LONGNIDDRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 16th March 2026
Longniddry Community Centre
at 7 p.m.

Actions

Present: M. Young, G. Fegan, S. White, D. Rose, P. Ince, J. Eccles, J. Gray

In Attendance: A. Smith, Cllr. Yorkston, L. Tragheim, F. Cunningham

1. **Apologies:** D. Underwood, S. Skinner, H. York

2. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd February 2026, having been circulated, were passed as correct. Proposed by S. White. Seconded by D. Rose.
As H. York was unable to attend the meeting, this was Chaired by D. Rose.

3a **Police Report**
PC Stevenson supplied this report:

In recent weeks officers have apprehended several youths who have been responsible for acquisitive crime in the past few months in the Longniddry area and further afield. These arrests have made a clear impact in the level of crime. We would remind people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.
Information can be shared by contacting 101 or via Contact Us on the Police Scotland website. This can also be reported anonymously via crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 or via the national crime stoppers website.
Between 24 February and 16 March 2026, there were 17 calls to the Longniddry area. This resulted in the police recording 4 crimes. There were 5 calls to the Blindwells area, resulting in no crimes being recorded.

East Lothian Policing Priorities
Protecting the most vulnerable (Missing Persons, Elderly, Hate Incidents, Domestic Abuse.)
No Reports - Breach of Bail Conditions
No Reports - Concerns for Elderly
2 Reports - Domestic Incidents (Blindwells)
No reports – Hate Incidents/Crimes
No reports - Missing Persons
No reports - Miscellaneous

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour
No Reports - Assault (Injury)
No Reports - Assault (No Injury)
No Reports - Threatening or Abusive Behaviour
No Reports - Vandalism

Reducing Acquisitive Crime (Crimes of Dishonesty)
No Reports - Attempt Theft of Motor Vehicle
No Reports - Attempt Theft from a Motor Vehicle
1 - Fraud
No Reports - Attempted Fraud
1 - Shoplifting
No Reports - Theft
No Reports - Theft by Housebreaking (Business)
1 - Theft by Housebreaking (Dwelling)

1 - Theft by Opening Lockfast Place (Shed)

Improving Road Safety
No Reports - Speeding
No Reports - Drink Driving
No Reports - Careless Driving
No Reports - Dangerous driving
No Reports – No Registration Mark

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime (Drugs & Crime Prevention)
No Reports - Concerned in Supply of Controlled Drugs
No Reports – Possession of Drugs

CAPP PRIORITIES
Following the PSG CAPP, the following CAPP priorities were agreed.
Speeding
Anti-social behaviour

3b **Financial Report & Requests for Funding**
D. Rose reported that the financial year was ending. Two cheques remain uncashed. He reported £7,483.85 in the bank, with £2,000 of that belonging to In Bloom, leaving a balance of £5,483.85. Funding from ELC will come in fairly soon. £1,000 has been reserved – £700 for hanging baskets, etc. and £500 for Christmas lights.

3c **Councillors' Reports**
Councillor Yorkston reported that he had received complaints with regards to the parking in Lyars Road when there are football matches on. There was also a complaint from a resident in Dean Road with regards to the speeding problem. ELC are already aware of this and speed strips are to be installed to retrieve data. They are looking at funding for a speed table. It was suggested that Road Safety Framework Funding may be available for speed reactive signs. ELC are also looking at the south end of Dean Road in order to make it safer. There was a complaint once more regarding the unoccupied house in Charteris Park and an Empty Homes Officer will have a look at this. In respect of the new pathway to the railway station, it was reported that all legalities had been completed. There has been a meeting at ELC looking to transfer assets to various community groups.

3d **Area Partnership Group**
H. York took part in the meeting online. A vote was taken on the relevant Holiday Hunger funding applications and they went through OK.

3e **Glassel Park Association**
It was reported that after refurbishment of some of the paths, the small stones are being spread all over the paths, which is causing problems for pedestrians in the dark. There are also some uneven slabs near the trees at the top part of Dean Road.

3f **Longniddry in Bloom**
S. White reported on a meeting on 24th February when planters were tidied and vegetation cut back at the Lorne Bridge. The pavement in Main Street near the Argyle Bridge was also tidied up and timber planters were built at the Community Centre and filled with compost. Future funding was discussed along with projects at the Community Centre.

3g **Longniddry Gala**
Unfortunately, the planned race night had to be cancelled, which was disappointing as these events are relied upon for funding. However, sponsorship has been good.

4. **Matters Arising**

a) **Police CAPP Scheme & Speedwatch Initiative**
Meeting to take place on 26th March at Port Seton.

b) **Planning (in principal) – Longniddry Farm (+ Longniddry Bents, proposed car park, buses, path to station, playpark)**
Still awaiting decisions in respect of the car park and Longniddry Bents planning applications.
Ed Taylor provided the following brief information:

Installation of the station footpath link across council ground now has legal agreement. Missives should be concluded this week and funds transferred so that hopefully the servitude can be agreed the following week and Cruden can then proceed immediately with laying the path.

Other updates:
The cycle chicane barrier has been measured and is at fabricators.
The play-park still awaits its first cut of grass prior to handover.
The sports pitch is a few months off yet- it needs more growth and some feeding works.
Parking on School Wynd – bay demarcation is imminent, just awaiting material.

c) **Assoc. of Community Councils –** There was no report at this time.

d) **Request for an upgrade to Playpark** – No update available. **Cllr. Bruce attending**

e) **Harbours Medical Practice**
A letter was sent to the Harbours Medical Practice asking about their plans for the £30,000, but there has been no response.

f) **Christmas Lights 2025**
No updates at present.

g) **Lyars Road/Coast Road**
Cllr. Bruce was asked to find out what was happening regarding the speed limits proposed, but no response has been received. **Cllr. Bruce attending**

h) **Bus Shelter, Lyars Road**
This is on the contractor's programme to be repaired. ELC are waiting for a new contractor to be appointed.

i) **Dean Road in General**
See 3(c) above under Councillors Reports.

j) **Traffic Congestion – Links Road**
A Facebook post achieved some positive responses, but the problem continues.

k) **Enhancement of Football Pitches**
It is thought that ELC are meant to be repairing the existing pitches.

l) **Road to Railway Station for Disabled Access**
Awaiting information from Cllr. Bruce. **Cllr. Bruce attending**

m) **Burn & wheelchair accessibility at Community Centre**
No further information at present. **M. Young attending**

n) **Railway Station Shelters**
We are presently in correspondence with Network Rail. We received this response in respect of the existing shelters: The shelters are a standard design to offer protection against the elements for a short time whilst waiting for a train. The majority of stations in Scotland of a similar size **M. Young attending**

and with a similar service pattern have shelters like this - the gap at the bottom is for ventilation, and the lack of doors and heating are primarily because the station is unstaffed. Enclosed waiting rooms with doors and heating are in most cases closed to station users outside of peak travelling hours - the only one I can think of at the moment is at Barrhead, where there is CCTV to prevent vandalism and monitor public safety.
However, we are also in communication with Network Rail in respect of the present disabled facilities, and it is hoped that we can arrange a site meeting in the coming months to discuss all of these aspects.

o) **Village Benches**
We were delighted to be informed that ELC had managed to secure funding for two new benches for Longniddry, funded via Transport Scotland Funding for Journey Hub Development. As they stipulate that these must be located near the journey hub (Longniddry Railway Station), it was agreed to locate them on the grass in front of Kitchener Crescent, and take the older ones up to the A198, to replace the two that were taken away. Other benches were discussed that will need to be replaced, and S. White was going to look into this.

S. White & D. Rose attending

p) **Website** – Carried over to next meeting.

q) **Service Road at Links Road Shops**
It had been suggested that the 'Keep Clear' white signage should be replaced on the turning area at the shops in Links Road. ELC was to be approached to find out who would be responsible for carrying this out.

H. York attending

M. Young attending

r) **Estate Agent Signs – Old Dean Road**
Estate agent posts with signage had been secured to a lamp post at the north end of Dean Road. ELC had been contacted regarding this, however, the response was not a positive one.

M. Young attending

5. **Correspondence**

1) **Correspondence re Wildfires**
Correspondence was received from the Scottish Government which was circulated to all members.

2) **Invitation to Peace Symposium**
Correspondence was received in respect of the above. H. York, M. Young and S. White will attend.

6. **Planning Applications (up to 27.02.26)**

Registered

1. Cantyhall Cottage, Seton Mains – extension to house, formation of raised terrace and steps
2. Blindwells – Approval of matters specified in conditions 1a-i, 1l, 1m, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 27 of planning permission 21/01580/PM - Erection of 167 houses, 12 flats and associated works
3. 3 Elcho Terrace – extension to house

Decided

1. Longniddry Primary School – internal alterations to building – consent granted

7. **Any Other Business**

<u>Damaged dangerous Royal Mail pouch box</u>
A Royal Mail pouch box situated in Douglas Road was found to be in a dangerous condition. Royal Mail was contacted and the box and pole have been removed.

Fly Tipping
A mattress had been dumped on the grass area in Dean Road and four chairs deposited in Dean Wood. All were reported and uplifted.

Fence at Burn, Community Centre
The fence that runs alongside the burn and footpath between the Community Centre and Seton Road is in need of repair. ELC to be informed.

Asset Review/Community Centre **M. Young attending**
H. York chaired a meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee on 4th March as they are still looking for a replacement Chairman following the resignation of Ken Sinclair. Much progress has been made in recruiting new and younger members to the Committee which is essential in preparation for whatever the ELC Place making/Asset Review might bring forward. The next meeting has been scheduled for the evening of 26th March at the Legion - recognizing that it is essential to cater for members who are working during the day. Unfortunately this means that the Committee cannot meet at the Centre which is only open Monday evenings which is unsuitable for some members. It has been agreed that the Committee would like to develop a Community Engagement Group with the purpose to ensure Longniddry residents are aware of the asset review and its potential implications. The aim is to create a clear communication channel through which information can be shared with residents, and where they can also express their views as the review process develops. This would allow the Management Committee to better understand community views and ensure the residents have an opportunity to remain informed and engaged. It is hoped that this initiative will help strengthen communication between the Committee and Longniddry residents and help to ensure the future of the Centre which is so important to our growing village.

Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council Special Meeting
A special meeting will be held in Port Seton regarding the BESS site development. H. York and M. Young will attend.

Road Safety Working Group Meeting
P. Ince attended the above. Discussions had taken place regarding the present roadworks. Signage had been moved closer towards the south side.

8. **Dates of next meetings –** 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 17th August, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November, 7 p.m. at Longniddry Community Centre.