DDCC MEETING 1st June 2026. In person at the Glencorse Centre.

Welcome and apologies:
Present: Constance Newbould, Jo Gillies, Ailsa Carlisle, Helen McKay, Anna Henly, Kate Holbrook
In attendance: Paul Johnston, Midlothian Council, and PC Ross Young, Police Scotland Police (for items 2)
Apologies: Pauline Winchester, Pippa Thomson, Graeme Buchanan, Julian Holbrook, David Newbould.

1. Ratification of minutes, 6 April 2026, and update on actions not on agenda
CA (FCC) had asked for a minor change to the minutes as Scottish Water building likely to become residential, after which the minutes were proposed by Constance Newbould and seconded by Kate Holbrook. ACTION: JG to update minutes and send to CN to be placed on the DDCC website.

ACTIONS arising

- A1. Busstop. The damaged bus stop and the one on the opposite side of the road will be replaced at no cost to the Community. Discharged
- A2. Boundary – ACTION 1: Paul Johnston explained that the group considering boundary changes needs to be reconvened.
- A6. Flytipping on public path. ACTION 2: KR to explore possibility of putting up cameras
- A5. Request for extra bus stop. HM had email Anna Harriman but had not received a reply. ACTION 3: HM to repeat.
- A8. JH to find out the process for updating our LPP but has not had a reply. ACTION 4: Still with JH
- A9. JG has written to Madelaine Bell and Anna Harriman re steering group but no response. ACTION 5: Still with JG.
- A10. Burnside verges and options to reduce speed. Covered under action 6.
- A11. JG has written to Douglas Glynn re Burnside speed reductions. Campbell Orr has been in touch but still no reply from DG. Burnside not mentioned in the list of MTRaP actions. ACTION 6: JG to chase up again and mention preference for speed bumps.
- A12. Noticeboard. No responses were received to request for suggestions so the new board will be installed at the triple junction with the heading Damhead and District Information. ACTION 7:HM to pass this information on to GR, ask MH to install this and consider repair to the cemetery board.

2. Police Scotland Report Update (see Appendix 1)
Additional points:

- Neighbourhood Watch. ACTION 8: Police to distribute pack of information and stickers.
- Travellers moved to Park & Ride
- ACTION 9: JG to write to council requesting information on what to do with Japanese knotweed and giant hogweed.

3. Strategic planning, traffic and road safety

- MLDP2 – it's only Scheme 18, which deals with the process, that is out for consultation so there is no scope to change the plan itself.

- A701 Relief Road and link to A702. Bat and active travel information has been added. A later option is to go to judicial review. The relief road should be handled as a major development. ACTION 10: KH to ask Graham King for update on status.
- Burnside erosion, drainage, potholes and speed limit/measures. We are awaiting a response from Douglas Glenn.
- Triple junction. Because of the tailback to Fairmilehead, Councillor Cuthbert had written to Steven Flynn. We raised possible improvements to traffic flow by limiting the traffic lights at the Snowsports Centre and prohibiting northbound traffic turning right into Old Pentland Road. ACTION 11: JG to include a discussion of right turn at next meeting.

4. Community activities and concerns

- Summer gathering will be on 28th June 12:00 – 4:00pm at Pentland House.

5. DDCC Administration

- DDCC budget and bid for grant. Balance at year end: £3324.41 Our application to the Small Grant Award Fund for 2026-27 was £347 for running and £1000 for projects. Up to £1000 was allowed for small projects to support Community Council Activities. Since the size of DDCC seems likely to increase HM applied for the maximum over the four possible categories:
  1. Exploring and reviewing methods of community engagement and the promotion of community council activities (newsletters, posters, leaflets, websites, design of a logo, noticeboards etc).
  2. Materials for youth focussed events
  3. Buying in relevant training.
  4. Supporting the development of the Local Place Plans (LPPs)

6. AOB

- There is an intention to remove all phone land lines and instead connect through broadband. We should inform anyone in DDCC who relies on land lines of the changes and explain the process. ACTION 12: All to check in with their neighbours to let them know land lines are going to be removed, particularly any neighbours who may not be online
- A 'Safari Zipline' at the Hillend Snowsports Centre seems likely to go ahead. Some trees will be felled and compensatory planting undertaken.
- Bin uplifts did not seem to be according to the council schedule.

7. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm, Monday 3 August 2026, by zoom.

Meetings take place at 7.30 on the 1st Monday in every second month, either by zoom or in person. Forthcoming meetings include:

5 October – in person
7 December – zoom

DDCC Email: damheadanddistrictcc@googlegroups.com
DDCC Website http://damheadcc.org/
Midlothian Federation of Community Councils Website
https://www.midlothiancommunitycouncils.org.uk
"Damhead Community" Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/134821255247393

Appendix 1. Police Report

Midlothian Community Council Report
April/May 2026
Beat Areas MW02
Damhead Community

Incidents of Note

Inc 1824 (07/04/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £66.79 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 2791 (07/04/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £25.05 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 0866 (10/04/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £50.14 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 0716 (15/04/2026) Hillend Ski Centre Theft. Clothing, phone and bank card stolen from changing area. CR Submitted

Inc 0076 (19/04/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £112.00 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 3802 (30/04/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Vehicle Accident. Driver left handbrake off vehicle which rolled away and into A702

Inc 2337 (01/05/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £78.58 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 2469 (01/05/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £83.00 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 3651 (04/05/2026) Burnside Road, Damhead Report of vehicles ignoring Road Closed signs. Area Search No Trace

Inc 3151 (06/05/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £20.05 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 2510 (10/05/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £51.24 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 1905 (11/05/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £40.38 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 2333 (16/05/2026) Boghall Farm Off Road Bikes. x3 Electric Off-Road Bikes. Riders wearing Balaclavas. Area search no trace.

Inc 1989 (22/05/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Theft of Fuel. £110.03 Stolen. CR Submitted

Inc 0849 (26/05/2026) Seafield Moor Road Road Traffic Offence. No Insurance. Stopped by Roads Policing Officers. Vehicle seized and Conditional Offer issued.

Inc 2201 (27/05/2026) Seafield Moor Road Road Traffic Offence. Vehicle failed to stop for Police. Registered to a male in Edinburgh who is has links to Bilston area and is known to Police. Enquiry on going to trace driver.

Inc 1670 (28/05/2026) Lothianburn Service Station Third hand report of a Hate Crime. Two males involved in verbal exchange and racial comments made. Enquiry ongoing to trace both males involved.

Inc 2551 (30/05/2026) Biggar Road, near Hillend. Road Traffic Offence. Vehicle stopped by Roads Policing Officers. Vehicle found to have x4 tyres below legal minimum. Prohibition notice issued on vehicle.

Inc 2852 (30/05/2026) Seafield Moor Road Road Traffic Offence. Report of a driver who had parked up and appeared intoxicated. Traced by Roads Policing Officers. Failed Roadside Drugs swipe, arrested and a Sample obtained at Police station for further analysis.

If any person has any information about the incidents listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer **PC Ross Young** via **101** or **email: MidlothianWestCPT@scotland.police.uk**

Additional Information

Due to numerous reports of Off-Road bikes / Electric bikes in the Midlothian area and that the restrictions imposed on officers with pursuing such vehicles an enquiry log has been created and any descriptions, images etc that have been obtained can be added. This will allow a slow time enquiry carried out by Midlothian Problem Solving Team to try and identify and deal with those responsible.

If any resident has any other concerns or is looking for information such as Crime Prevention advice, then PC Ross Young can be contacted via his Police Scotland Email address

Ross.Young@scotland.police.co.uk

Crimestoppers

Do you have information on criminal activity in your area? Please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through their online form - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 365 days a year.

Social Media

Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via X (**@PSOSMidlothian** & **@PoliceScotland**) and Facebook (**Police Scotland Midlothian** & **Police Scotland**).