

## Wanlockhead Community Council (WCC)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom, 6.30pm-8.00pm**

### Meeting Agenda

Present Members: Jon Evans (JE) Chair, Karen Morrison (KM) Secretary, Steven Morrison (SM) Treasurer, Robert McCafferty (RM), Gordon Wishart (GW), Bert Auld (BA), John Nellist (JN).

Present Non-Members: Five member of the public present

Item.	Discussion
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies.</b>  Chair JE welcomed all members and members of the public in attendance. No Apologies received.
2.	<b>Adoption of Minutes from 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>  Proposed – SM Seconded - GW
3.	<b>Matters Arising From July 2025.</b>  <b>War Memorial</b>  RM advised that two projects for the War Memorial have now been confirmed, the Installation of replacement stairs and handrails and for the cleaning of the memorial.  Work on the stairs and handrails is scheduled to begin on Monday, 15 September 2025. RM has contacted the contractor regarding the cleaning, which is expected to be completed before Remembrance Day 2025.
4.	<b>Correspondence.</b>  <b>General</b> KM reported that various items of correspondence have been received and circulated to members.  <b>Wanlockhead Community Centre.</b> The Development Officer confirmed the withdrawal of the funding application which was deferred to this meeting for the <i>Pizza &amp; Prom</i> event (see Item 10 on the agenda).  <b>Wanlockhead Museum Trust.</b> Concerns were raised regarding the cleanliness of the public toilets (see Item 9 on the agenda).
5.	<b>Police Report.</b>  JE attended the area online Teams meeting on behalf of WCC. No notable incidents recorded in Wanlockhead during July. KM circulated the update to members.  <b>Action:</b> Members to raise any community concerns with Police Scotland on 101.

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<b>6.</b>	<b>Treasurer Report.</b>  Account 1: £ 12,955.56 Account 2: £ 2,315.50 Account 3: £ 290.18
<b>7.</b>	<b>Local Place Plan / Community Action Plan.</b> Nick Wright for Nick Wright Planning continues to work on behalf of Wanlockhead Community Council. He has joined with the Community Centre for a leaflet drop within the village and plans to go along to various community centre events to gather further information. Survey is still open on line for anyone who wishes to fill it in. <a href="#">Nick Wright Planning</a>  <b>Action:</b> Nick Wright will continue to feed back to Wanlockhead Community Council with updates.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Public forum.</b>  During the Public Forum, more information was requested regarding the Treasurer's Report, SM provided an explanation of the fund spending, with discussion taking place around this. The Chair reminded members of the public to maintain respect during the meeting. Further discussion on roads will occur later in the agenda (see item 11 on the agenda). A question was raised about whether the community of Wanlockhead would collaborate with other areas to oppose the wind farm. RM advised that members of WCC attend wind farm meetings and report back, noting that people are generally happy to accept community benefit funds for local projects. Discussion took place regarding the height of the wind turbines and the significant potential visual impact. WCC will advocate for a visual presentation of the wind farm for the village. All residents are encouraged to attend information sessions. Members of the public at this meeting who attended the recent drop-in session, held in Wanlockhead on 2nd September, reported that conflicting information may have been provided with BayWa r.e suggesting that the low attendance may have been due to the role of the WCC. RM advised that only 17 residents of Wanlockhead attended this session. For residents who didn't attend the information sessions, the boards presented at the Community Consultation Exhibitions, the Scoping Report, and all supporting documents are now available to view at <a href="http://www.glensalloch.co.uk">www.glensalloch.co.uk</a> .  <b>Action:</b> RM will make contact with BayWa r.e for clarification.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Dumfries &amp; Galloway Public Toilets (Wanlockhead).</b>  The WCC Chair declared a conflict of interest in this agenda item and did not take part in the discussion, except when prompted for information purposes. The Wanlockhead Museum Trust (WMT) has raised concerns with WCC regarding the public toilets, operated and cleaned by Dumfries & Galloway Council. Issues highlighted include poor cleanliness, lack of supplies (toilet paper, hand wash, hand towels), occasional closures, particularly during busy periods such as the music festival, and locked toilets at key times of the year. The Trust has often had to replenish supplies themselves, impacting on their budget and creating awkward situations for visitors, WMT noted that they own the building and could explore an asset transfer? It was agreed that the WMT should contact D&G Council directly with their

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<b>9 Cont</b>	<p>concerns, while WCC will log a formal complaint, and a unanimous decision was made for both actions to proceed.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KM will contact D&amp;G Council to gather information on the public toilets and will respond to the Wanlockhead Museum Trust, advising them to raise their concerns with D&amp;G Council regarding the cleanliness and accessibility of the facility.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Renewco / Glensalloch Wind Project Update / Funding Applications.</b></p> <p><b>Renewco – Ravengill Energy Park</b> <a href="#">Ravengill Energy Park   Renewco Power</a></p> <p>Renewco CLG held their 4th meeting in September, attended by members of WCC. Any information WCC receives regarding the Ravengill Energy Park will be published on the WCC website at <a href="http://www.wanlockhead.cc">www.wanlockhead.cc</a>.</p> <p><b>BayWa .r.e – Glensalloch</b> <a href="http://www.glensalloch.co.uk">www.glensalloch.co.uk</a>.</p> <p>An information session hosted by BayWa r.e. in September was held in Sanquhar and attended by WCC members. BayWa r.e. had planned a leaflet drop to Wanlockhead prior to the 2nd September session at the Community Centre to inform residents, however, no leaflets were distributed, and only 17 residents attended. WCC members contacted BayWa r.e. to advise them of the missing leaflet drop, and discussion around this issue took place.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Residents are encouraged to visit both websites for the most up-to-date information on wind projects in the area. WCC members will report back as further information becomes available and updates on <a href="#">Wanlockhead Community Council</a></p> <p><b>Community Benefit Fund, Clyde SSE &amp; Twentyshilling Hill Funding Applications.</b></p> <p>There are no new funding applications this month.</p> <p>The Wanlockhead Community Centre application for Proms &amp; Pizza which had been deferred to this meeting, has now been withdrawn following correspondence from the Centre Development Officer. A discussion took place and in light of this information and the reasons given, it was agreed that the WCC should undertake a review of funding distribution to ensure the process is robust.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> A workgroup will lead this review and bring forward recommendations to a future meeting. KM and RM will lead the review, with an open date to report back</p> <p><b>Twentyshilling Wind Farm Funding.</b></p> <p>Funding from the Twentyshilling Wind Farm may be delayed this year. Treasurer will inform the WCC when the funds are received. Applications for funding will then be invited for future meetings. It was noted that, although funding from various wind farms is usually expected at</p>

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<b>10. Cont</b>	<p>certain times of the year, delays may occur due to factors beyond the WCCs control. It is hoped that this is a fair way to deliver funding to the community.</p> <p><b>Action.</b> SM will let members know when funding is available and the applications for funding can be opened.</p> <p><b>Funding Applications.</b></p> <p>WCC request that all future community funding applications for any wind farm be submitted online via the WCC website, <a href="#">Wanlockhead Community Council</a> where all necessary information is available. Paper applications will no longer be accepted. Applicants who require access to a computer for this purpose may be able to use the public community laptops within the Community Centre. This change is intended to make the process fairer, streamline applications, and reduce the time required for the WCC to assess them.</p> <p><b>Potential Funding Applications by WCC.</b></p> <p>Wanlockhead Community Council would like to inform residents of potential funding applications and invite any comments. Each year, the WCC endeavours to support residents with wood products for heating their homes via open fires. This is being considered for expansion to include a wider range of products and assist more residents, a community benefit application will be submitted to provide the funds for this.</p> <p><b>Christmas Tree Lights.</b></p> <p>The WCC considered applying to Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council for funding to light the Christmas tree using the nearby mains electricity supply. KM contacted the Ward Manager, who confirmed this would not be possible in Wanlockhead, as D&amp;G Council has designated locations along main trunk roads, including Thornhill, Sanquhar, and Kirkconnel. KM was provided with the contractor's details and will contact them to explore possible assistance. Discussion took place regarding whether members of the public could safely install lights on the existing electric supply, with health and safety considerations noted.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KM will contact the contractor for information and report back.</p> <p>MC1531, a recipient of funding through the Clyde Micro Grant Scheme community benefit, has provided an update on their event, expressing thanks to the community and WCC for their support.</p>
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<b>11.</b>	<b>Roads and Infrastructure</b>  WCC Chair (JE) and the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar Community Council Chair Greg Black (GB) have sent correspondence regarding ongoing road issues. An email was sent to the Chief of Roads, but no response has yet been received. JE will follow up with Royal Burgh of Sanquhar to determine what information they have, as work has started but remains unfinished. Members of the public will continue to contact the relevant departments for updates.  <b>Action:</b> KM will contact D&G Council asking why the planned three weeks of pothole repairs and spraying have not been carried out. JE will contact GB for any further updates and feed back to members when information is available.
<b>12.</b>	<b>GP Surgery – MedPoint Prescription Collection Machine</b>  Members of WCC met with the Chair of Leadhills Community Council to discuss matters of mutual concern, including the MedPoint prescription collection machine, for which planning has now been approved.  <b>Action:</b> GW will write to the Practice Manager at Moffat Surgery to request updates on any changes and will report back to WCC members when more information becomes available.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>  <b>Sewage Leak at Meadowfoot:</b> BA reported that an HGV tanker at the sewage works emptied tanks, resulting in human waste entering the Wanlock Water. BA has contacted SEPA personally but has not yet received a response and will not be pursuing this as a WCC issue.  <b>Action:</b> KM will contact D&G Council and SEPA to inform them and gather further information.  <b>ICO Payment:</b> The annual payment to the ICO is now due.  <b>Action:</b> KM will arrange payment.  <b>Commonwealth Cemetery:</b> BA advised members that the headstones within the Commonwealth Cemetery at Meadowfoot have now been repaired.
<b>14.</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025, 6.30pm -8.00pm at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom.  Chair thanked all for attending and the work being carried out by members. Meeting closed at 20.30