The Blackness Community Council Meeting is on Wednesday 15th April at Blackness Boat Club. Please note that the start time is 7:15pm. A closed meeting of the Community Councillors will take place beforehand from 7:00pm to 7:15pm.

7:15pm to 9pm MEETING FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE AREA COMMUNITY

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the January and March meetings.
2. Police Report.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Airspace Modernisation update (MA). Formation of an Action Group.
5. Chair's Report.
6. Report by The Treasurer (DL).
7. Report by Falkirk Councillor(s) (DA and SD).
8. Update on the Hall (RG or SA).
9. Planning. Church: Change of use.
10. Any other Business.

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There is a lot to cover so the Meeting must be allowed to keep to the Agenda. Please let us know, anything you would like discussed in Any Other Business, or comments to be read out at the meeting if you are unable to attend.

Airspace Change Process: The 7-stage airspace change process is in the last part of Stage 3 –feedback gathered and reviewed to determine what affects the option(s).

*The Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board. It's aim is working to minimise the impact of **aviation noise** on our communities (Merv Archibald is our Area Community representative). The Spring Newsletter:*

EAL (Edinburgh Airport Limited) is coordinating with the Civil Aviation Authority, ACOG (Airspace Change Organising Group), NERL (National Air Traffic Services En Route PLC) and Glasgow Airport regarding the structure of the final consultation report and discussions are ongoing to determine whether the CAA will require a single joint document for the whole Scottish Cluster, or separate response documents for each airport.

***The EAL's formal feedback summary report is expected to be finalised by the end of April 2026, with public release likely following in May**.*

The final decision on all major airspace changes in Scotland rests with the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). It works so that:

- the aviation industry meets the highest **safety** standards,
- consumers have choice, are protected and treated fairly when they fly,
- working together with the whole industry, the environmental performance across the aviation and aerospace system is improved,
- the aviation industry manages **security risks** effectively.

Vital to our Area Community as on the other side of the Forth are Defence Munitions CROMBIE, a munitions and handling depot and Port Babcock Rosyth (seven decommissioned nuclear submarines). Ian Brown from the MOD has stated that "The contingent dock facilities are required for operational activity and are not discussed because of the risk to national security." Also, Hound Point just east of South Queensferry is INEOS FPS *(Forties Pipeline System)* oil storage terminal and export facility. Where would the jettisoning of fuel be dumped for aircraft flying on the GULLY, BERRY or STOPP routes in an emergency shortly after take-off? The potential for horrendous consequences should there be an aircraft incident / accident was raised in the dossier submitted to Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change Consultation and in letters written to CAA officials.