LONGNIDDRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 17th August 2026
Longniddry Community Centre
at 7 p.m.

Actions

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

In Attendance: Cllr. N. Gilbert, F. Cunningham, S. Skinner, Ed Taylor, A. Smith.

1. **Apologies:** J. Gray, Cllr. L. Bruce.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 15th June 2026, having been circulated, were passed as correct. Proposed by S. White. Seconded by D. Rose.

3a **Police Report**
PC Stevenson is on Annual Leave, but this report was issued:

I would like to encourage to report incidents to 101 or via Contact Us on the Police Scotland website when ongoing. This can also be reported anonymously via crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 or via the national Crimestoppers website. Information can be shared by contacting 101 or via Contact Us on the Police Scotland website. This can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via the national Crimestoppers website.

Between 16 June and 20 July 2026, there were 32 calls to the Longniddry area. This resulted in the police recording 6 crimes. There were 11 calls to the Blindwells area, resulting in 2 crimes being recorded

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

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

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

1 x Housebreaking with Intent (Dwelling)
No Reports - Theft by Opening Lockfast Place (Shed)

Improving Road Safety
No Reports - Speeding
No Reports - Drink Driving
No Reports - Careless Driving
No Reports - No Insurance
No Reports - No Licence
1 - Failing to Stop (Accident)

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.
ASB
Speeding

Between 21 July and 16 August 2026, there were 29 calls to the Longniddry area. This resulted in the police recording 7 crimes. There were 10 calls to the Blindwells area, resulting in 2 crimes being recorded.

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No Reports - Breach of Bail Conditions
1 - Concerns for Elderly
2 - Domestic Incidents (1 x Blindwells)
No reports - Hate Incidents/Crimes
No Reports - Missing Persons
No reports - Miscellaneous

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1 - Vandalism

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No Reports - Theft by Opening Lockfast Place (Shed)

Improving Road Safety
1 - Dangerous Driving)
1 - No Insurance)
1 - No Licence) All same accused
1 - No MOT)
1 – Failing to Stop a Motor Vehicle)
1 - Failing to Stop (Accident) (Blindwells)
1 - Speeding
No Reports - Careless Driving

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime (Drugs & Crime Prevention)
No Reports - Concerned in Supply of Controlled Drugs
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3b **Financial Report & Requests for Funding**
D. Rose reported £10,889.25 in the bank. Cheques to In Bloom, for benches and a gift for the accountant, leaves a total of £9,726.38. Budget for £3,880 to replace benches, payment to Hard Graft, Christmas lights and winter plants. Looking at pricing for a water barrel.

3c **Councillors' Reports**
Cllr. Gilbert reported after the summer break. There is a current ELC consultation for a visitor levy to be introduced to East Lothian. Briefly spoke about a hyperscale data centre to possibly be sited in the Port Seton/Cockenzie area. Public meeting being held at Cockenzie House hosted by Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Centre.

3d **Area Partnership Group –** Applications for funding is open at present.

3e **Glassel Park Association** – No updates at present.

3f **Longniddry in Bloom**
D. Underwood reported that many compliments have been posted on-line. Plants are being watered and kept tidy. Hanging baskets are looking good. All volunteers now have high-viz vests. May try placing hanging baskets in the Main Street next year, but need to think of manpower and costs. Looking at doing litter-picking.

3g **Longniddry Gala**
A meeting is being held on Thursday to discuss the 2027 event. There has been a flag purchased for the gala. D. Rose suggested we should contribute to this, which was agreed.

4. **Matters Arising**

a) **Police CAPP Scheme & Speedwatch Initiative**
S. White reported that Andy Cheshire has taken over from Emma Brown. Dog fouling is to be marked with paint. Anti-social speeding on the Coast Road was discussed. Police cardboard cut-outs had been discussed and it was suggested that Community Councils could purchase their own. Funding would potentially be available through the Area Partnership. They cost around £500. They would be placed in areas of concern, but only for short periods. They would also only be in position during daylight hours and stored safely when not in use. They could also be shared with Prestonpans and Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Councils. It was agreed that we should try this project and apply for funding. H. York had been informed that there is now no insurance cover provided by being a member of Neighbourhood Watch, which affects the Speedwatch Initiative. It was reported that there have been prowlers in the Seton Mains area.

b) **Planning (in principal) – Longniddry Farm (+ Longniddry Bents, proposed car park, buses, path to station, playpark)**
Still awaiting decisions in respect of the Longniddry Bents planning application.
Ed Taylor spoke briefly in respect of ELC's Local Development Plan. ELC have published proposed allocations in the East Lothian area, which includes Longniddry. This is all in the very early stages

at the moment. There is no consultation as yet. There could be another 250 – 500 houses proposed for Longniddry extending towards the Station and up to Limekilns. There would also perhaps be more mixed use options similar to the Steading.

c) **Assoc. of Community Councils –** D. Rose attending meeting.

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

e) **Christmas Lights 2026**
The switch-on will be 27th November 2026 and the event will be along the same lines as last year. A Fruit Festival will take place on 3rd October.

f) **Lyars Road/Coast Road/Harelaw**
The new 40mph speed limits are now all in force in all locations. The After School Club asked for support with difficulties in crossing the Coast Road with children. Advice was given and it was agreed that there should be a safe crossing point. It is hoped the new speed restrictions of 40mph will help.

g) **Bus Shelter, Lyars Road** – The shelter has now been repaired.

h) **Dean Road in General**
A site meeting took place with Morag Haddow, a Roads Officer with ELC, to discuss Dean Road and the junction with the A198. It was quite a positive meeting with the junction of Kings Avenue and Dean Road also being discussed. There is a new 40mph speed limit on the north section of Dean Road, and it is hoped this will make a difference. Various discussions took place regarding poor visibility and suggestions were made as to how it could be made safer. Funding was the problem however, but drawings for possible solutions will be made in due course.

i) **Traffic Congestion – Links Road**
This is still ongoing, but photographic evidence would be beneficial.

j) **Road to Railway Station for Disabled Access** **Cllr. Bruce**
Still no information from Cllr. Bruce.

k) **Railway Station Shelters & Disabled Access** **M. Young**
Still awaiting a response from Network Rail.

l) **Village Benches**
Some benches have now been replaced at a cost of only £170 to install them. HadFab generously donated the benches to the Community Council and a presentation plaque will be placed on one of them to reflect this. D. Underwood contacted ELC in respect of the damaged Lyars Road bench and it is understood that this one will be dismantled and repaired at no charge. The wooden bench in Dean Road is also now in poor condition and D. Underwood will also check with ELC to find out if this bench could also be repaired.

m) **Website**
H. York is hoping to be able to go ahead with this and a meeting is to take place.

n) **Asset Review – Community Centre**
The Community Centre is an important asset to the village. H. York attends the Management Committee meetings.

o) **Resilience Plan**
D. Underwood reported that this has been forwarded to ELC.

p) **Community Summit – Fly Tipping**
After an incident of fly tipping at the Community Centre, ELC reported that after investigations with Police Scotland, they did not think it

justifiable to keep trying to trace the owner of the vehicle involved.

q) **Village Signage**
The 'gateway' signs into the village were all spruced up by ELC and looking good.

r) **Filter Sign – Coal Road Traffic Lights**
An explanation in respect of vehicle positioning when turning right was supplied by ELC and circulated.

5. **Correspondence**

1) **Statutory Consultation – East Lothian Visitor Levy**
The above consultation was circulated. The closing date for this is 18th September 2026.

2) **Oil Spill on Roadways**
Correspondence was received to report that a refuse collection lorry had spilled hydraulic brake fluid over the roads in the Seton Road and John Knox Road areas. ELC were made aware and dealt with the spill.

3) **Enquiry re Missing Bench – Lyars Road**
Correspondence was received asking why the bench was missing. It had been taken away for repair and will be replaced. (see 4l above)

6. **Planning Applications (up to 06.08.26)**

Registered

1. Blindwells – display of advertisements, Bankton Junction North Roundabout
2. Blindwells - The forthcoming Section 42 application relates specifically to amendments to the overall development quantum and land use distribution across the approved masterplan, rather than changes to the site boundary, primary infrastructure strategy or development principles previously assessed
3. 1 Ramsay Gardens, Longniddry – erection of conservatory

Decided

1. 12 Cadell Place, Longniddry – alterations to garage – granted permission
2. Longniddry Primary School – alterations to building – consent granted

7. **Any Other Business**

AI Minutes
It was agreed to use AI and recordings of meetings if the Secretary was not available.

Coast Road – excessive noise from vehicles
A complaint was received regarding the above. These concerns and observations were passed to our community Police Officer.

Links Road Pavement Installation
It was noticed that ELC paved a grass area and installed dropped kerbs on the west side of Links Road nearto the junction of Kings Avenue and the Golf Club.

Road Safety Working Group – Dual Carriageway
The dual carriageway and access to the level crossing plus the speed limit had been discussed. This will be carried over to the next meeting.

Bents Area/Dune Fires
H. York had asked for advice in respect of the above in view of the dry season and many fires in other areas. Advice was sent back and it was reported that Rangers do work over weekends, and they visit the Bents area. It is acceptable

to call the Fire Service if fires are burning with no means of extinguishing them.

Nancy Jupp Plaque
It was reported that the above plaque has not yet been replaced. The Golf Club were going to have this repaired/replaced after it was damaged by an ELC grass cutting machine. D. Rose to speak to the Golf Club Secretary.

Shredded Banknotes
It was reported that shredded bank notes had been found in the Dean Road area. It is not known if these are real notes or fakes. It was learned that this has also been occurring in other areas of East Lothian.

40mph Signage – B1377
It was noted that the 40mph signage had been painted grey. ELC were contacted and this was grey wax used when the speed limit was altered for the buses going to the golf. Removing the wax damaged the signs and they were then replaced by ELC.

PSG Funding Request – See item 4a above.

Local Development Plan 2028-38 – See item 4b above.

Overgrown Hedge
It was reported that there was an overgrown hedge on the west side of Links Road opposite the junction with Kings Road.

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