

BMCC Meeting – Dolphinton Hall - 01 June 2026.

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

1. Attendance: Two members of the public attended.
2. As part of the welcome and apologies the audience was asked for permission to record the session. Permission was granted by all attendees. The chair will address audience questions during the any other business section, unless they are related to a topic that has already been discussed.
3. Apologies and Update
 - a. Felix de By wasn't able to attend.
4. Approval of minutes of meetings and reports.
 - a. Minutes of the 30 March 2026 meeting – Approved.
 - b. Add time of next meeting to minutes.
5. Secretary Report.
 - a. Community Council insurance arrangements for 2026/27 were reviewed following correspondence from South Lanarkshire Council. The standard insurance premium of £75 will continue to be deducted from the administration grant. Members considered an optional additional insurance package (£16.57 per annum) covering litter-picking events, community events of up to 500 attendees, and gardening activities. Following discussion, the Community Council agreed to take the additional cover to provide flexibility for future community activities.
 - b. Update on part-time 20mph signs at Black Mount Primary School: Following an enquiry raised in November 2025, South Lanarkshire Council has confirmed that the part-time 20mph signs at Black Mount Primary School are currently inoperative. This has finally be resolved.
 - c. After-school care provision at Black Mount Primary School: There has been discussion amongst Black Mount parents regarding the lack of local after-school care provision and the possibility of using facilities at Black Mount Primary School to support an after-school club. This included exploring whether South Lanarkshire Council could assist with access to the school and potential funding, with the club operated by appropriately licensed individuals.

It was noted that a parent within the nursery community had previously expressed interest in running a formal after-school club but was advised that full commercial hire rates would

apply for use of the school facilities, which may present a barrier. It was suggested that Black Mount Community Council could consider supporting and advocating for this proposal, particularly in relation to rural equity and access to childcare provision.

This was mentioned in the previous meeting to be included at this Black Mount Community Council meeting.

d. Outstanding items:

- i. The road condition on Carnwarth Road in Elsrickle requires attention (reported to Road and lighting faults - South Lanarkshire Council).

6. Treasurer report was presented and circulated.

- a. Administrative account balance: £794.
- b. Savings account balance: £1,576.84.
- c. Annual accounts have been submitted for audit.
- d. Confirmation received that the Renewable Energy Fund grant of £5,000 will continue for another year.

7. Planning

- a. Recent planning applications within the community were reviewed.
- b. No formal comments or objections were submitted.
- c. Discussion took place regarding an agricultural building application and concerns raised by a resident. The Secretary will review the application further and establish whether any additional planning issues exist.
- d. No new significant planning applications were identified within the BMCC boundary.

8. Blackmount Social Group.

- a. The Fun Run raised £70, with a further £40 donated by the tuck shop for the Clydesdale Food Bank.
- b. Trophy winners were acknowledged.
- c. Plans are progressing for a sponsored rural ramble in September.
- d. Christmas dinner arrangements require a revised date due to a scheduling conflict with the Biggar Little Festival Cinema event.

9. Cllr. Alex Allison

- a. Councillor Allison provided a brief update following the recent local elections.
- b. Changes to the council leadership were noted following the election of the previous council leader to Parliament.
- c. No additional council business was reported.

10. Current Business

- a. The Dolphin Art & Crafts Group microgrant application (£500) was considered.
 - i. Members supported the application in principle, subject to clarification on grant eligibility relating to multiple project elements.

11. AOB

- a. Growing concerns were raised regarding increased heavy vehicle traffic through Libberton following changes in agricultural operations.
- b. Issues discussed included:
 - i. Increased traffic volumes.
 - ii. Road safety for pedestrians.
 - iii. Lack of footpaths.
 - iv. Damage to road infrastructure and water valve equipment.
- c. It was agreed to:
 - i. Seek clarification regarding any planned access road.
 - ii. Explore potential traffic calming or pedestrian safety measures.
 - iii. Contact the landowner to discuss possible solutions before approaching South Lanarkshire Council.
- d. Overgrown hedges on Green Shields Road continue to obstruct visibility. A follow-up with South Lanarkshire Council will be made.
- e. Arrangements are being made to improve delivery of the community newsletter within Libberton.

12. The next BMCC meeting held on the 6 July 2026, 7:30pm at the Elsrickle Village Hall.

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