BLINDWELLS RESIDENTS AND TENANTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Blindwells Primary School, 5th May, 6.30 pm

Present: A McLaughlan (AM), M Muir (MM), K Setchell (KS), Peter Quinn (PQ), and Mike Smith (MS)

Apologies: C Craig, L Paton, G Riding, Tina Lawson, and Robert Lawson

Guests – Niall from Hargreaves, and Andrew, who is carrying out a transport survey for Hargreaves

1. Update from Hargreaves

- Bankton Roundabout works are progressing well and are due to be completed by 14th May.
- Preparatory work on the southbound roundabout slip road is underway and should be completed by the Scottish Open in July.
- There are now 500 complete homes within the development, although not everyone has moved in yet.
- A supermarket has now been selected. The chosen name will be shared soon, and the timescale remains around two years.
- The playpark near the school is waiting for the grass to establish before opening.
- Hargreaves is happy with the work of the P1 group, who have been approved to take on the gardens that Kene are not responsible for. Kene had expected to carry out this work, but due to issues with Ross and Liddell and the difficulties experienced, the decision was made to appoint P1 instead.

2. COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- As noted, the plan is for Blindwells to have its own Community Council, and Hargreaves is keen for this to happen. In the meantime, it is important that we

attend Longniddry Community Council meetings, both to understand what is involved and to stay informed about anything affecting Blindwells. For now, they can apply for grants on behalf of Blindwells, which we cannot yet do as a TRA until we have a bank account or a finance committee member.

- Dates for Longniddry Community Council meetings and those who have agreed to attend:
- 18th May – Martin and Katherine
- 15th June – Ann and Mike
- 17th August – looking for names
- 21st September – looking for names
- 19th October – looking for names
- 16th November – looking for names

3. Transport Survey

- Andrew gave an update on the original transport plans for Blindwells and explained that Hargreaves now wants to gather feedback on what the community needs. This includes questions about bus links, cycle routes, and how residents travel to work, the doctor, and other services. We have been asked to share the survey details on our Facebook page and to speak with Gemma-Rose at the school to find out how many families from the development attend, as this may help us reach more households. We will share further updates when available.

4. BUS SHELTER

- Members noted the poor condition of the bus shelter, which appears unfinished. It was agreed that we should either invite the local Councilors to a future meeting or raise the matter at the Longniddry Community Council meeting, where councilors are usually in attendance.

5. AOCB

- This year's Open Night will also serve as our AGM on Tuesday 29th September, from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm, at Blindwells Primary School. Hargreaves has also asked to attend and provide updates, including, hopefully, the shop name. JB Smokeshack could also be invited as a nice addition.
- We will have visitors at our next meeting to discuss the survey sent to residents in 2025 about Blindwells, including wildlife and biodiversity projects in the area.

6. Outstanding business

• Confirm whether there is a defibrillator within the development.
• Continue the discussion on Ross and Liddell and how they can be removed.
• Request a map showing which gardens are looked after by P1 and which are looked after by Kene.

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th May at 6.30 pm, Blindwells Primary School