



WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting

Sunday 6th September 2026

Wanlockhead Community Centre

6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Chair's Welcome and Meeting Protocol.

The Chair will welcome 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), Margaret Williamson (MW), Graham Auld (GA) and Jon Evans (JE).

Also in Attendance: 3 members of the public present.

1	Welcome and apologies for absence. Chair RM welcomed members, guests and members of the public to the meeting. The Chair reminded all present of meeting protocol. Apologies for absence were received from Androulla Richford The meeting was confirmed as quorate.
2	Declarations of Interest. No members declared an interest in any of the agenda items.
3	Adoption of Minutes. The minutes of 11th August 26 were approved as a true record. Proposed by SM Seconded by PD
4	Matters Arising. No matters arising at this meeting
5	Correspondence. Various correspondence had been received and circulated to members for information and consideration. RM suggested contacting the Chair of the Wanlockhead Community Centre SCIO to discuss correspondence received on their behalf from the Community Development Officer. Action: RM and KM to write to the Chair of the Wanlockhead Community Centre SCIO regarding the correspondence received.

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6	Treasurer's Report SM presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. The current account balances were noted as follows: Account 1: £6,865.68 Account 2: £2,595.69 Account 3: £11,655.19 Funding remains available through the Clyde SSSE Microgrant Scheme and the Twentysilling 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
7	Funding Applications. Clyde SSSE Microgrants Applicant: Wanlockhead Community Council Amount Requested: £500.00 Purpose: Winter Fuel Scheme The Community Council will continue its Winter Fuel Scheme, providing kindling and logs to Wanlockhead residents who require additional support during the winter months. The scheme is open to all residents and will operate from the Community Shed, with a delivery service available for those unable to collect supplies. The scheme is planned to run from October 2026 until stocks are exhausted Outcome: Approved This application was approved with 9 members voting in favour, No abstentions and No votes against. Action: KM to arrange payment

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7 Cont.	Twentyshilling Hill Community Benefit Fund. Applicant: Wanlockhead Community Council Amount Requested: £2117.00 Purpose: An application was discussed for a power station and satellite receiver, with additional funding requested for a solar panel and vehicle charging lead. The equipment would provide emergency power and communications during outages, enabling the Resilience Team to maintain contact with DGVOST and support the wider community. Outcome: Approved The application was approved with 8 members voting in favour, 1 abstention and No votes against. Action: KM to arrange payment Satellite Communications: Alternative satellite communication options were discussed, including O2 and Vodafone satellite-to-mobile services. Twentyshilling Hill Community Benefit Fund Applicant: Wanlockhead Community Council Amount Requested: £2500.00 Purpose: The application is for two additional community defibrillators with unlocked boxes and additional CPR & defibrillator training provided by St Johns Scotland, the defibrillators will be installed at the Townhead and Meadowfoot areas of the village, improving coverage and access for residents, visitors and those working or travelling through Wanlockhead. The project will make use of support from St John Scotland and D&G Council and will help make the community safer and more resilient. Outcome: Approved The application was approved with 9 members voting in favour, No abstentions and No votes against. Action: KM to arrange payment, contact St Johns Scotland with the application and D&G Council for instillation.
8	Renewco Ravengill Energy Park Renewco Power Glensalloch Wind Projects Glensalloch Wind Farm Ravengill Energy Park: Wanlockhead Community Councils request for an extension to the consultation period was approved by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU), with the new deadline being 6 October 2026. PD advised that, following discussions with Leadhills Community Council, a separate objection from WCC had been prepared and circulated

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8 Cont.	to members. It will be submitted via the consultation portal, with a written copy also sent by post. A proposed amendment to remove references to the Museum of Lead Mining and industrial archaeology from the objection was discussed and approved by all 9 members present. Glensalloch Wind Projects: Update noted. Action: PD to amend the objection as agreed and circulate the final document to members for review.
9	Public Forum. Public present asked about the proposed locations of the new defibrillators. It was advised that one would be located towards the Townhead and the other at the Meadowfoot areas of the village to provide wider coverage for residents and visitors. This would ensure that all areas of the village always had access. A question was also raised regarding the Christmas lights. It was advised that this would be discussed under Agenda Item 12. A suggestion was made to provide signage around the village identifying the locations of all three defibrillators. It was suggested that Blueprint may be able to assist with producing the signage.
10	Roads, Drainage & Infrastructure. The ongoing issue of water runoff from the former railway embankment was discussed. A site meeting with D&G Council was requested to discuss drainage and the condition of the road. It was noted that the section from Hastings House to the top of the Brae has been spray patched and would ideally be resurfaced. Concerns were also raised regarding the lack of white lines at the top of Toll Brae and the road layout at the pub corner, which have resulted in several near misses. Speeding within the village was also raised, with a request for consideration of a 20-mph speed limit. Action: KM to follow up with Buccleuch Estate regarding ownership of the land used by the railway and the resulting water runoff; D&G Council Roads Department regarding white lines, drainage and related road issues; and the Lowther Railway Society again regarding an in-person site meeting.

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11	Community Police Report Wanlockhead: One person was charged with a breach of the peace. Upper Nithsdale Police: Officers continue to carry out road traffic checks, rural crime patrols and retail crime patrols, along with providing support and education. Police continue to provide support and early intervention with primary and secondary school pupils, as well as support and advice during joint housing visits and meetings. Members were also advised of the launch of Galloway Off Road, a new initiative providing a safe, controlled and legal facility for off-road motorcycling in Dumfries and Galloway. The initiative aims to support young people through coaching, mentoring and skills development. Further information is available from Galloway Off Road at info@gallowayoffroad.co.uk.
12	Community Council Update. Christmas Lights: KM advised that she has been trying to contact last year's provider, J. Wilson, since April 2026 regarding the Christmas light contract for D&G Council, but has been unsuccessful. A site visit was carried out with an alternative contractor to consider options for the existing lights and additional crescent-shaped lights. It was proposed that the lights be switched on in the last week of November and switched off in early January. Members agreed to take the Christmas lights arrangements forward. Mennock Pass Riparian Project: The Community Council hosted a very well attended public meeting with Jim Henderson, Director Nith District Salmon Fishery Trust and Debbie Parke, Operations Manager & Fishery Biologist, to provide information on the proposed riparian scheme. Those present appeared supportive, with work anticipated to commence around October 2027. Concerns were raised regarding the potential displacement of campers from the Mennock area and whether this could result in increased camping within Wanlockhead. Members discussed the potential impact on the village, particularly from larger groups, fires and irresponsible camping, while recognising that responsible campers should not be discouraged. It was noted that areas around Bryson Terrace are within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), where unauthorised camping is not permitted. Members agreed that areas potentially affected by increased camping should be identified and options for managing the issue explored.

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12 Cont.	JE suggested contacting Simon McGrory, Senior Ancient Monuments Officer working on behalf of Historic Environment Scotland (HES), who is responsible for the Wanlockhead Scheduled Monument, covering many of the mining relics in and around the village. It was suggested that Simon be invited to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss the matter further. Buccleuch Estate may also be contacted to discuss possible options. The installation of a gate at the top of the road leading to Hass Cottage was considered, along with other potential measures to be explored with Buccleuch Estate. The matter will be brought back to future meetings for further discussion. Action: JE to contact Simon McGrory, regarding attending a Community Council meeting to discuss the matter. KM to contact Buccleuch Estate to arrange a meeting. Recycling Bin The issue of the recycling bin located on Museum of Lead Mining land was raised. The bin is being used for non-recyclable items, resulting in museum volunteers having to remove waste and clear the surrounding area. KM advised that a CCES request had been submitted for the bin to be relocated but no response has been received to date. A suggestion was made to move the bin to the top of the road, outside the Museum of Lead Mining land. RM advised that the Community Council could not give permission for the bin to be moved. Action: KM to follow up with D&G Council regarding the relocation of the recycling bin and request that this be treated as urgent.
13	Any Other Competent Business PD requested that RM contact Jeremy Cooper of Crawford Community Council, who had enquired about joining the unified statement. Action: RM to contact Jeremy Cooper and provide the relevant information.
14	Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting. Sunday 4th October 26, 6.30pm, Wanlockhead Community Centre Meeting closed at 8pm, chair thanked all in attendance.

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