

Minutes of the Meeting of

Blindwells Residents and Tenants Association

31st March 2026

In attendance – Ann. Chair, Martin and Robert, Jordan, East Lothian Council

Due to not having a cohort of members attending we just discussed our meeting with Hargreaves which was held earlier

- Taylor Wimpey, objection by Prestonpans Community Council, unless the other Community Councils complain this will have no bearing on the houses being built. Taylor Wimpey are in Plot 7 and Cala Homes are in Plot 9 – this has not yet been announced.

- Supermarket – Hargreaves received 2 offers and are now in the process of accepting one – next step is procurement – work to start in 2027. We also discussed a temporary shop and there is no obligation one the successful bider to build a temporary shop, but suggestion was made that we might want to lean on our Councillors who could put pressure on the Supermarket, old cabin would be a good one, due to already having electricity and water.

- Playpark move was delayed due to the length of time it took for Persimmon Homes to vacate the site, it is now almost ready, was hoping to be opened by Easter, but need the grass to mature, now looking like June

- Shops – Hargreaves have received a few businesses interested in the town centre, these include a Pet Cemetery, Private Nursery, Coffee Shop etc.

- Princes Way now ready to be handed over to the Council, late summer, but it is up to the Council when they actually take it on.
- No news on Post Box

- Bus Shelter should be finished once the Council have put in place the Shelter, all the preliminary work has already been completed by Hargreaves

- Bankton Roundabout – May Completion first section and work now due to start on the south section shortly afterwards.

- Blindwells in Bloom, we discussed this and Hargreaves would be happy to provide funding and encourage house builders to get involved – this will be for 2027.

- Hargreaves have agreed to meet with us monthly either in person or by teams

We also discussed a Community Evening for our May Meeting, inviting residents to attend and get to know their TRA as well as share any issues they may have around lack of amenities – this will then allow us to approach the Councillors to help us push some of the issues highlighted.

To give us an idea of who are our residents and tenants are we thought we would design a questionnaire to post through letterboxes in all the homes in Blindwells to find out the demographics of who lives on the development, ages, what sort of amenities would they like to have locally.

I think we also need to think about a refresh on our Facebook page, we can discuss at next meeting

Thank you

Ann

Chair

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