

**MURIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**on 18 JUNE 2026**  
**held at Williamston Primary School**  
**web: <http://muriestoncommunitycouncil.org.uk>**

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This 2025/2026 AGM was held on Thursday 18 June 2026 at Williamston Primary School.

**1. Present:**

Chris Dryden, Arthur Marris, Ian Brown, Carol Bartholomew, Davidson McQuarrie, Margaret Prior;  
Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick

**Apologies:**

Mark Robbie; Councillor Moira Shemilt; Linda Halliday

**Residents:**

John Sharp, Isabel Taggart

The quorum for the meeting is prescribed in section 11 (b) of the Constitution and Standing Orders :- *The quorum for community council meetings shall be at least one third of the current eligible voting membership, or 3 eligible voting members, whichever is the greater.*

As there are 6 from the 7 community councillors in attendance, the meeting is quorate.

**2. Minutes of the 2024/2025 Annual General Meeting on 19 June 2025:**

Minutes of last year's AGM on 19 June 2025 were agreed and ratified. Adoption proposed by Ian Brown and seconded by Arthur Marris. Carried nem con.

**3. Matters Arising on Minutes of the 2024/2025 Annual General Meeting on 19 June 2025:**

None.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

Arthur Marris reported.

The annual accounts for the period 1 April 25 to 31 March 26 were agreed at the April 2026 meeting.

The opening balance from the previous year for the Murieston Community Council account was £2,919.69. The annual Administration Grant for 2025/2026 was £442. Expenditure for the Community Council during the year was £742.23, comprising: £640 to replace the defibrillator at the station, £47 annual subscription fee to the Information Commissioner; £33.98 for miscellaneous expenses and £21.25 bank charges from former bank. The closing balance for the Murieston Community Council account is £2,619.46.

The accounts have been examined by two independent examiners and found to be in order. The accounts are approved and signed off at tonight's quorate AGM dated 18 June 2026.

The Secretary will send the approved Statement of Income and Expenditure Account for 2025/2026 to the West Lothian Council Community Council Liaison Officer with an online link to the minutes of meetings for the 2025/2026 session (facilitated via the community council website - [www.muriestoncommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.muriestoncommunitycouncil.org.uk) ).

The annual Administrative Grant for 2026/2027 will be released after these documents are received and processed by West Lothian Council.

**5. Election of Officers of Murieston Community Council:**

The community councillors were elected to serve as office-bearers for 2026/2027 as below :-

<b><u>Chair</u></b>	-	<b>Chris Dryden</b>	proposed by Arthur Marris, seconded by Davidson McQuarrie
<b><u>Vice-Chair</u></b>	-	<b>Mark Robbie</b>	proposed by Davidson McQuarrie, seconded by Ian Brown
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	-	<b>Arthur Marris</b>	proposed by Chris Dryden, seconded by Davidson McQuarrie
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	-	<b>Davidson McQuarrie</b>	proposed by Ian Brown, seconded by Margaret Prior
<b><u>Planning Secretary</u></b>	-	<b>Ian Brown</b>	proposed by Chris Dryden, seconded by Arthur Marris

**Webmaster**

- **Davidson McQuarrie** proposed by Chris Dryden, seconded by Ian Brown

**6. Any Other Competent Business:**

Davidson McQuarrie will make arrangements with Janey Cringean regarding the continued hosting and administration of the website.

**The 2025/2026 AGM was completed at 7.20pm.**