



WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting Agenda
Sunday 4th October 2026 • 6.30 pm–8.00 pm
Wanlockhead Community Centre

Chair's Welcome and Meeting Protocol.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and remind members and members of the public of the meeting protocol, including respectful participation. Questions and comments from the public will be taken during the Public Forum agenda item unless invited to speak earlier.

Present Committee Members: Chair, Robert McCafferty (RM) Secretary, Karen Morrison (KM), Treasurer, Steven Morrison (SM), Paris Dearden (PD), Lesley Johnston (LJ), Lincoln Richford (LR), Androulla Richford (AR), Gordon Wishart (GA), Margaret Williamson (MW), Graham Auld (GA).

Also in Attendance: One member of the public present and David Kirkwood Reform UK MSP for the South of the (Region) [David Kirkwood | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

1	Welcome and apologies for absence. Apologies from Jon Evans. Meeting was confirmed as quorate.
2	Declarations of Interest. No members declared an interest in any of the agenda items.
3	Adoption of Minutes from – 6th September 2026 The minutes of 6th September 26 were approved as a true record. Proposed by BA Seconded by LR
4	Matters Arising Community Centre SCIO Correspondence- RM advised that he had received a response from the Chair of the Community Centre, via their Development Officer. Riparian/Camping Discussion took place regarding an apparent increase in campervans and tents in and around Wanlockhead. Members noted concerns that campers may be moving from the Mennock Pass area into the village and surrounding areas, resulting in inappropriate camping. Members also discussed whether increased camping in the Mennock Pass area could present a potential challenge to the proposed riparian scheme and its aims. PD and LJ reported that they had noticed an increase in campervans and tents in the area. It was agreed that the matter should be followed up with the Buccleuch Estate to discuss the situation and any potential concerns arising from increased camping. Community Shed Members were advised that the Community Shed will reopen on Wednesday 7 October, 11.00am–12.00 noon. Wood and kindling have been delivered, and leaflets are ready for distribution. Residents who are unable to attend the Shed will be able to request home delivery, contact secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com Members were encouraged to visit the Shed to find out more about the service. Thanks to a Clyde SSE Microgrant for making this possible. Action: KM to contact Buccleuch Estate to arrange a meeting to discuss camping and the noted increase in campervans and tents in the village/Mennock area.



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Correspondence.

Various correspondence had been received and circulated to members for information and consideration.

Recycling Bin

KM provided an update regarding the proposed relocation of the glass recycling bin. DGC had identified two potential locations on Church Street: The lane just before the cemetery, (Meadowfoot) leading into the field and the area of hard standing approximately 200 metres towards the village from the cemetery. It was noted that D&G Council owns very little land in Wanlockhead, other than the cemetery, and therefore permission would be required from the relevant landowners for either location. Members discussed both proposed locations and agreed that neither was considered suitable. Concerns were raised regarding the proximity to the cemetery, and the potential impact on the area with the possibility of encouraging additional camping and campervan visitors using the recycling bin to dispose of their camping waste. Members also noted that the recycling bin had been moved by the Museum. The issue of whether there were any safety implications arising from the relocation was also raised. Following discussion, members unanimously agreed that neither proposed location was suitable to relocate the recycling bin and that the recycling bin be removed from the village.

Festive Lights

Members had been circulated two quotations from electrical contractors for consideration. The quotations were discussed. KM advised members that she had spent considerable time progressing the festive lights project. The process had proved challenging, as the contractor used last year, who is an approved D&G Council contractor, had failed to respond despite numerous attempts to make contact. As a result, an alternative contractor had to be sought. D&G Council had been involved in the matter and helped in trying to progress the situation with the approved contractor. Members discussed the quotations received and felt that, given the difficulties experienced and the requirement to use an approved D&G Council contractor, there was little alternative but to proceed with the quotation from J Wilson Electrical. The committee agreed to accept the quotation. Members noted that they would review the arrangements for future and hoped that the process would be more straightforward.

Boundary Change – Fifth Periodic Review of the Scheme of Establishment

RM referred members to D&G Council's proposed Fifth Periodic Review of the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils. Members were advised that the review provides an opportunity to consider existing Community Council boundaries, amongst other aspects of Community Council arrangements. Discussion took place regarding the current boundary of Wanlockhead Community Council. RM explained the existing boundary and members discussed whether the area covered by Wanlockhead Community Council could potentially be extended to include the Mennock Pass, down towards the cattle grid and Duntercleuch. Members were asked to consider whether a larger Wanlockhead Community Council area would be beneficial and to give further thought to any potential boundary changes as part of the forthcoming review and consultation process. It was agreed that the matter would be considered further once more information was available from D&G Council regarding the proposed review and consultation process.

Action: Recycle Bin- KM to request removal by DGC & Festive Lights -application to be prepared.



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6	Consultations & Engagements Planning Application Members considered planning application 26/1531/FUL for the installation of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array comprising 18 panels, together with associated inverter and battery storage, at Lilybank, Wanlockhead. 26/1531/FUL INSTALLATION OF GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY COMPRISING 18NO. PANELS AND INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATED INVERTER AND BATTERY STORAGE ON SOUTH-WEST ELEVATION OF DWELLINGHOUSE Lilybank Wanlockhead ML12 6UR Following consideration, the Community Council agreed that it had no objections to the application. Dumfries & Galloway Bus Users Group Survey Members were advised of the Dumfries & Galloway Bus Users Group survey, running from 16 September to 31 December 2026, providing an opportunity for residents to raise concerns or comment on local bus services. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTxZwNMwD2Es0UqHm-FNM-gxcEVqNNqfNVb9tPTYokbcQ-xA/viewform?pli=1 Dumfries & Galloway Bus Network Development Engagement Members were advised of the D&G Council Bus Network Development Engagement, running from 4 September to 10 October 2026. The consultation seeks views from residents, businesses, community groups and public transport users on the future of bus services across Dumfries and Galloway. https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/council-elections/have-your-say/consultations-engagements/dumfries-galloway-bus-network-development-engagement Members were encouraged to take part and provide comments on the current bus network and any issues affecting the local community.
7	Treasurer's Report. SM presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. The current account balances were noted as follows: Account 1: £ 9,499.40 Account 2: £ 1,612.04 Account 3: £ 7,029.69 Funding remains available through the Clyde SSE Microgrant Scheme and the Twentyshilling Community Benefit Fund. Both funds are available to support local community projects and charitable purposes. Application forms and further information are available on the Wanlockhead Community Council website at https://wanlockhead.cc/grant



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7 cont.	A member asked about funding opportunities available through Foundation Scotland for constituted groups and whether applications were only accepted twice yearly. Members were advised to refer to the Foundation Scotland website for the most up-to-date information on available funds, eligibility and application deadlines.
8	Funding Applications. No funding applications have been received this month.
9	Renewco, Ravengill: Ravengill Energy Park Renewco Power BayWa r.e. Glensalloch Wind Project: Glensalloch Wind Farm Ravengill Energy Park RM provided an update on the Ravengill Energy Park proposal. The deadline for Wanlockhead Community Council to submit an objection to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) had been extended to 6 October 2026. It was noted that there appeared to be a significant number of objections to the proposal. Wanlockhead Community Council, along with neighbouring Community Councils, had submitted objections. Thanks were given to PD for the work involved in preparing and submitting Wanlockhead Community Council's objection. Other Developments Members also discussed several other proposed developments in the wider area, including M74 West near Abington, Watchman/Daer and Clyde South. Discussion also took place regarding potential community benefit opportunities associated with these developments, including: • possible funding for larger projects within the community; • education and training opportunities; • potential Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS) to be considered; • what could be delivered for the village through community benefit funding; and • the possibility of addressing derelict properties within the community. Members also discussed the role of the M74 Group, involving 21 Community Councils, and the proposed involvement of Community Enterprise in coordinating the consultation process. Members agreed that the potential opportunities for Wanlockhead should be kept under review and considered further as more information becomes available. Glensalloch An update was received from the Glensalloch the project team. Proposals are being finalised ahead of submission of a Section 36 application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU), expected in October. The current proposal is for up to 14 turbines, each up to 200 metres high, reduced from the original 15-turbine layout. Some turbine positions have also been adjusted following consultation and environmental, technical and landscape studies, including to reduce visibility around Wanlockhead.



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9 Cont.	The project team advised that community engagement is continuing and a supplier portal has been established for local businesses interested in potential project opportunities. The proposals also include annual community benefit and plans for a £1 million tourism support fund during the construction phase. Further details will be provided as the project develops. A further update will be provided to Community Councils following submission of the Section 36 application. Members discussed the proposals and the outcome of the village ballot held on 29 April 2026. The ballot received 54 votes, with 47 opposing the proposed Glensalloch Wind Farm Development, 6 supporting the proposal and 1 respondent undecided. A further 9 objections were received by email, although two of these respondents had also voted in person and therefore their emailed responses were not included in the final count. Considering the ballot result, members agreed that Wanlockhead Community Council should submit an objection to the Glensalloch Wind Farm proposal. Members also agreed that an extension to the consultation period should be requested to allow sufficient time to prepare the objection. PD offered to prepare the draft objection on behalf of the Community Council when the time comes. Actions: PD to prepare a draft objection to the Glensalloch proposal. Community Benefit Funding & Foundation Scotland Members noted that Wanlockhead Community Centre SCIO had been successful in securing £10,454.00 of funding from Foundation Scotland. The funding will support the Community Centre's planned activities and contribute towards items including chairs and tables, cookery classes, and caretaker provision. Members welcomed the successful funding award and noted that the caretaker provision would offer a local employment opportunity within the village, supporting both employment and the ongoing running of the Community Centre. It was also noted that Foundation Scotland has confirmed that Community Councils can inform residents about which community groups have received larger grants. Twentyshilling Hill and Clyde Funding Members discussed how the TWSH funding would run next year. It was noted that the funding was expected to be received by the Community Council shortly. Members recalled that there had been no microgrant scheme last year, allowing the funding to be distributed across the year. It was agreed that the TWSH funding should be divided into two funding rounds each year, allowing applications to be considered fairly throughout the year and ensuring the funding is available for the full year. Members also discussed the Clyde Community Benefit Fund and whether the microgrant amount should remain at £500 or increase to £1,000. It was agreed that the Clyde microgrant would remain at £500 for group and £250 for individuals. Agreed: TWSH funding to be divided into two funding rounds each year and Clyde microgrant to remain at £250 and £500.
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10	Public Forum Members of the community council raised several questions regarding the Community Centre, including its meetings and minutes. These points were discussed. The proposed removal of the glass recycling bin was also raised. It was noted that the loss of the bottle bank would be disappointing for residents but understandable. David Kirkwood MSP thanked the Community Council for its work within the community and hoped to visit again. He also provided a brief update on current discussions around changes within the Scottish Government and wider public sector reform, including consideration of the future structure of local government. Thanks, were also expressed to the Community Council for the work undertaken in relation to the Christmas lights
11	Roads, Drainage & Infrastructure. Discussion took place on the ongoing concerns about water run-off from the railway embankment and drainage issues in the area. A response had been received from the railway following a letter hand-delivered the previous Sunday. The response did not accept responsibility for the drainage issues and suggested that a site meeting be arranged. It was noted that the response had been received from a railway representative rather than the directors. Members discussed the ongoing problems and agreed that a site visit would be useful, particularly during wet weather, to help identify the source of the water and establish what remedial work may be needed. Concerns were raised about drainage on the railway embankment, including a broken drain and blocked drains which may require repair and clearing. Members noted that the issue has been ongoing for a considerable period. The wider condition of drainage within the village was also discussed. Members felt that several of the village drains require attention and that road sweeping does not appear to take place regularly enough. The condition and maintenance of the village drainage system will be raised with D&G Council's Roads Department. Actions: KM to arrange a meeting/site visit with the relevant railway representatives to investigate the drainage and water run-off issues. Request a meeting with D&G Council's Roads Department to discuss the ongoing drainage concerns. Submit a formal complaint to D&G Council about the condition and maintenance of the village drains. Raise concerns about the frequency of road sweeping within the village.



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12	Community Police Report. A Teams invitation had been received for the Community Police meeting. No police report had been received at the time of the meeting.
13	Any Other Competent Business. Additional Black Bin – Mountain Lodge Members were advised that residents at Mountain Lodge had raised concerns regarding the capacity of the existing black bin. It was noted that there are now more families and holiday let in the area and that the current provision may not be sufficient. Members agreed that the Community Council should contact D&G Council's Waste Services to request assistance and ask whether an additional black bin could be provided. Action: KM to submit a CCES to D&G Council requesting assistance with additional bin provision. LJ to provide KM with the relevant information to support the request. Place Plan – Development Group Meeting RM provided an update on the meeting held on 22 September 2026, attended by representatives of key organisations within Wanlockhead to discuss how the Local Place Plan could be taken forward. The meeting was considered very productive, with discussion around how the priorities identified in the Place Plan could be progressed. It was suggested that a formal development group be established to take this work forward for the benefit of the community, bringing together the relevant community organisations and groups. It was noted that the Community Council has helped to initiate and facilitate this process and will continue to work with the group while arrangements are put in place for the new group to become established. Leaflets will be distributed to encourage residents to become involved suggestion a return date of 18th October 2026 to secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com
14	Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting. Sunday 1st November 2026, 6.30pm in the Wanlockhead Community Centre. All welcome. Chair thanked all for taking the time to attend and closed the meeting at 20.22.