LONGNIDDRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 21st September 2026
Longniddry Community Centre
at 7 p.m.

Actions

Present: M. Young, H. York, D. Rose, J. Eccles, P. Ince, J. Gray.

In Attendance: Cllr. N. Gilbert, R. Scott, S. Skinner, A. Smith, F. Cunningham.

1. **Apologies:** G. Fegan, S. White, D. Underwood, A. Cheshire.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 17th August 2026, having been circulated, were passed as correct. Proposed by D. Rose. Seconded by J. Eccles.

2a Welcome to Robert Scott, and introductions were made. Robert replaces Carla Allan who attended on behalf of VCEL.

3a **Police Report**
Prior to our meeting, correspondence was received stating that Community Councils would no longer be receiving Police Reports. Anything of interest would be passed to the attendees from Community Councils at the CAPP meetings.

3b **Financial Report & Requests for Funding**
D. Rose reported £9,687.30 in the bank. Allowing £3,880 for planters etc., benches and Christmas lights. A funding application was received from Longniddry Primary School to help fund P7 to participate at the Risk Factory in Edinburgh. It was agreed to pay £360 to help with transport costs. The organisers of the Fruit Festival to be held at the Church had also applied for funding. £250 was agreed to fund the purchase of an apple press.

3c **Councillors' Reports**
Cllr. Gilbert explained the position regarding camper van parking in lay-bys within the village. ELC are to carry out another speed check survey in Dean Road and poor visibility was discussed. Within the new development there are to be 31 new council homes and 11 rental homes. There is 57% capacity at the primary school at the moment, and by 2030 it should be at its peak. ELC are still facing financial pressure on the young and elderly.

3d **Area Partnership Group**
H. York attended a meeting on 9th September. There were discussions regarding Meadowmill but nothing pertinent to Longniddry. A new funding round will open shortly. Although there are around 2,000 residents in Blindwells, no roads have yet been adopted. The Tenants and Residents Association are to hold an AGM soon (29th September).

3e **Glassel Park Association** – Usual maintenance being carried out.

3f **Longniddry in Bloom**
Tidying-up has been ongoing. T. Brunton at ELC has reported on staff shortages due to sickness. Hard Graft completed work at the Community Centre and submitted their invoice. Hanging baskets have been removed. Network Rail unable to remove vegetation management works solely for aesthetic or amenity reasons Some tidying up and removal of weeds to be undertaken in Dean Road

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3g **Longniddry Gala**

A Halloween Disco is planned for October and ticket sales are going well.

4. **Matters Arising**

a) **Police CAPP Scheme & Speedwatch Initiative**
An application had been forwarded to the Area Partnership to ask for funding (£500) to purchase a pop-up Police Officer, which was agreed. This can be sited by members of the Community Council and rotated around problem areas. It will be taken in during the hours of darkness to a secure place. It could also be loaned out to neighbouring Community Councils if needed.

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.
There had been work taking place on the pathway to the station without consulting the residents and a person in a wheelchair had difficulty in negotiating the path. Ed Taylor is to bring up the subject of a community notice board at a team meeting. There were a few complaints noted about disabled access to the railway station in general. There were also complaints in respect of the new playpark not being fit for purpose. It is not known if this has been passed over to the Factor as yet. There was also a report of a young child having had his hand injured by the lock on the gate of the park.

M. Young attending

c) **Assoc. of Community Councils**
H. York attending meeting. Nothing of relevance to Longniddry.

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

Cllr. Bruce

e) **Christmas Lights 2026**
P. Ince reported that a first meeting had taken place. Format will be the same as last year. Paperwork is being prepared for SAG submission, road closures etc. More lights have been ordered.

f) **Lyars Road/Coast Road**
This is an important crossing point. Cllr.Gilbert passed on the following summary from ELC:
- The site has been assessed multiple times over several years.
- The council considers visibility generally good – provided vegetation is regularly cut back, and therefore adequate for road users.
- No commitment to install a refuge island has been made at this stage. However, following the request, the Council has agreed to carry out a fresh review to ensure all factors – including the new 40mph speed limit are fully considered.

g) **Dean Road in General**
Dean Road is to be closed on 6th/7th October to allow for tree trimming.

h) **Traffic Congestion – Links Road**
This is still ongoing with vehicles being parked badly. An accident recently took place, but it is thought that the Police were not involved.

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

Cllr. Bruce

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

k) **Village Benches**
With regards to the wooden benches in Dean Road and Lyars Road, the

Council have agreed to repair and replace them at no cost once the grass cutting season is finished.

l) **Website**
This is still in hand. To be carried over to next meeting — **H. York**

m) **Asset Review – Community Centre**
H. York is still attending Community Centre Management meetings, and is now Treasurer. Waiting for outcome of the asset review.

n) **Road Safety Working Group – Dual Carriageway**
P. Ince reported on this, and comprehensive correspondence was also shared from a resident at St. Germains. A discussion ensued, basically asking 'What do we want to see from the dual carriageway?' Any comments from members should be sent to P. Ince for collation.

o) **Nancy Jupp Plaque**
This had been chased up with the Golf Club, and the plaque is now in position.

p) **PSG Funding Request – Pop-up Police Officer**
See under 4a above.

q) **Overgrown Hedge – Links Road**
This hedge was trimmed back prior to being reported to ELC.

r) **Local Development Plan 2028-30**
This is not yet out for consultation.

5. **Correspondence**

1) C**omplaint regarding ELC Grass Cutting**
A complaint was received regarding ELC workmen not picking up grass cuttings, causing a mess on walkways. ELC were contacted and categorically state that grass cuttings will not be lifted in any areas where ELC maintain grass areas.

2) **St. Germains Level Crossing**
Correspondence was received from a resident at St. Germains stating various concerns covering bus and pedestrian use of the road and level crossing use for cars, cyclists and pedestrians. The topics were discussed and P. Ince retained a copy for the Road Safety Working Group. (See 4n above).

6. **Planning Applications (up to 17.09.26)**

Registered

1. Nil

Decided

1. 1 Ramsay Gardens, Longniddry – erection of conservatory – granted permission

7. **Any Other Business**

Funding Applications

G. Fegan had suggested a new way of allocating funding to community based projects etc. This was discussed and rejected, with our funding system remaining as it stands.

Change to Bus Timetables / Refreshed Local Transport Strategy

It was noted that the X5 service has had a considerable change, considering the expanding villages all along the East Coast. H. York to write to Lothian Buses. — **H. York attending**

Disability Difficulties – new development

Remarks on social media pages seem to suggest that we have a growing population of residents with disabilities in the new development who are

finding it difficult to access facilities, such as the railway station.

Noticeboard – new development

H. York reported that we should approach the developers to have them install a community noticeboard in the Steading area so that various community based organisations can advertise events taking place within the village. **M. Young attending**

British Heart Foundation – apply for a free defibrillator

H. York reported that we should approach the developers to have a 24hr defibrillator installed within the Steading development, and to pass on information from the British Heart Foundation. **M. Young attending**

2017 Meeting Dates

The 2027 meeting dates were decided (see below).

Resilience Report

D. Underwood had provided a report on an ELC Community Resilience exercise that he and S. White had taken part in on 5th September at Garvald.

Harbours Medical Practice

It would appear that the Harbours Medical Practice is not taking on any new patients from the new development in Longniddry.

Newsletter

It was decided that we would not contribute an article to the newsletter.

International Day of Peace

S. Skinner reported that the International Day of Peace held at Longniddry Church, raised the sum of £800.

Defibrillator Signage

D. Rose showed an example of defibrillator signage in North Berwick. H. York agreed to research what signage is recommended and report back.

8. **Dates of next meetings –** 19th October, 16th November, 7 p.m. at Longniddry Community Centre.
2027 dates – 18th January, 22nd February, 15th March, 29th April, 17th May, 21st June, 16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November