

## Wanlockhead Community Council (WCC)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom, 6.30pm-8.00pm**

### Meeting Agenda

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

Present Non-Members: Three non-members attended. Guest: Nick Wright

Item.	Discussion
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chair JE welcomed all members and members of the public in attendance.</li><li>○ Apologies from John Nellist.</li></ul>
2.	<b>Adoption of Minutes From 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Proposed – SM</li><li>○ Seconded - GW</li></ul>
3.	<b>Matters Arising from June2025.</b> <p>No thing to note at this time.</p>
4.	<b>Correspondence.</b> <p>Various items of correspondence have been received and circulated to members as appropriate, including emails from residents who contacted Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council, The Royal Burgh of Sanquhar Community Council and MSPs regarding road issues. Opposition from Lairdmannoch Energy Park to a wind farm development beyond our boundary was noted, and KM's request for a road sweeper on the Mennock Pass has been actioned. A collapsed manhole cover at the top of the village was reported to D&amp;G Council, who advised it is a utility matter. Correspondence from the Glensalloch Wind Project.</p>
5.	<b>Police Report.</b> <p>KM attended the online police briefing for our area, during which nothing of concern was reported for Wanlockhead. Community Police Officer Eddie Hewson confirmed there have been no notable incidents and nothing that currently gives him cause for concern. He remains available for contact at any time, should the need arise.</p>
6.	<b>Treasurer Report.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Account 1: £ 17,690.10</li><li>○ Account 2: £ 4,319.60</li><li>○ Account 3: £ 1,298.68</li></ul>
7.	<b>Local Place Plan / Community Action Plan.</b> <p>Nick Wright joined the meeting to provide an update on the Wanlockhead Place Plan <a href="#">Nick Wright Planning</a> He began by thanking everyone who has taken part so far and shared a summary of the results to date. A total of 51 responses have been received, not all from within the village and all information gathered so far will be made available on the WCC website <a href="http://www.wanlockhead.cc">www.wanlockhead.cc</a></p> <p>Nick noted that responses from the younger residents were limited and would encourage all young persons within the village to take the survey.</p>

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7. Cont	<p>The Place Plan remains on track with residents being encouraged to stay engaged and mindful of the key points emerging through the process. To help reach more people, a series of drop-in sessions and doorstep chats will take place in August and September.</p> <p>Funded by the Twentyshilling Community Benefit Fund through Wanlockhead Community Council the Place Plan offers the village a valuable opportunity to set shared priorities and agree a way forward.</p> <p>The community-led action plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Guide local priorities and projects.</li><li>○ Steer how community benefit funds are spent.</li><li>○ Influence Dumfries and Galloway Council, with the plan to be formally registered as a Local Place Plan.</li></ul> <p>Chair thanked Nick for his work so far.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Nick will keep the council updated as news becomes available with drop-in sessions and doorstep chats will take place in the future.</p>
8.	<p><b>Public Forum.</b></p> <p>A member of the public reported that the Roads Department from D&amp;G Council had spoken to them and advised that work on the local road is expected to begin within the next couple of weeks, following their inspection of the collapsed utility cover.</p>
9.	<p><b>Renewco / Glensalloch Wind Project Update.</b></p> <p><b>Renewco – Ravengill Energy Park</b></p> <p>Renewco CLG are planning their 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in September, this may be subject to change. A member of the CC attended the last meeting. Further updates on the Ravengill Energy Park including updated maps and timescales can be found at <a href="http://www.wanlockhead.cc">www.wanlockhead.cc</a></p> <p><b>Glensalloch Wind Farm – Project Update and Community Engagement</b></p> <p>BayWa r.e. has informed the WCC that they are in the early development stages of a proposed wind farm project named Glensalloch, located approximately 3.2km west of Wanlockhead and 4.6km northeast of Sanquhar. <a href="http://www.glensalloch.co.uk">www.glensalloch.co.uk</a></p> <p>The developer aims to design the project in collaboration with local communities, with a strong emphasis on environmental sensitivity and local input. An initial community workshop was held in Sanquhar on 12 June, which was reported to have had valuable engagement.</p> <p>BayWa r.e. plans to submit a Scoping Report to the Scottish Government’s Energy Consents Unit in the coming weeks. This report will outline the initial environmental and technical assessments and mark the formal start of the planning process.</p>

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10.	<p><b>Roads &amp; Report It</b></p> <p>WCC Chair, JE, has been in discussion with Greg Black, Chair of the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar Community Council, regarding the ongoing issues on the B797 Mennock Pass. Both councils have agreed to work collaboratively in the interest of both communities to push for improvements to the road.</p> <p>The Royal Burgh of Sanquhar Community Council will write to the Head of Roads and Amy Roads to raise concerns formally, and will share a copy of the letter with JE.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> JE will provide an update to members as further information becomes available and will also contact the D&amp;G Head of Roads jointly with Sanquhar CC to seek clarification</p>
11.	<p><b>GP Surgery. MedPoint Prescription Collection Machine – Leadhills Surgery</b> GW gave an update. Planning permission for the installation of a freestanding MedPoint prescription collection machine at Leadhills Surgery has been approved .</p> <p><a href="https://publicaccess.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SVY1ISOPMHS00&amp;activeTab=summary">https://publicaccess.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SVY1ISOPMHS00&amp;activeTab=summary</a></p>

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11. Cont	<p>Moffat Medical Practice confirmed that the machine will serve Leadhills, Wanlockhead, and surrounding areas, offering optional 24/7 access to medications. It will not require a smartphone, only a mobile number for SMS collection codes, and patients without access can continue to collect prescriptions from the surgery. The machine is optional and intended to improve access, with measures in place for safety, accessibility, and data protection. Village shop collections are likely to end due to regulatory concerns, but Leadhills Surgery will continue dispensing, including nurse-led clinics.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> GW will make contact with Leadhills Community Council to discuss this and other mutual matters, GW will feed back to members when information becomes available.</p> <p><b>Community Defibrillator.</b></p> <p>GW advised that guardianship of the community defibrillator has now been transferred to him on The Circuit, with SM and RM remaining listed as contacts. A stock check has been completed, and both replacement pads and a new battery are required.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> GW will arrange the purchase of a new battery using the approved Clyde Microgrant funding, and the replacement pads using the Glenmuckloch "Propel" funding award.</p>
12.	<p><b>221 Bus Service.</b></p> <p>BA advised that there was no further update at this time, other than that school transport will now be provided by taxi. He will report back if any additional information becomes available.</p>
13.	<p><b>Any Other Business. Community Sharing Shed</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Community Sharing Shed is becoming a point of community engagement although with a varied attendance. In light of the varied attendance the decision was made to reduce the opening hours to once per week for one hour, between 11am – 12pm, effective from 6th August. It was also suggested that bags of kindling could possibly be made available during the winter months, potentially through the Community Payback Scheme.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KM will advertise the change in opening hours on social media, local notice boards, and within the Community Sharing Shed</p>
14.	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 6.30pm -8.00pm at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom.</p> <p>Chair thanked all for attending and the work being carried out by members. Meeting closed at 20.25</p>