

Garvald & Morham Community Council

Monday 1 December 2025

7-30pm at Morham Village Hall

Minutes

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Phillip White GMCC Chair (PW), Dave Ramsay GMCC Vice-Chair (DR), Roger Harris GMCC Secretary (RH), Ian Middlemass GMCC Treasurer (IM), Chiara Allsup GMCC, Ian Smith GMCC (IS), Gary McGregor GVHT (GM), Councillor George McGuire ELC (GM), Councillor Tom Trotter ELC (TT), David Murray MVHT (DM)

Apologies: Councillor John McMillan ELC, Councillor Shamin Akhtar ELC, Mandy Harrington VCEL

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Yester Nursery Funding Changes

(GM) The issue is ongoing but will be raised in council next week.

4. Community Payments Scheme

(AD) We have simplified the procedures this year which makes the administration much easier. Despite the difficulty of contacting everyone, the message has spread this year and the number applying for the grant has increased by 42. We have reached 68% of eligible households.

The online form has been used by the majority of applicants with 32 people applying by post or email. We have paid out £21,000 this year.

We will repeat last years's satisfaction survey in the coming weeks.

AD will step down from this scheme now and RH will take over in 2026.

A Vote of Thanks was passed to recognise Anna's initiative and hard work in this project,

5. Treasurer's Update

The account stands at £34,154.39

6. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership

The meeting held on 27th November was well attended and a number of applications were approved. (See Addendum 2)

The new area plan is now in progress.

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7. Update: Garvald & Morham Representatives

Morham (DM):

Morham Village Hall is busy with activities and planned Christmas events.

Plans are underway for the Morham Battlefield Cross to be installed in Yester Kirk, Gifford.

Garvald (GM)

GVHT AGM was held and well attended. All committee members were re-elected but two trustees gave notice of their wish to stand down. The meeting also included a presentation on the Spanish Civil War was also given.

The Christmas Market was very successful raising over £700 for hall funds and substantial donations for the Lammermuir Larder in Haddington.

Planned events this month include the Children's Christmas party next Sunday and a multi-generational Hogmanay Hoolie.

This is no update on the hall windows project.

8. AOB

Blister Pack Re-cycling

RH asked if there was any way that we could promote the re-cycling of medication blister packs which are usually disposed with landfill rubbish. Boots will now take them for re-cycling.

GM will raise the issue with ELC to see if collection can be organised.

Minute Taking

RH also asked if anyone had experience of using AI note-taking apps which might help to reduce the workload of minuting our meetings in future. No one had, but it was agreed that, in future, speakers would be asked send brief written summaries of their contributions and points to be raised to the Secretary in advance of future meetings. The request will be made when the agenda is published.

Police Report

PC Corolla has moved on and will be replaced in the coming weeks.

Two incidents have been recorded, the theft of a bicycle and an intended theft at the same location.

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Dates of Future Meetings 2026

February 2nd	Garvald
March 30th	Morham
June 1st	Garvald
August 17th	Morham
October 5th	Garvald
December 7th	Morham

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Minutes (Addendum 1)

FUNDING REQUESTS APPROVED

1. Haddstock Music & Arts Festival	£ 1,000.00
2. Yester Parent Council PE Kit Plan	£ 1,750.00
3. Yester Primary School Trip	£ 2,000.00
Total	£ 4,750.00

FUNDING TO BE TAKEN FROM CR2

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Minutes (Addendum 2)

Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership Meeting 27th November 2023

Applications Approved

1. Choose Play (East Lothian Play Association)	£ 4,474.00
2. Haddstock CIC	£ 978.00
3. Dementia Friendly East Lothian.	£ 984.00
4. Toasty Tuesdays	£ 3,000.00
5. Knox Academy	£ 1,140.00
6. Joe's Gym	£ 1,000.00
7. Total	£ 7,146.00