

## BMCC Meeting – Dolphinton Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Elected Members Present Ex-Official Members Present

**1. Attendance:** Four members of the public

Elected Members	Present		Ex-Official Members	Present
Alistair Muirhead/Chair	Y		Alex Allison	Y
Andreas Hudson/Sec	N		Ian Macallen	N
Pauline Irwin/Treasurer	Y		Ralf Barker	N
Anne Hutchinson	Y			
Stephen Jenkins	Y			
Eric Holford	Y			
Tammy McAlistair	Y			
Felix de By	Y			

**2. As part of the welcome and apologies the audience was asked for permission to record the session.**

Permission was granted by all attendees.

### **3. Apologies and Update**

- Apologies from Andreas Hudson

### **4. Approval of minutes of meetings and reports.**

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available at the time as the Secretary was travelling and they would be circulated as soon as practicable.

### **5. Secretary Report.- Nothing to report**

### **6.Treasurer Report:**

The current amount in the renewable energy account before any deduction is at £4500

There are currently two applications for funding : Libberton School £500, Bugal Editor £500

The chair declared that the Editor resided in the same household as himself.

The Bugal get printed for £204 per quarter which shows that the Editor Tracey Pritchard is attaining value for money.

There are currently two further applications for Elsrickle Community Hub and Black Mount Social Group.

The BMCC ring fenced fund with interest is currently at £1621.43

There will be £200 invoice from the Hub as it was to provide emergency care during the extended blackout period from storm eowin over two days.

Admin account is at £721.71 of which there is 196.40 being grant money for the Bugal, a cheque for £204 is being raised for the printing and the difference is being paid for with advertising revenue from the Bugal.

£24 for the last two lots of Bugal deliveries.

£22.50 for the Hire of Dolphinton Hall for October 2025

£24 for the hire of Elsrickle Community Hub for the September meeting.

At the November meeting this will include the AGM during which time the Treasurer and the Secretary are required to stand down. At this time I will advise the Community Council that I will not be seeking re election to the post of Treasurer and that I will be stepping down from the Community Council.

I am currently drawing together the documentation and handover notes to present the next treasurer and will be available for a short period in November should there be any queries.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the committee for their support over a lot of years in particular I wish to give special recognition to the Chairman who has given dedicated and genuine commitment to the community is commendable.

It has been a pleasure to serve along side you as Chairman of the Black Mount Community Council.

Not to forget Ann who works tirelessly in her work of social events and if you need help with the Christmas Dinner please let me know, but may not to do the dishes.

Ann responded by thanking Pauline and expressed sadness that Pauline wasn't going to be part of the Community Council anymore, " you have done a sterling job."

The Chairman, thanked Pauline for taking the reins at the time to sort out the books and get them in order and that they have been kept in order, Pauline was also thanked for keeping me right with the bits and bobs of Community Council work along the way.

**Planning** no planning issues.

**Social Group** Nothing new just seeing who is 65 and was eligible to attend the senior citizens dinner on December 5<sup>th</sup>, Grant application was submitted for this event.

**Dolphinton Hall** The opening event was a success, and went very well. Electricity is being upgraded in the next few weeks. The entertainment licence is being applied for which will allow them to do more activities. They are to request the grant to be repurposed as the legal expenses at the time weren't required, they will bring the request to the next meeting.

**Cllr Report** There will be budget consultations going out shortly and advised to fill them out.

Cllr Allison also reported of the funding 50K would not be distributed to Community Councils to distribute but it will go to 9 local halls and the youth project in Biggar.

Next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 meeting then AGM