

**GOREBRIDGE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPROVED
18 NOVEMBER 2025, 7PM, GOREBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

H Webb-Nelson, A Drever, J Frankitti, M Davidson, I Hewitson, J Bruce-Dickie, L Amedro

Councillors:

E Scott, D Bowen

Visitors:

J Paget, S Gabowski

WELCOME:

A Drever chaired the meeting. She welcomed all to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

R Horsburgh, G Robertson, J Campbell, K Drummond, R Mackie, M Webb

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes were circulated to members.

Approved – L Amedro

Seconded – J Frankitti

MATTERS ARISING:

Scotmid at Hunterfield Road has no bus shelter. Could this be reinstated? A zebra crossing at the car park entrance would be beneficial. Cllr Scott will make enquiries.

MIDLOTHIN PLANNING & MDLP2 ISSUES:

The planning meeting was today. Redheugh development was discussed. This development will be kept on the list to ensure the need for a new high school in Gorebridge. Over 1200 houses will be in this development, 700 will count into the future housing numbers, 400 won't. Site for a school is being looked at for future safeguarding. If a site is not safeguarded now, there may not be any land left in future.

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL ISSUES:

Gorebridge High School and FOI Inquiries Update – Previously discussed.

Crawlees Road Safety Issues – C Grahame MSP attended a meeting. The road at the beginning is not wide enough. It will not be widened until houses are built. The safeguarded route was mentioned. The road is an accident waiting to happen. Robert has carried out an extensive survey. The survey being carried out by developers is being considered by

Planning. The road junction is dangerous. Could traffic lights be put here? This item is also on Newtongrange and Mayfields Community Council's agendas. Nothing can be done until the Planning meeting. This item will be kept on the agenda.

Circular Bus Route - This bus is still running. The trial is being extended. A meeting in January will discuss the future of the service.

Newbyres - There is no intention to open the closed street until all is right, e.g. Care Commission, bank staff and staff absences. This street can house 12 residents.

Bus Behaviour - There are plans to do something about the free bus passes due to offending behaviour. Some youths do not always have the correct bus pass. The bus pass should be taken off offending youths.

Midlothian Council Planning Enforcement Issues – The house at Povert Road will be chased up. Portacabins were placed in a field which did not adhere to Midlothian Council rules. Cllr Bowen will consult Planning.

LLP AUDIT UPDATE:

This will be discussed when Gael returns from holiday.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

Reports were circulated to members.

Additional Information:

- Bus from home - still awaiting information.
- Water at primary school – This is apparently starting in the woods at Bonnybank. Cllr Scott to check.
- Birkenhead pavilion is being updated. This will hopefully be completed by Christmas.
- 800 Bus - Already covered.
- Parking attendants will be working at nights and weekends. This may help parking problems and vehicles blocking road views. Blocking road views goes against the Highway Code. Yellow lanes will be put on roundel at Gore Avenue. Any indiscriminate parking should be reported to the police.
- Scout hut at Borthwick – 2 new houses planned for the future have been turned down.

ROAD CALMING MEASURES, BARLEYKNOWE ROAD & SCHOOL SAFETY:

Parking is still a problem on Main Street. Parking attendants will check this issue. Main Street bollards are broken again. The bike rack is still in need of repair.

POLICE REPORT AND POLICE SURGERY:

The police report mentioned that a 10-year-old was allowed to buy a knife at a local shop. How was this allowed? Could the Community Council make a report to the Police to show our disgrace at this happening?

Jason is on long term sick leave. No surgeries are being held at the moment. This is a great idea, and we hope they will continue. GDCC should send Jason a get well soon card.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The parade was not as good as it has been. The colour party should always lead the parade. The colours should always be at the front. Hopefully this will be rectified next year. The bands and choir were very good. A service is also held in the church to cover this event.

CRISTMAS LIGHTS:

This is being held on 17 December 2025. The Gala King and Queen will switch them on.

DOG LITTERING AND FIREWORK NIGHT LITTERING:

- Gore Park poo bins are overflowing. Bags are being left next to them. More bins are required as is regular emptying of them.
- Fireworks at Bonnybank park have left a lot of rubbish which includes bonfire remains. Vans were used to collect and store bonfire material, so it was not uplifted prior to being burnt.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Goth – the friends of the Hunterfield Gothenburg tavern, thought the Community Council were dealing with this, but we have no responsibility for it. The police are dealing with this. The Community Council has asked the trust for an update and circulated the information to the community. No further action required.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Finances – No change.
- Leaflets for the Remembrance Day service cost £178. It was approved the Community Council pay half of this bill. Gorebridge Community Choir will also pay money towards it.
- Website - The Community Council should refer anyone asking about planning issues to the Midlothian Council website.
- The website should state we have no meetings in July and December.
- Station Adopters information should be withdrawn from the website.

FEDERATION:

- The meeting is on 19 November 2025.
- MTRaP was on 17 November 2025. A7 work overran at Hardengreen. The A7 improvement works will next move on to the A7 at the Sun Inn to Carrington junction. Can access over the Hardengreen bridge be made for pedestrians?

PERSIMMONS:

- Things seem to have settled down but Site Agents need to be reminded of street cleaning. After discussion it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda as any further issues could be dealt with under “Midlothian Planning and MDLP 2 Issues”. Possibly rename this to “Midlothian Planning & Development matters”? Could include any development concerns as a sub-heading.
- The hedge at the Scout Hut needs trimmed as it blocks the road view for drivers. This is the responsibility of the Birchwood estate.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- The next Meet & Share meeting will be held on 29 November 2025 in the Beacon at 9.30am. Anyone can attend.

AOCB:

None.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 20 January 2026, 7pm, Birkenhead Pavilion.

Alice closed the meeting by wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.