

BMCC Meeting – Elsrickle Community Hub - 06 July 2026.

Elected Members	Present		Ex-Official Members	Present
Alistair Muirhead/Chair	Y		Alex Allison	N
Andreas Hudson/Sec	Y		Ian Macallen	N
Stephen Jenkins	N		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.
 - b. Stephen Jenkins wasn't able to attend.
 - c. Cllr. Alex Allison wasn't able to attend.
4. Approval of minutes of meetings and reports.
 - a. Minutes of the 01 June 2026 meeting – Approved.
5. Secretary Report.
 - a. Nothing to report.
6. Treasurer report was presented and circulated.
 - a. Renewable Energy microgrants: We have so far allocated £650, with £4350 remaining. The two applications being considered tonight total £884, and if funded, will leave £3466.
 - b. Savings account: balance currently stands at £1576.84
 - c. Administration account: We had a £36.92 underspend last year on the £500 administration grant provided by SLC. Following the recent annual audit, SLC have confirmed that they will shortly transfer £463.08 to top this back up to £500 for 2026-2027.
 - d. The current balance on the Administration account stands at £794. This is comprised of a £600 grant from SLC for Bugle publication costs, £36.92 of underspend from the 2025-2026 administration grant, and £157.08 of what appears to be unfenced money. This unfenced money comprises a £25 donation for advertising in the Bugle and £11.72 interest obtained during the 2025-2026 financial year, and £120.36 present at the start of the 2025-2026 financial year. Therefore, we potentially have £157.08 of unfenced money in this account, and I will seek advice from SLC on what we can use this money for (eg it provides a useful

buffer for paying hall fees before the admin grant is topped up each year, but can we potentially use some in other projects of our choosing or transfer to the Savings Account).

7. Planning

- a. N/A

8. Blackmount Social Group.

- a. The recent Sports Day and Fun Run was a great success and raised £70 in donations.
- b. The Blackmount Social Group is organising a community walk or cycle on Sunday 6 September, starting at 1 pm from Ferniehaugh Farm. The route covers 3.5 km to North Slipperfield, where refreshments will be provided, followed by an optional further 6 km to Ingraston Farm. Return lifts will be available. Donations will be collected in support of the Senior Citizens' Christmas dinner.

9. Current Business

- a. Current Grant Submissions.
 - i. Microgrant application from Blackmount Primary School.
 - 1. Additional information needed regarding cost breakdown and potential quotes.

10. AOB

- a. Libberton – traffic and road safety concerns
 - i. A local farmer has sold land around Yett Farm to BHC, although the farm itself has not been sold.
 - ii. Residents raised concerns about increased industrial and tractor traffic travelling through Libberton.
 - iii. Approximately 15 vehicles were observed using the road within a 90-minute period.
 - iv. Concerns include vehicle speed and width, damage to the road and risks to pedestrians.
 - v. Libberton has no pavement, making it unsafe for residents and children walking to the play park.
 - vi. Residents asked whether a pavement, cycle path or other traffic-calming measures could be considered.
 - vii. It was understood that BHC may be planning to construct an alternative access road. However, work may have been stopped by South Lanarkshire Council due to planning issues.
 - viii. Recent work on the road or field entrance behind Libberton was noted, and clarification is required on whether this forms part of the proposed access route.
 - ix. Widening the existing road may not be practical. An alternative route behind the houses, east of the church, was suggested.
 - x. Overgrown hedges on both sides of the road are further restricting visibility and road width.
 - xi. Previous concerns were acknowledged by the Council, but residents have not received a further response.
- b. Alistair will continue pursuing the matter with the relevant parties and South Lanarkshire Council.

11. The next BMCC meeting held on the 7 September 2026 at the Dolphinton Hall.