

Minutes of the Charlestown, Limekilns and Pattiesmuir Community Council Meeting

Date: 27 January 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Queen's Hall

Chair: Geoff Cartwright

Secretary: Mandy Littlewood

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Geoff Cartwright.
- Attendees introduced themselves, representing various villages and roles, including community councillors and residents from Pattiesmuir, Limekilns, Charlestown, and others. Present – Councillor Brian Goodall, Sue Hamilton, John Ward, Solomon Patel, Alex Lodge, Barbara McKenzie, Mandy Littlewood, Geoff Cartwright, Peter Hutchings, Tom Leatherland, Beryl Leatherland, Craig Lindsay, Sean Docherty, Malcolm Hamilton, Linda McFee, Lesley Scott, Mr & Mrs Williams
- Apologies were received from Tess Gibson and Paul Byford due to personal reasons.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved, with minor comments on formatting.
- Tom Leatherhead proposed acceptance, seconded by Peter Hutchings.

3. Matters Arising

a. War Memorial Website

- Progress on the War Memorial website is ongoing. Technical challenges have delayed completion, but a review is planned in a fortnight. Temporary solutions, such as redirecting the QR code to the Gellet Society website, are being considered.

b. Play Park Update

- Tender documents for the play park are expected soon. Work is anticipated to start in early June, with completion aimed for July.

c. Double Yellow Lines

- No update on painting of the Promenade double yellow lines; the work is queued. Community feedback has been largely positive, and the next area committee meets in February.

d. Third Village Notice Board

- The Rosyth Men's Shed is working on the notice board, requiring only perspex to complete. Costs are expected to be minimal.

e. Bumpy Cycle Track

- Work is delayed until August due to crop access. Discussion highlighted the safety benefits of the current bumps for pedestrians.

f. Pattiesmuir Piggery

- Ongoing issues with fencing being pushed down and trespassing. Dangerous asbestos is present. A note will be sent to Tess for further action.

g. Hedge Trimming

- Main road trimming has been completed, but Pattiesmuir and other areas remain outstanding. Responsibility for certain overgrown areas and walls was discussed, with requests for Estate intervention for the area to the left after the Cricket Ground.

h. Floral Display Request

- Awaiting Estate approval for a new planting area near the War Memorial. No response yet.

i. Lamping in Pattiesmuir

- Illegal hare coursing was discussed. Estate gamekeeper to be informed. Residents are advised to report incidents directly to the police wildlife crime officer and always request a crime reference number.

j. Charlestown Harbour Update

- Planning consent for a harbour boom is pending. Removal of boats and wall repairs are in progress. Funding and heritage considerations were discussed. Next meeting will focus on charity involvement for restoration efforts.

k. Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change

- The consultation has closed. Changes may increase air traffic noise in the area, with implementation likely by 2027–2028. Community responses were strong, and ongoing monitoring is planned.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Funding allocations were confirmed for website support, harbour activity, twinning group, and village link printing. Payees and receipts were discussed for proper financial governance.

5. CLP Nature Action

- Upcoming events and fundraising for beach, river, and community garden projects were announced. The importance of beach cleans and volunteer involvement was highlighted.

6. Planning Issues

- Updates on various planning applications, including Kingswood, East End Cottage, the harbour boom, Waukmill Farm eco-homes at Pitliver, and Leckerstone Farm shed. The need for statutory consultee status was discussed.

7. Police Report

- No new police report received. Changes in local police personnel were noted, with efforts to encourage officer attendance at future Community Council meetings.

8. Councillor Reports

- Updates included road maintenance, the Flexibus system, and ongoing issues with signage and traffic management. The importance of continued council engagement was noted.

9. Community Shop Discussion

- The local shop is struggling. Ideas for support included a community questionnaire, promotions, and increased publicity via the Village Link and social media. Offers of help with customer research and events were made. The importance of community support was emphasised.

10. Any Other Business

- Updates on the telephone exchange doors (painting is imminent), community council collaborations, and the upcoming retirement of Minister, Norman Grant, after 35 years of service. Plans to commemorate his contribution were discussed.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 24th February at 7:00 pm.