.Scott@midlothian.gov.uk Tel: 0131 271 3007

Community Council Meetings:

Moorfoot CC area 1st Wednesday of month [not Jan/July],

Gorebridge CC area 3rd Tuesday of the month [not Dec/July],

Newtongrange CC area last Tuesday of the month] [not Dec/July]

Please note: There are no surgeries during school holidays and that sometimes surgeries have to be cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances and or/bad weather etc.



Gorebridge Community Council Report



1st – 30th November 2025

Between 1st & 30th November 2025, there were 172 calls received to the Gorebridge area.

Incidents of note

04/11 – Barleyknowe Street – learner driver with instructor present stalled their vehicle. Offending vehicle from behind has went to overtake and struck rear corner of instructor vehicle causing damage. Offending vehicle made off making no attempt to stop and provide details. Crime report created and enquiry ongoing to trace the person responsible.

05/11 – Station Road – report of a 2-car vehicle collision and Police initially called due to a driver not providing details. Police attended and everything had calmed down. Details for insurance purposes were exchanged and no criminality to record.

05/11- TJ Newsagent, Burnside Road – Police called regarding an aggressive male in the shop refusing to leave. The male escalated with shop keeper acting in a threatening and abusive manner. The male continued this behaviour with Police on route to the Police station. He was charged, kept in custody and issued with special bail conditions preventing him from returning to the shop.

08/11 – Greenhall Road – report of a vehicle being driven with no insurance policy. Police have submitted as intelligence and will give it passing attention to try and intercept.

08/11 – Lady Brae Place – report of very loud music and shouting coming from an address. When Police later arrived, there was no noise coming from the property and in darkness.

09/11 – Swan Crescent – call after midnight regarding an intoxicated male sleeping on the street. Police attended and the male was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary as a precaution due to level of intoxication.

12/11 – Barleyknowe Terrace – numerous calls to Police regarding items being thrown into a garden. No damage caused on each occasion, but the family feel they are being targeted. Ongoing work going on with Community officer and housing.

20/11 – Vogrie Crescent South – Police carried a check on a vehicle which was showing as having no insurance. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was charged for driving with no insurance. The vehicle was seized.

20/11 – Braeside Road North – Report of a vehicle with no tax. DVLA were notified.

20/11 – Arnprior Road – report of a theft housebreaking whereby barrel and lock of side door was snapped, entry gained, and items stolen from within. Police have carried out full enquiries including scenes of crime and no positive lines of enquiry.

21/11 – Greenhall Road – report of 2 off road motorbikes and 1 quad bike being driven erratically with riders wearing balaclavas. Police attended and there was no trace of them.

22/11 – Newbyres Crescent – Vehicle targeted parked in the street whereby the windscreen and couple other windows were smashed with broken slabs. Police attended and carried out enquiries, and nobody has been identified.

23/11 – Lady Brae – report of a theft housebreaking whereby patio doors lock snapped, access gained and items stolen within. Scenes of crime have attended, and further enquiry is ongoing to ascertain who was responsible.

24/11 – Barleyknowe Terrace – police called regarding a hate crime and assault. Full enquiries carried out, and the culprit has been traced, charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

26/11 – Gorebridge train station – call regarding youths causing damage to a ticket machine. Police had traced a couple of youths earlier in the night before this call came in from British Transport Police. Enquiry ongoing by BTP to trace and charge the youths responsible who have been named by local police.

30/11 – Birkenhead – Police attended a property after calls regarding a disturbance within a property. One male was cut with a knife (minor injuries) and assaulted. The male responsible was later traced, charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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Additional information

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1st – 30st December 2025

Between 1st & 31st December 2025, there were 130 calls received to the Gorebridge area.

Incidents of note

02/12 – A7 near Goreglen – member of the public reporting 4 quad bikes being driven at speed on the road with riders wearing balaclavas. The 4 bikes surrounded the person reporting in their vehicle in an intimidating manner. The 4 quad bikes were seen heading into Shanks Bridge. Further enquiry being carried out to trace them.

02/12 – Gorebridge Police station – report of an abandoned vehicle within car park. Police notified DVLA to progress.

04/12 – Barleyknowe Gardens – report of a theft housebreaking whereby the rear door glass panel had been smashed and entry gained. Numerous items within were stolen and the property ransacked. Local Police CID carried out full enquiries with a negative result including scenes of crime attendance. Community Policing providing extra patrols in the area.

08/12 – Birken side – report from a delivery driver that a male at a property was behaving in a threatening and abusive manner. Enquiry ongoing to trace the male, arrest and charge him.

09/12 – St Andrews Primary School – report of a hit and run vehicle collision within the car park area of the grounds. Enquiry is ongoing to trace the driver responsible. Positive line of enquiry as the Police have several witnesses and the offending vehicle registration.

09/12 – Lady Brae – call regarding a vehicle in a field damaged. Police carried out enquiries and traced the owner of the vehicle who was safe and well. A deer had jumped out in front of the owner resulting in the vehicle accident.

13/12 – Hunterfield Road – report of an assault whereby a youth (15) has repeatedly punched, and adult male known to him. The culprit was traced in the area, taken home and charged in the presence of a parent. Report has been submitted to youth justice.

16/12- Vogrie Road – report of a possible drink driver due to manner of driving. Police attended the area in search of the vehicle. The moving vehicle was located between Gorebridge and Newtongrange and the driver was stopped. He failed the roadside breath test and also found in possession of white powder later testing positive for cannabis. The driver was arrested and taken to a police station for further test regarding drink/drug driving where he failed for drink driving and blood taken for drug driving. Charged and report submitted. Blood sent for analysis regarding the drug driving aspect.

16/12 – Barleyknowe Crescent – report of possible youths throwing a stone at a house window causing it to chip. Crime report raised for vandalism and door-to-door enquiries carried out with a negative result.

18/12 – A7 near to Hunterfield Road – traffic police carried out a road check stopping many vehicles. Several tickets were issued for vehicle defects such as lights or tyre issues.

26/12 – Burnside Road – report of a girl aged about 14 riding a dirtbike on the road with no helmet on nearly colliding with 2 vehicles. Police searched for the bike with a negative result. There was only the one call, and the informant did not recognise the girl.

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