



Wanlockhead Community Council

Sunday 31st May 26 at the Wanlockhead Community Centre 6.30pm-8.00pm

AGM

Followed by a Meeting Agenda

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Present Committee Members: Jon Evans (JE) Chair, Karen Morrison (KM) Secretary, Steven Morrison (SM) Treasurer, Robert McCafferty (RM).

Also in Attendance: Eleven (11) Members of the public.

	AGM
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies for absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair extended a warm welcome to both members and public in attendance.• No apologise were received.
2.	<p>Approval of minutes from previous AGM, 4th May 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed – RM• Seconded – SM
3	<p>Matters arising from previous AGM.</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.</p>
4	<p>Chairs Annual Report. May 2026.</p> <p>Chair, JE, presented the Annual Report for the period May 2025 to May 2026.</p> <p>The meeting noted the challenges faced during the year due to reduced committee membership and the steps taken to address this through co-options and a Casual Vacancy Election process. Members welcomed the election of seven new Community Councillors, who will take up their positions from 3rd June 26 and be welcomed to their first meeting in July 2026.</p> <p>JE reported on improvements to Community Council communications, including the establishment of a dedicated website and email system. The Community Council had continued to fulfil its statutory duties, respond to consultations, support community development initiatives, and administer community funding programmes. Members noted the successful trial operation of the Community Shed, the adoption of the Village Resilience Plan by Dumfries and Galloway Council, and progress on the Place Plan and Community Action Plan, supported by community consultation and external funding. Ongoing concerns regarding the condition of local roads, particularly the Mennock Pass and sections of the B797, and noted that further improvement works remain necessary. Concerns were also expressed regarding the continued lack of local GP provision for Wanlockhead and Leadhills, together with reduced engagement from Community Policing services.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Community Council members, volunteers, partner organisations, funding bodies, and residents for their support and contribution throughout the year.</p>



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5	<p>Treasurers Annual Report 6th April 2025 – 5th April 2026.</p> <p>Treasurer, SM, presented the Annual Accounts for the period noted above.</p> <p>These accounts have been certified a true record of the accounts for Wanlockhead Community Council, Clyde Wind Farm and Twentysilling Hill for the year of 6th April 25 till 5th April 26 which are in line with the books and information received, by Mrs Fiona Ross.</p> <p>Wanlockhead Community Council received income this year from the Dumfries & Galloway Council Discretionary Grant which helps support the day to day running of the community council, and various funding applications from Clyde and Twentysilling Hill wind farms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total Income: £7197.70 Expenditure: £16,619.41 Balance: £7,839.87</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that, with support from Clyde Wind Farm funding, Wanlockhead Community Council had been able to provide grants for a range of community initiatives during the year. This included support for the enhancement of the area surrounding the Village War Memorial in advance of Remembrance Day, funding for local groups and registered charities to deliver community activities and events, including BBQs and ancestral research projects, the installation of a hearing loop system to improve accessibility at community events, and the ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the Village War Memorial.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total Income: £6,065.46 Expenditure: £3,663.85 Balance: £4,245.69</p> <p>The Treasurer noted that support from the Twentysilling Hill Community Benefit Fund had enabled continued progress on the Village War Memorial Project and the completion of the Local Place Plan, which has now been approved by Dumfries & Galloway Council. Thanks were recorded to Nick Wright for his work in successfully delivering the plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Income: £25,513.23 Expenditure: £10,202.47 Closing Balance: £16,571.19</p> <p>Looking ahead, the council remains committed to supporting individuals and groups through both windfarm funds.</p>
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5.	<p>Standing Down of Current Members and Election of Office Bearers.</p> <p>JE advised the meeting that he would not be seeking re-election as Chair of Wanlockhead Community Council. The current office bearers formally stood down from their respective positions.</p> <p>JE then assumed the chair for the purpose of overseeing the election of office bearers. He thanked the outgoing office bearers for their service and contribution during the past year.</p> <p>The following office bearers were elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair: Robert McCafferty – proposed by Steven Morrison, seconded by Karen Morrison• Secretary: Karen Morrison – proposed by Robert McCafferty, seconded by Steven Morrison• Treasurer: Steven Morrison – proposed by Jon Evans, seconded by Robert McCafferty <p>All nominees accepted their appointments and were duly elected.</p>
7	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts</p> <p>Mrs Fiona Ross examined the accounts for the past financial year 6th April 2025 – 5th April 2026 the accounts were found to be a true reflection and has kindly agreed to continue in this role. The Council extends its thanks to Fiona for her thorough work and ongoing support.</p> <p>Proposed by Steven Morrison, Seconded by Robert McCafferty.</p>
	<p>Wanlockhead Community Council AGM was drawn to a close at 18.50. Chair thanked the community for their continued support.</p>



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Present Committee Members: Robert McCafferty (RM) Chair, Karen Morrison (KM) Secretary, Steven Morrison (SM) Treasurer, Jon Evans (JE)

Also in Attendance: Eleven (11) Members of the public.

Ordinary Meeting	
1	<p>Welcome and apologies for absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair RM extended a warm welcome to both members and public in attendance.• No apologise were received. <p>Meeting quorate.</p>
2	<p>Adoption of Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the 12th of April 26 were approved as a true record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed by Jon Evans• Seconded by Steven Morrison
3	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p>Lowther Railway Society: No response had yet been received from the Railway Society regarding previous correspondence. RM suggested that, given the correspondence already exchanged, representatives of the Railway Society should be invited to attend the meeting on 12 July to discuss the matter further. JE queried whether the land in question was leased or owned. A village homeowner advised that water associated with the site appeared to be causing damage to their property at Townhead Cottages and wished to make the Community Council aware of the issue.</p> <p>Christmas Lights 2026: Members were advised that John Wilson Electrical Contractor had been contacted regarding a quotation for the 2026 Christmas lights installation. Funding for the project will be sought through Twentyshilling Hill Community Benefit Fund.</p> <p>Actions: KM to invite representatives of the Lowther Railway Society to attend the meeting on 12 July for further discussion and to contact John Wilson Electrical Contractor again for the 2026 Christmas lights installation.</p>



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4	<p>CVE Now complete uncontested 3rd June onwards positions July meeting</p> <p>RM advised that the Casual Vacancy Election process had now been completed and that the election was uncontested. The Chair read out the names of those duly elected to the Community Council: Bert Auld, Paris Dearden, Lesley Johnston, Lincoln Richford, Androulla Richford, Margaret Williamson and Gordon Wishart. It was noted that the new Community Councillors will formally take office from 3 June 2026 and are invited to attend the next Community Council meeting on 12 July 2026. The appointment dates and election outcome had been confirmed by Fiona Daubney, ward manager.</p>
5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>River Nith Fisheries Board: Correspondence had been received from Jim Henderson of the River Nith Fisheries Board, an invitation to the meeting on 12 July 2026 will be sent. Members were advised that the Board is developing proposals to improve the lower reaches of the Mennock Pass watercourse to enhance habitat conditions for salmon within the Mennock Water. It was noted that the Board has been active in the area and that salmon have recently been recorded in the Wanlock Water. Reference was also made to the Mennock Riparian Woodland project.</p> <p>War Memorial Trust: Correspondence had been received from the War Memorials Trust regarding a stained-glass window / War memorial which may require repair. The Trust had received an anonymous report expressing concern about the condition of the stain-glass window / village war memorial and suggesting that conservation works may be required.</p> <p>A member of the public present advised that they had spoken with the War Memorials Trust and confirmed that the enquiry related to the village war memorial. RM advised that the memorial had recently undergone a programme of professional cleaning and that further maintenance works are planned during the coming year.</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council Guidance: RM proposed that the Dumfries and Galloway Council document "<i>Unacceptable Behaviours and Actions Guidance for Community Councils</i>" be noted by Wanlockhead Community Council. This was proposed by RM, seconded by JE, and agreed by members.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>KM to write to Jim Henderson confirming a 6.35pm start time for the 12 July meeting.</p> <p>KM to invite representatives of the Lowther Railway to attend an around 7.15pm for discussion of the ongoing matters previously raised.</p>



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Community Ballot on the Proposed Glensalloch Wind Farm Development

Stephen Johnstone, Chair of Leadhills Community Council, attended as an independent observer to witness the counting of ballot papers on 29 April 2026. The ballot event was well attended throughout the day. In addition to voting in person, residents were given the opportunity to submit their views by email to Wanlockhead Community Council until 31 May 2026, allowing holiday homeowners and second-home owners to participate.

The results of the ballot were as follows:

- The ballot box was opened at 7.00pm.
- A total of 54 ballot papers were received.
- 47 votes opposed the proposed Glensalloch Wind Farm Development.
- 6 votes supported the proposed Glensalloch Wind Farm Development.
- 1 respondent was undecided.

In addition, 9 emails were received opposing the proposed development. It was noted that 2 of these respondents had also voted in person on the day and were advised that their emailed responses would not be included in the final count.

The final validated result was:

- 54 opposed
- 6 in favour
- 1 undecided

This gave a total of 61 valid responses, with a clear majority opposing the proposed Glensalloch Wind Farm Development.

RM then read out the Unified Statement which Wanlockhead Community Council has agreed to support.



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7	<p>Renewco Ravengill Energy Park Renewco Power Glensalloch Wind Projects Glensalloch Wind Farm About the Project BayWa r.e.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement meetings are being held with Renewco regarding the Ravengill Energy Park proposal. Discussions with Renewco continue to progress. The Glensalloch Wind Farm second consultation took place on 28 April, with 18 attendees: 16 residents and 2 from outside the village. Members continue to attend consultation and progress events and will provide updates to the wider membership as required.</p>
8	<p>Funding Applications</p> <p>Clyde Microgrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant: Wanlockhead Community Council • Amount: £360 • Purpose: To purchase four (4) TraumaFix bleed control kits. Two kits will be donated as a one-off to the Wanlockhead Inn and the Community Centre. Ongoing maintenance and checks will be the responsibility of the recipient venues. The remaining two kits will be located at the Museum of Lead Mining (alongside the defibrillator) and at the Community Shed within the village gardens. • Outcome: Approved <p>Action: KM to contact the Wanlockhead Inn and the Community Centre to confirm acceptance of the donation.</p> <p>KM advised that Christmas lights funding will need to be ring-fenced from Twentysilling Hill to cover future costs. An application will be submitted once the costs have been established.</p> <p>Defibrillator funding will be requested from TWSH and will be revisited at a future meeting.</p>
9	<p>Public Forum.</p> <p>A resident suggested that the Watchman Wind Farm application could be formally objected to by Wanlockhead Community Council, despite the public consultation period having closed. It was noted that a detailed professional objection had been prepared but was submitted after the deadline. It was suggested that Wanlockhead Community Council could contact the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) to request that the late objection be considered. The resident requested that this approach be made formally by the Community Council.</p> <p>Action: RM to contact the Energy Consents Unit to seek clarification on the process and to ask whether an extension to the Watchman consultation deadline may be possible.</p>



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10	<p>Local Place Plan / Community Action Plan</p> <p>The Local Place Plan is now complete and available to view online at: Wanlockhead: Our Community, Our Future The Community Council extended thanks to Nick Wright for his work in preparing the plan. The plan was registered with Dumfries and Galloway Council on 13 May 2026 via the Local Place Plan register: https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/planning-building/planning/planning-policy/local-place-plans/register-local-place-plans</p> <p>RM suggested that the Community Council now consider next steps and develop a plan for implementation and future action.</p>
11	<p>Wanlockhead Community Centre Review.</p> <p>Members considered the findings of the review undertaken in response to comments submitted by both the Development Officer and the Committee of the Wanlockhead Community Centre SCIO. Following consideration of the review team's recommendations, members agreed to close the review. It was confirmed that the Wanlockhead Community Centre SCIO may submit future Community Benefit Fund applications from July 2026 onwards.</p> <p>It was further noted that, where possible, future applications should include at least one signature from a committee member in addition to the individual completing the form.</p> <p>The review group confirmed that all information and evidence made available had been considered, and conclusions were reached based on verifiable facts.</p> <p>The following recommendations were noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The full review report is to be presented to elected members for consideration in full (agreed).2. A summary of the review was presented at the meeting held on 31 May 2026.3. Members agreed to formally close the review.4. Future funding applications submitted on behalf of the Wanlockhead Community Centre SCIO should include evidence of committee approval and appropriate sign-off. <p>All members agreed to close the review.</p> <p>Action: KM to write to the Wanlockhead Community Centre SCIO outlining the above and to await their response.</p>



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12	<p>Police Report. PC Eddie Hewson, Community policing gave a police report for our boundary via email. Wanlockhead: - 1 person charged with road traffic offence 1 person charged with a vandalism</p> <p><u>Upper Nithsdale Police actions</u></p> <p>Road traffic checks Rural crime patrols Retail crime patrols, support and education. Support and early education with primary and Academy pupils Support and advice provided with joint housing visits</p> <p>Action: KM to email and ask that the link for the monthly Teams report be sent to the secretary inbox.</p>
13	<p>Planning.</p> <p>One (1) planning application has been received.</p> <p>26/0536/FUL INSTALLATION OF WATER SOURCE HEATING SYSTEM INCLUDING ASSOCIATED TANKS, PIPEWORK AND WEATHER SHELTERS - PARTIALLY RETROSPECTIVE Wanlockhead Museum Wanlockhead ML12 6UT</p>
14	<p>Mennock Pass / B797</p> <p>JE reported concerns regarding the condition of road markings on the B797, particularly within the village, noting that several near-miss incidents have been observed. It was noted that remedial works have been partially completed by contractors, with further works scheduled to continue during the current year. Potholes within the village itself remains an ongoing concern.</p> <p>Action: KM to contact Dumfries and Galloway Council to enquire whether there are plans to address pothole repairs within the village.</p>
15	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>War Memorial Quote: RM advised that he is in possession of the quotation required to proceed with works at the War Memorial. Proposed works include repairs to the base of the memorial wall, painting of metal railings, and fixing of the gate. It was noted that this work will bring the project to completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval to proceed was given by all members.



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15 Con	<p>Notice Boards</p> <p>Members discussed the use of the notice board located in the Museum car park. It was noted that the Community Council currently uses this board for its notices; however, additional notices had been placed over existing Community Council information. The notice board is a locked cabinet. RM advised that the Community Council requires continued access for its own communications. It was noted that the former Village Council originally purchased the notice board for shared use between the Council and the Museum only. The notice board situated by the community centre is considered for community use. RM asked whether the Community Centre would consider providing its own notice board. A representative from the Centre advised that relatively few members of the public access the current notice board by the community centre due to the hill to view notices.</p> <p>Christmas Lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted that funding for Christmas lights will need to be ring-fenced from TWSH to cover costs at year end.• An application will be submitted once the costs have been established.
16	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The Chair, RM thank all in attendance meeting was closed at 20.00. The next scheduled meeting will be held on 12 July 2026.</p>