

Wanlockhead Community Council (WCC)

Sunday 2nd November 2025 at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom, 6.30pm – 8pm

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

Present Non-Members: 10 members of the public were present.

Item.	Discussion
1.	Welcome & Apologies. Chair JE welcomed all members and members of the public in attendance. Apologies received from John Nellist.
2.	Adoption of Minutes from 14.09.2025. Proposed by – BA Seconded by - SM
3.	Chair Statement. JE read out a statement relating to the below. Code of Conduct for Community Council Meetings Purpose of the CC meetings All community council committees are required to meet on a regular basis. The purpose of the meetings is to allow the committee members to discuss agenda items and vote as appropriate. It is the Chair's responsibility to ensure that the meetings are always conducted in an orderly and respectful manner. Attendance at CC meetings The current requirement for the Wanlockhead CC meetings to be quorate is a minimum of 4 committee members to be present. If the meeting is not quorate it can continue but no decisions/votes can be made. All CC meetings must allow for the attendance of the public, who are permitted to listen to the discussions between the CC committee members. Any person in attendance, who is not an elected member is not entitled to interrupt the proceedings unless the Chair allows it. A public forum, identified as an agenda item for each meeting, provides a place where non-elected members can address the committee through the Chair. The committee will take note of any matters arising through the public forum and endeavour to answer them at that time, and if not possible to do so, a response will be provided at the next scheduled meeting. Once the public forum has been closed by the Chair, no further interruptions shall be allowed. Conduct within and outside of CC meetings. The Wanlockhead Community Council was elected to represent the villagers and to liaise with Dumfries & Galloway Council and local authorities to maintain communications. The WCC has limited powers and authority.

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3. Cont.	The Chair is responsible for complying effectively and accurately with processes as defined in the ‘Scheme’ provided by D&G council. Whilst remaining inclusive, the Chair must maintain discipline so that meetings do not allow for general discussion amongst members of the public, which are irrelevant to the CC’s business and timewasting. The WCC is only accountable to Dumfries & Galloway Council. The opportunity for anyone wishing to ask questions shall be provided during the public forum and when deemed appropriate by the Chair. Anyone attending community council meetings are required to display respect for everyone else. Anyone considered to be disrespectful will be instructed to leave the meeting by the Chair. Communications outside of formal meetings The WCC provides information and communication with the community through its website, postings on notice boards, emails and social media. It does so to maintain contact with the villagers. All issues and queries received are duly noted and placed on the agenda for discussion at the next planned meeting. Whilst the WCC welcomes feedback from the community it will not tolerate inappropriate comments of any kind. The WCC will remove any inappropriate postings received on social media and if necessary, report such incidences to the Dumfries & Galloway Council.
4.	Matters Arising from September 25. Wanlockhead Festive Lights RM provided an update on the current situation, followed by a discussion. KM has been in contact with D&G Council since September 25. D&G Council has confirmed that, due to financial constraints, they will not be able to facilitate the switching on of the 34 static lights along the B797 in Wanlockhead this year. Priority will instead be given to villages along the main A76 trunk road, which will be serviced by the new contractor. D&G Council staff will not be performing any installation duties this year, and a new contractor has been appointed within Nithsdale. DG Council have informed Wanlockhead Community Council that an inspection of the static lights will be required to identify if the festive lights conform to current electrical regulations. KM has contacted Four contractors to date, with no responses received. There was general disappointment expressed that the village has been let down at short notice by D&G Council. It was agreed that Wanlockhead Community Council should contact D&G Council to request that they facilitate the light switch-on at no cost to the Wanlockhead Community Council, as the current situation is not of the Community Council’s making. Ownership of the lights was discussed. It was noted that residents are welcome to place battery-operated lights on the existing community Christmas tree. Action: KM to contact D&G Council to request a copy of last year’s electrical safety certificate for the 34 static lights and ask that D&G Council arrange for the lights to be switched on this year at no cost to Wanlockhead Community Council.

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4. Cont.	Review of Funding Status: Ongoing Wanlockhead Public Toilets KM received correspondence from D&G Council, which has been circulated to members for their information and consideration. Members agreed that this matter now lies between D&G Council and the Wanlockhead Museum Trust. Action: Closed
5.	Correspondence A substantial amount of correspondence has been received and circulated to members for information. Key items are summarised as follows: • CCES – Wanlockhead Public Toilets: Notification received confirming the ownership of the public toilets. • CCES – B797 Mennock Pass: Matter remains ongoing. JE continues to liaise with Greg Black, Chair of the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar Community Council. SM has also engaged with the Duke of Buccleuch, who expressed support for the ongoing efforts. Action: JE to contact Dumfries and Galloway Council again to seek an update. • BayWa r.e. – Glensalloch Wind Farm: Update received regarding the project's status. Glensalloch Wind Farm About the Project BayWa r.e. • KPHS – 221 Bus Service to Wanlockhead: Ongoing concerns have been raised by residents regarding service reliability. Residents are encouraged to contact the Wanlockhead Community Council via secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com to report issues. Concerns may also be submitted directly to Southwest Trans, SWestrans SWestrans • Wanlockhead Community Centre – Suggesting that they take over the running of the Sharing Shed. • Lynda Findlay – Remembrance Service: Notification received that she will no longer be able to deliver the Remembrance Service. Action: JE to email LF to ask whether she might reconsider.
6.	Police Report JE continues to represent Wanlockhead at the area online Teams meetings with Police Scotland. KM will circulate any updates from Police Scotland to members as they are received. Members of the public are reminded that any concerns or incidents within the community should be reported directly to Police Scotland by calling 101. There were no matters to report for the Wanlockhead area at this time.

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7.	Treasurer's Report Account 1 – WCC Main Account • Opening Balance: £12,955.56 • Closing Balance: £10,904.70 Account 2 – Clyde Wind • Opening Balance: £2,315.50 • Closing Balance: £2,307.00 Account 3 – Twentyshilling Hill • Opening Balance: £290.18 • Closing Balance: £16,592.44 SM advised that the Twentyshilling Hill Fund is now open for applications, with decisions expected in February 2026. Discussion took place regarding how the fund should operate in the coming year. Options considered included: • Opening the full fund for applications immediately, with no further rounds once funds are allocated. • Releasing half of the funds now and holding the remainder for a second round, around June 2026, to allow for seasonal funding opportunities. It was also discussed whether a microgrant scheme should be offered through this fund. Members agreed that no microgrants will be offered from the Twentyshilling Hill Fund. The main fund is now open for applications. The Clyde Wind microgrant scheme also remains open for applications. Action: • Twentyshilling Hill main fund open for applications. • Releasing half of the funds now and holding the remainder for a second round, around June 2026, to allow for seasonal funding opportunities. • No microgrants to be offered from this fund. • Clyde Wind microgrant applications remain open.
8.	Funding Applications Southern Upland Pathfinders – £460.00 Purpose: To fund an annual subscription for Ancestry and Newspaper Archive, and hire of venue. Outcome: Approved, on the condition that the group provides details of a bank account associated with the organisation. Wanlockhead Community Council – £500.00 Purpose: To purchase bags of logs, kindling, and heat logs to support residents of Wanlockhead with heating over the winter months. Outcome: Approved. No objections from the community were received regarding this application.

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8 Cont.	Wanlockhead Community Centre – £475.00 Purpose: To purchase a wood store for kindling, to be placed outside the Wanlockhead Community Centre for ease of access by residents. Outcome: Application declined pending the outcome of the ongoing review. A brief discussion took place regarding this application, after which JE requested that the meeting move on to the next item.
9.	Resilience Two members attended a workshop and training session on 8 October, hosted by the Dumfries and Galloway Council Resilience Team. The Council's team is currently making enquiries on the community's behalf regarding communication systems and snow clearance within the village. Awaiting a response from BT regarding the mast on Lowther Hill. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) believe there is a battery system in place for their network, however, this would not be available for public use. The Council previously engaged a contractor based within the village for snow clearance, but it is uncertain whether this arrangement remains in place. There appears to be some dubiety around this from the Council's perspective. RM provided a short update outlining local resilience expectations The Wanlockhead Resilience Group is now affiliated and ready to activate when required and encouraged residents to review the <i>Household Emergency Lifesaving Plan Community Resilience Dumfries and Galloway</i> available on the website, in the Sharing Shed as well as on https://wanlockhead.cc. Residents are encouraged, in the first instance, to ensure their own households are prepared for emergencies and to join the Scottish Power Priority List. GW suggested Community First Responder with the Scottish Ambulance Service Actions: • Prepare a short article for the website outlining the role of the Resilience Group and local procedures. • Contact the Wanlockhead Inn to arrange a meeting. • Continue to welcome volunteers, anyone interested is encouraged to contact the WCC Secretary for further information secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com
10.	Local Place Plan / Community Action Plan. Nick Wright continues to work on the above. https://wanlockheadplan.net/

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11.	Renewco / Glensalloch Wind Projects Ravensgill Energy Park: No updates currently. Further information is available at Ravengill Energy Park Renewco Power Glensalloch Wind Farm: Glensalloch Wind Farm About the Project BayWa r.e. Laura Fleming, Project Manager / Senior Renewables Developer for BayWa r.e., provided an update on the Glensalloch Wind Farm project, which RM read to the meeting. The project design proposal is currently being developed and will be presented for consultation at a second round of public exhibitions, expected to take place in February 2026. These events will include visualisations of the proposed 15 turbines. Proposed venues include Wanlockhead Community Centre, Sanquhar, Kirkconnel, and Crawfordjohn. A third collaboration workshop is planned before Christmas, with invitations to be issued shortly. Prior to the exhibitions, a mailshot will be delivered to all local households, with hand-delivery in Wanlockhead to ensure all residents receive the information. A door-to-door session was carried out in Wanlockhead on 8 October, during which letters were distributed, and residents were invited to engage directly with the project team. The project team expressed their gratitude to those who took the time to speak with them. Project information and ongoing updates remain available via the Glensalloch Wind Farm website. Copies of the update will also be provided to Wanlockhead Community Centre and the Wanlockhead Inn for local display. A discussion followed, during which RM suggested that the WCC wait until the February 2026 2nd public exhibition where the visualisations will be placed forward before distributing a community questionnaire to gather residents' views on the proposed development. Pink ballot/question leaflets had been delivered on 2nd Nov 25. Action: Wanlockhead Community Council to apply for community funding to purchase secure ballot boxes and cover general running costs associated with the February 2026 event.
12.	Public Forum An information session was recently held in Wanlockhead Community Centre to form a new group. The “Glensalloch Action Group” has now been established to oppose the proposed Glensalloch Wind Farm project, and informational leaflets have been distributed to households in the village.

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12 Cont.	Members of the WCC were invited to attend the opening of the ballot boxes on 10 November 2025. JE advised that the WCC would respond to the group in due course. RM noted that, to date, the WCC has not received any correspondence from residents expressing opposition to the proposed project, nor any formal request for a presentation slot at a WCC meeting. A discussion also took place regarding the Wanlockhead Festive Lights. A member of the public advised that the lights along the B797 belong to the village and were originally purchased using community wind farm funds. KM confirmed that, while there is some evidence of the lights' existence, no formal records or handover documentation were received from the former Wanlockhead Village Council, which was disbanded several years ago. Residents are warmly encouraged to help decorate the community Christmas tree, located at the bottom of Toll Brae, opposite the Museum of Lead Mining.
13.	Roads & Report It As noted under agenda item 5, JE continues to liaise with Greg Black, Chair of the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar Community Council, regarding the B797 Mennock pass issues. Correspondence from Dumfries & Galloway Council confirms that the roads maintenance team has carried out spray injection patching on the affected road. Additional work is planned using tar to address high-risk defects, followed by sealing to reduce any further risks. Two sections of road in Wanlockhead have been identified as requiring more substantial work. These areas will be considered for capital funding for resurfacing during the next financial year. In the short term, interim measures will be carried out to reduce risk to road users. Action: JE will continue to monitor and liaise on this matter. Residents are encouraged to contact Dumfries & Galloway Council directly with any concerns.
14.	Any Other Business War Memorial: Cleaning of the War Memorial and reconstruction of the stairs has been completed in time for Remembrance Day. Thanks were extended to RM for leading the project, to Douglas Swan & Sons for the cleaning, and to T Moffat & Sons for work on the handrail and stairs. RM advised that a further cosmetic project, including works on the rails and gate, is planned for spring. A WCC member will be allocated to this task. Action: A WCC member to take on the third War Memorial project in spring.

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14 Cont.	Remembrance Day: BA has agreed to lay the poppy wreath on behalf of the WCC at this years' service on 9 November 2025. Commemorative Benches: Ellen Simpson Bench (Community Gardens) requires urgent repair. BA will undertake the necessary repairs as a resident. Kenny Houston Bench (next to the War Memorial) has a broken leg. The Community Centre will make enquires into who takes responsibility for this bench and let the WCC know. Action: BA to repair the Ellen Simpson bench; Await confirmation for the Community Centre on the Kenny Houston bench. Sharing Shed: As noted under agenda item 5, correspondence was received from the Community Centre suggesting they take over management of the Sharing Shed. Discussion highlighted that, while the shed is usually manned on Wednesdays from 11:00–12:00, it can be opened at other times by arrangement, with kindling available to residents. Action: Members voted for the WCC to retain management of the Sharing Shed. A future meeting may be arranged with the Community Centre to discuss this and related matters. KM advised that the WCC are experiencing IT issues and a new email contact has been made available for first line of contact. secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com
15.	Date & Time of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Wanlockhead Community Council will be held on Sunday, 22 February 2026. JE thanked members and members of the public for their attendance. The meeting closed at 20:41.