

Unapproved Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting which was held

At 18.30 on Sunday 4th May 2025

Within the Museum of Lead mining Tearoom

Present Committee Members: Jon Evans (JE) – Chair, Karen Morrison (KM) – Secretary, Robert McCafferty (RM), Steven Morrison (SM) – Treasurer, Bert Auld (BA), Gordon Wishart (GW) arrived at 18.40.

Also in Attendance: Four members of the public.

Apologies Received: One member of the public.

	AGM
Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and apologies for absence. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair extended a warm welcome to both members and public in attendance.• Apologies noted from John Nellist.
2.	Approval of minutes from previous AGM, 17th September 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed – Treasurer (SM)• Seconded – (RM)
3.	Chairs Annual Report. May 2025. <p>The past year marked a period of renewal and progress for the Wanlockhead Community Council. Following the council’s reformation in October 2024 with a newly elected core of four members (later expanded to six), we’ve worked to re-establish communications, strengthen community engagement, and support key local initiatives. Our efforts have focused on maintaining services, managing windfarm-funded grants, and developing a Community Action Plan. Despite challenges such as poor road conditions, lack of a GP service, and reduced police presence, we continue to advocate for the village and look forward to further collaboration in the year ahead. Formed in December 2021 under the Dumfries and Galloway Council Scheme, the council operates under a shared code of conduct. It supports local development, provides windfarm-funded grants, and responds to consultations affecting the community at local and national levels. There are currently six council members, including the Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Broader representation from across the village remains a priority to help deliver future plans. We are sure further recruitment will occur in the future.. Held every six weeks on Sunday evenings at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom, meetings are open to all. Agendas and minutes are shared via our website, Facebook, and noticeboards. A detailed Treasurer’s report is provided separately. The council administers micro grants of £250–£500 funded by local windfarms and has introduced stricter reporting to ensure accountability. We installed and maintained a community defibrillator, reopened the Sharing Shed, updated the Resilience Plan, and launched a village-wide survey to support our Community Action Plan. We continue to raise concerns about deteriorating roads, lack of a local GP service, and reduced policing. While progress has been slow, recent developments offer hope for improved communication and action.</p> <p>Chair gave thanks for the continued support during this time and look forward to the future.</p>

4.	<p>Treasurers Annual Report 6th April 2024 – 5th April 2025.</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 Twentyshillling Hill wind farms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total Income: 16,677.70 Expenditure: 5,388.15 Balance: 17,261.58</p> <p>With the support of Clyde Windfarm, Wanlockhead Community Council was able to support the Wanlockhead Community Choir, which continues to thrive. A successful Burns Supper hosted by 1531MCC. Development of a new Community Council website with assistance from Blueprint Web Design. Support for Leadhills Gala Day, including hire of the community centre to host the annual craft fair. Wanlockhead Community Centre by helping with the Choir, music workshop and the community polytunnel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total Income: 2,848.32 Expenditure: 1,254.25 Balance: 1,844.07</p> <p>Twentyshillling Hill Community Benefit Fund have enabled progress on several key community initiatives, including, advancing the Local Place Plan and Purchasing IT equipment. Through the Wanlockhead Community Centre we were able to support the gardening group, the choir, and activities at the community polytunnel and various items to ensure the community gardens are well looked after in the summer months, for example a new strimmer, blower, water fountain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Income: £18,548.89 Expenditure: £20,554.74 Closing Balance: £1,260.43</p> <p>Looking ahead, the council remains committed to supporting individuals and groups through both windfarm funds. Priorities include purchasing new defibrillator equipment and maintaining the stock withing the community Sharing Shed. Treasurer thanked everyone for their support and look forward to another productive year.</p>
5.	<p>Standing Down of Current Members and Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Robert McCafferty assumed the chair to oversee the election of new office bearers, as the current post holders formally stood down. Robert thanked the outgoing team for their service and contributions. The following office bearers were then elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Jon Evans – proposed by Gordon Wishart, seconded by Steven Morrison • Secretary: Karen Morrison – proposed by Robert McCafferty, seconded by Jon Evans • Treasurer: Steven Morrison – proposed by Gordon Wishart, seconded by Jon Evans
6,	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts</p> <p>Mrs Fiona Ross has examined the accounts for the past financial year 6th April 2024 – 5th April 2025 and has kindly agreed to continue in this role. The Council extends its thanks to Fiona for her thorough work and ongoing support.</p>
7.	<p>Matters arising from previous AGM.</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
	<p>Wanlockhead Community Council AGM was drawn to a close. Chair thanked the community for their continued support.</p>

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	Short Ordinary Meeting
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair extended a warm welcome to both members and public in attendance. • Apologises noted from John Nellist.
2.	<p>Approval of minutes 13th April 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by – Robert McCafferty • Seconded by –Steven Morrison
3.	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p>Resilience Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM had circulated the updated Resilience Plan to all members with the intention of signing it off and submitting it to Dumfries & Galloway Council. It was noted in the minutes that the inclusion of items such as battery packs and lanterns may support future funding applications to both the Clyde and Twentyshilling Hill Windfarm Funds. All members confirmed they are content with the plan, which will now be signed off. KM to confirm the appropriate contact for submission. Thanks were extended to all members for their input. Once signed off it will be uploaded to the website. <p>Residents are invited to submit comments on any proposed Wanlockhead Community Council funding applications for projects no later than seven days before the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: KM will finalise the Resilience Plan and confirm with D&G Council for submission. It was agreed to record that committee members discussed the potential need for additional resilience equipment in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Place Plan/Local Action Plan, Robert provided an update and advised that it is now live and available on the website. Surveys have been delivered to all households, by Nick Wright (NR) Nick Wright Planning with a submission deadline of 18th May 2025. Paper copies can be returned to collection boxes at the Wanlockhead Inn, Wanlockhead Museum Trust, the Sharing Shed post box, and the Community Centre, these will remain sealed until consultant NR collects them. GW confirmed digital submissions have been completed, and NR will collate and analyse all responses. The Chair noted that the process is progressing well and encourages villagers to complete the survey. Completion of the plan depends on public response and the consultant's schedule, with hopes to finalise it later this year. While the Local Place Plan (LPP) deadline from D&G Council has been extended, the Community Action Plan (CAP) allows more flexibility. <p>Action: Members to feedback when more information is available.</p> <p>Wind Farm Funding, applications for Clyde Microgrants are open for applications and can be found live on the website with a decision expected in June 2025 this appears to be functioning as intended. GW has received the necessary materials to upload, and a funding poster will be displayed online and at notice boards throughout the village. KM confirmed that at least one application has already been received, and the website is now fully prepared to handle submissions. Wanlockhead Community Council</p> <p>Action: KM will forward any applications to members as they arrive.</p>

<p>3 Cont</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewco Community Liaison Group (CLG), Two representatives form WCC attended the first meeting of this group on 24th April 2025 at the Old School in Abington regarding three proposed windfarm developments: M74 West, Ravengill, and Watchman Energy Park. Public consultation events are scheduled for 12th May at Crawford Hall and 20th May in Leadhills (Ravengill), with another on 21st May from 3–7pm at Crawfordjohn Hall. These developments will impact areas including Abington Services (M74 West), the Dear Reservoir near Crawford (Watchman), and surrounding areas of Leadhills (Ravengill), with 32 turbines proposed at Leadhills reaching up to 220 metres with aviation lights. Discussions also covered the impact on local energy resilience, with suggestions of battery and solar solutions for limited backup during outages. RM advised that connection infrastructure may extend to Redmoss and Elvanfoot. The Council encourages all residents to attend these consultations to stay informed, details in the form of a flyer have been sent to all village residents by Renewco and updates will be posted on the community website. Wanlockhead Community Council <p>Action: GW to add details under the new windfarm section on the web page. RM & KM will feedback information when available.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Consultation & Engagements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM attended and information session on “Building a New Future Together – Shaping the Future of General Medical Services in Dumfries & Galloway” an online meeting on the 24th April 2025. These sessions, open to community councils in the region, focused on evaluating GP and hospital services across Dumfries &Galloway. A wider public consultation and online survey may follow, covering all aspects of healthcare provision. JE confirmed that, given the broader scope of this review, the decision not to pursue the GP issue locally now seems appropriate. <p>Action: Further information will be shared as it becomes available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Community Engagement Training session will take place for members via MS Teams.. <p>Action: The meeting link has been circulated to members by KM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversations on D&G Council's Litter Strategy, To take part in the upcoming online sessions about Dumfries and Galloway Council’s Litter Strategy. Concerns were raised about increased rubbish being left at the village bottle bank, despite signage. It was noted that providing bins may inadvertently encourage more littering. Responsibility for waste collection in the Mennock Pass lies with the landowner. Similar issues have also been reported at Mountain Lodge access road due to insufficient bin provision. <p>Action: KM to provide link for D&G Litter Strategy. LitterStrategy@dumgal.gov.uk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair informed members of his intention to contact the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar Community Council to discuss the long-standing traffic light issue, the general disrepair of the Mennock Pass and persistent litter problems along the Mennock Pass. These matters have been ongoing for several years, and it is hoped that by working collaboratively with our neighbouring council, a constructive solution can be found. <p>Action: JE to contact Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and feedback when information is available.</p>

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5.	<p>Correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burial Ground at Meadowfoot. BA reported to D&G Council the tree and wall at the above. A supervisor from D&G Council has assessed the site and confirmed that, while the tree is unsightly, it is currently safe and does not require removal. The fallen limb will be cleared. WCC has been advised that D&G Property Services have been asked to survey the boundary wall and carry out repairs if budget allows. <p>Action: KM has circulated correspondence to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Resilience Recognition Scheme. Dumfries and Galloway is launching a new scheme to recognise Community Resilience Groups and their volunteers for their work during emergencies. The scheme has three levels—bronze, silver, and gold—and is open to all current and new groups. <p>Action: KM has circulated correspondence to members.</p>
6.	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A member of the public asked when the Community Council would hold a Casual Vacancy Election (CVE). The Chair advised that this may be considered and, as noted in the Chair's Report, may be planned for a future date. <p>Action: Members will provide information if a CVE is being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A member of the public present asked if the Resilience Plan will be uploaded to the website? Please see item 3, Matters Arising.• Sharing Shed, It was noted that the Sharing Shed will require painting this year. RM requested approval to purchase paint for the work, which was agreed by all members. <p>Action: RM will purchase the paint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website Update, The website has been updated with several new sections—thanks to GW at Blueprint for his continued work. Blueprint HOME WCC chair and members expressed appreciation to GW, who manages the site voluntarily as a committee member. GW advised that a contact button has been added to allow the public to submit suggestions directly.• War Memorial, RM is presently working on quotes for maintenance work related to the war memorial, funding from various sources are also under consideration. Funding from Clyde or Twentyshilling Hill may be sought to complete work on the stairs and handrail. Progress on this project is essential to ensure completion in time for the November remembrance events. Residents are invited to submit comments on any proposed Wanlockhead Community Council funding applications for projects no later than seven days before the next meeting. <p>Action: RM to feedback information when available.</p>
7.	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting: 15th June 25, 6.30pm - 8.00pm at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom.</p>

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