

Unapproved Minutes of the meeting which was held

At 18.30 on Sunday 15th June 2025

Within the Museum of Lead mining Tearoom

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

Present Non-members: 9 Members of the public present.

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and Apologies for Absence. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair, JE, extended a warm welcome to all members and members of the public in attendance.• No apologies for absence were received.
2.	Approval of minutes from 4th May 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed - BA• Seconded – SM
3.	Police Report. <p>A Teams meeting for our area was held online on 4th June. Unfortunately, the Chair was unable to attend due to technical difficulties. Wanlockhead Community Council (WCC) has confirmed they were not aware of any issues at this time.</p>
4.	Treasurers Report <p>Account 1 £17,159.66 Account 2 £ 4,828.10 Account 3 £ 1,302.93</p> Funding Receipts Reminder <p>The Chair shared that emails were sent on 6th and 15th May 25 to groups and individuals applying on behalf of groups who received funding from Clyde or Twentyshilling Hill between 2022 and 2025. WCC is still waiting to receive receipts for these awards. Can we please ask those groups / individuals check their spam or junk folders, as messages may not have reached their intended inboxes. GW advised that work is ongoing to rectify this issue.</p> Funding Update <p>KM advised that Wanlockhead Community Council has been successful in securing funding from Propel 2025 (Glenmuckloch Energy Park) for adult and paediatric defibrillator pads. This funding will help ensure that the community defibrillator remains fully operational and available at all times.</p>

5.	<p>Matters Arising from 4th May.</p> <p>Resilience: D&G Council now has an information Padlet on their website. WCC serves as an information hub to relay information as and when required. A "Resilience" tab has been added to the WCC website to support the community to prepare for incidents. Printed copies were suggested, GW noted funding may be sought, but residents were directed to the website www.wanlockhead.cc. Households are responsible for their own emergency planning. A Community Centre representative offered to distribute the Household Emergency Plan with the upcoming Community Centre newsletter. No responses have been received regarding WCC equipment purchases.</p> <p>Action: KM to ensure GW has the Household Emergency Plan document and add to the website. KM to provide the link to the D&G Council resilience Padlet. Community Resilience Dumfries and Galloway RM to apply for community funding to purchase additional resilience items.</p> <p>Mennock Pass / Royal Burgh of Sanquhar: Chair contacted Sanquhar Community Council about a joint approach regarding the B797 road but has not received a response. Discussion took place on whether involving the Health and Safety Executive would be of benefit. Residents have contacted local councillors, the media, and used social media to raise awareness. Chair thanked the community for their continued support.</p> <p>Action: Chair will take this forward and make contact with various individuals with D&G Council relating to roads within Wanlockhead area. Await a reply from The Royal Burgh of Sanquhar.</p> <p>Casual Vacancy Election (CVE): The Chair confirmed that WCC will consider any CVE decisions. With three new members recently elected, a CVE is not currently required. It may be revisited later in the year depending on workload. Members are encouraged to take on additional roles. Information on CVEs is available on the D&G Council website.</p> <p>Action: Closed</p> <p>John Nellist gave apologies and left the meeting 19.04</p>
6.	<p>Public Forum.</p> <p>A member of the public present asked about the possibility of a CVE. The Chair has already addressed the possibility of a CVE being considered later in the year. See agenda item 5.</p> <p>Action: Closed</p> <p>A member of the public asked why WCC meetings are not held at the Community Centre, prompting a lengthy and at times robust discussion. KM explained that the Community Centre had increased its hourly rate to £20, and due to limited funds, WCC was unable to fund this. At the time, the Community Centre could not offer a discretionary rate for community groups, which is why the Museum of Lead Mining tearoom was chosen as an alternative venue.</p>

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<p>6. Cont</p>	<p>A member of the Community Centre committee then advised that they are now able to offer the use of the Community Centre at a reduced rate of £10 per hour. Thanks were expressed, and the possibility of returning to the Community Centre for future meetings was welcomed.</p> <p>A robust and lengthy discussion took place regarding the funds available to the Wanlockhead Community Council (WCC). A member of the public suggested that the WCC might be withholding wind farm funds from the community. KM, the previous treasurer, provided an overview of the council's bank accounts and available funds, explaining that the majority of funds in Account 1 consist of grants awarded to WCC, which are earmarked for specific purposes such as the Place Plan when required. Community funding is available for groups and individuals to apply for, with applications for Clyde and Twentysix funding advertised on the WCC website (www.wanlockhead.cc), local notice boards, and social media.</p> <p>The member of the public acknowledged that this clarified the situation and that the issue appeared to be a misunderstanding. The Chair reminded those present that while the meeting is open to the public, it is primarily a WCC meeting and should not be disrupted by ill feelings.</p> <p>Action: The current treasurer will provide members and the public with an update on the actual available funds, at each WCC meeting.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Community Centre requested to be listed as a resource on the WCC website homepage. GW advised they should provide a brief description for member consideration.</p> <p>Action: Await information from the Community Centre and circulate to members for approval.</p> <p>An email regarding CVE was circulated to members. This matter has been discussed on multiple occasions, refer to agenda items 5 and 6 for further details.</p> <p>An email regarding local roads was noted. The Chair welcomed the community's support on this matter. Members of the public present advised that the cycle race, organised by Torvelo Racing and hosting the first edition of the Menzies Pass Stage Race, had been re-routed through the village due to the condition of Menzies Pass. It was also noted that the cycle route had to be changed. A member of the public offered to confirm whether this information was correct.</p> <p>An email was circulated to members regarding a resident who fell and sustained a serious injury, which was subsequently reported to D&G. According to the D&G website, the issue had already been logged, however, no remedial work has commenced to date.</p>

8.	<p>Roads & Report It</p> <p>RM gave a brief overview of the response he received from Oliver Mundell MSP for D&G. Oliver Mundell MSP has shared an update from the Local Authority concerning the condition of the B797 and surrounding areas, including Wanlockhead. The most recent Road Safety Inspections were carried out on 10 March 2025 for the B797 and 1 April 2025 within Wanlockhead. These roads are inspected regularly, every six months or annually, as well as in response to public reports. Since March 2024, Dumfries and Galloway Council has adopted a risk-based approach to road inspections and repairs, following SCOTS (Scottish Collaboration of Transportation Specialists) guidelines. Planned maintenance includes spray injection patching once capital surface dressing works are completed. Weekly checks are ongoing at landslip sites to identify any high-risk areas. Although the stretch of road has received various treatments over the years, Engineering Services are now working to consolidate efforts into a single, long-term repair plan. The prolonged presence of traffic management measures is due to competing service priorities, but both the Roads and Engineering teams are actively progressing design work to address and resolve the issues.</p> <p>Chair will write to the D&G Roads Manager requesting a list of road defects and a repair timeline. If no satisfactory response is received, an invitation to a future WCC meeting may be extended. RM stressed the need for clear answers. It was noted that once a defect is logged on the Council website, it can't be reported again. Involving Sanquhar Community Council was suggested to strengthen efforts. The weight limit on the road was highlighted with HGVs exceeding the 40-ton weight limit..</p> <p>Action: Chair to write to the D&G Roads Manager requesting a list of current road defects and a timeline for repairs to potholes and landslip areas. If no response is received, the Roads Manager should be invited to a future WCC meeting. Chair to explore engaging Sanquhar Community Council for joint support. Chair will report to members when information has been gathered.</p>
9.	<p>GP Surgery/Prescription Dispenser:</p> <p>Moffat Medical Practice which serves both Wanlockhead & Leadhills have submitted a planning application to South Lanarkshire Council for a free-standing Medpoint prescription dispenser. https://publicaccess.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SVY1ISOPMHS00&activeTab=summary</p> <p>Action: GW will follow this up and feed back to members when information is available.</p> <p>Defibrillator: Guardian responsibilities for the defibrillator will be transferred to GW and SM.</p> <p>Action: RM to action the change with the Circuit, KM to change contact names within the Defib cabinet.</p>

10.	<p>Funding Applications:</p> <p>Clyde Microgrant: An application was received from 1531MCC to support the village motorcycle show on Saturday, 6th September. The long-running event includes showcasing of motorcycles, BBQ, and live music, and is open to the public. 1531MCC members will manage traffic on the day.</p> <p>Action: The application was unanimously approved. Funds will be transferred as soon as possible.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held on the potential for sharing tools and equipment within the community and whether funding could support this initiative. Residents were encouraged to explore available community funding opportunities</p>
11.	<p>Matters Ongoing: Community Action Plan/Local Place Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered it Item 13 <p>War Memorial: A quote was received from a local contractor to manually remove and rebuild the collapsed walls, and install handrails on both sides of the steps. Due to safety concerns and the poor condition of the memorial, it was agreed to seek funding through the War Memorials Trust (WMT). Stage one of the application has been approved; stage two requires additional information. The WMT may fund up to 50% but will not cover cleaning of the statue. RM will seek local funding, particularly with Remembrance Sunday approaching. Brief discussion took place suggesting forming a constituted group to manage the project longer-term. WCC will proceed with the safety-related funding application for future work.</p> <p>Action: RM to submit community fund applications from Clyde microgrant and Twentyshilling Hill, to facilitate the repairs to the handrails and steps, and another to the Clyde Main Fund for cleaning.</p> <p>221 & Lanark Bus Service. Discussion on the upcoming contract renewal noted both services to Wanlockhead. Jim Dempster and Andrew Wood councillors for Mid & Upper Nithsdale serve on relevant panels who may be able to provide reassurance and clarity.</p> <p>Action: BA will make contact for information and feed back to members when information is available.</p>
12.	<p>Windfarm Update. Renewco Community Liaison Group (CLG) next meeting is on 23rd June 25 M74 corridor.</p> <p>Action: RM will attend and feedback when information is gained.</p>

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13.	<p>Local Place Plan / Community Action Plan The deadline has been extended to 15th June. Nick Wright is engaging local schools to gather input from younger community members. To date, only one-third of the village completed the survey, with low participation from the younger residents, reflecting the village's limited young population.</p> <p>Action: Information will be provided when available.</p>
14.	<p>Consultation & Engagements. Scoping Opinion Ravengill Energy Park, information can be found on the website.</p> <p>Scottish Government - Energy Consents Unit</p>
15.	<p>Planning and Licensing. Nothing to note for Wanlockhead area.</p>
16.	<p>Sharing Shed: The shed continues to be used, though attendance varies. It will remain in operation until the next meeting, when future plans will be reviewed. Members of the public have offered their support in maintaining the service.</p>
17.	<p>Any Other Business: WCC plans to apply for community wind grant funding to cover the annual ICO fees, insurance for the Community Sharing Shed (both due in October), and to support refreshments at the Wanlockhead Inn following the Remembrance Day service and a new battery for the community defibrillator. Residents are invited to submit any comments on these proposed funding applications no later than seven days before the next meeting.</p>
18.	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting: 27th July 2025, 6.30pm -8.00pm at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom.</p>
	<p>Chair thanked those in attendance. Meeting closed at 20.44</p>

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