

## Wanlockhead Community Council

### Unapproved Minutes of the meeting which was held

At 18.30 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

#### Within the Museum of Lead mining Tearoom

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

**Present Non-members:** 7 members of the public were present.

| Item | Discussion  |
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| 1    | <b>Welcome &amp; Apologies –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chair extended a warm welcome to both committee members and members of the public in attendance.</li><li>No apologies were received.</li></ul>   |
| 2    | <b>Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed - RM</li><li>Seconded – SM</li></ul>  |
| 3    | <b>Proposal of New Members –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Community Council had vacant seats that required filling through co-option to maintain full membership and effective representation. It was proposed that Gordon Wishart and Graham (Bert) Auld be co-opted onto the council, as they met the eligibility criteria set by Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council and had expressed interest. Both were considered based on their skills and commitment to the community. The co-opted members will serve until the next election with full voting rights, except on co-option matters. Copies of “D&amp;G Amended Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils” was given to the newly Co-Opted members. Chair extended a warm welcome to both Gordon and Bert.</li></ul> <p>Gordon Wishart was proposed by SM and seconded by RM.</p> <p>Graham (Bert) Auld was proposed by KM and seconded by JE.</p> |
| 4    | <b>Police Report –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Police report for the latest month was received from PC Eddie Hewison with no major concerns identified within the parish. This was noted as a positive update. The Police remain available for assistance if required and are open to discussions via phone or an in-person meeting.</li></ul>  |
| 5    | <b>Treasurers report –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Account 1- £17,880.41</li><li>Account 2- £NIL</li><li>Account 3- £1,264.68</li></ul>   |

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| 6 | <p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Buccleuch Estate Meeting</b> – Ongoing.</li></ul> <p><b>GP Surgery</b> – A meeting will be arranged soon with Leadhills Community Council to discuss mutual community concerns. Wanlockhead Community Council now holds hard copies of the GP questionnaire conducted last year, which will be analysed, and the results made public.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Awaiting a meeting date from Leadhills CC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Introduction to Leadhills CC of new WCC members</b> - KM has contacted Leadhills CC to provide the new email for first-line contact. <a href="mailto:secretary@wanlockhead.cc">secretary@wanlockhead.cc</a></li><li>• <b>War Memorial</b> – RM provided an update to members and the public. A quote has been received from an approved contractor for cleaning the war memorial, however, this was received after the funding deadline. Funding will be sought after feedback is gathered from village residents. Residents are invited to share their views via email at <a href="mailto:secretay@wanlockhead.cc">secretay@wanlockhead.cc</a></li></ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Residents are encouraged to provide input on how they would like the project to progress.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> RM to continue monitoring and provide updates to council members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>WCC Email Contact &amp; Web Page</b>– The Chair advised that the community council now has a new contact email: <a href="mailto:secretary@wanlockhead.cc">secretary@wanlockhead.cc</a> There were initial issues with emails being redirected to recipients' junk folders, but GW confirmed that this issue should now be resolved. WCC web page is live and will be updated. <a href="https://wanlockhead.cc/">https://wanlockhead.cc/</a></li></ul> |
| 7 | <p><b>Public Forum -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members of the public present raised concerns about the 221-bus service from Sanquhar to Wanlockhead, noting that the bus company appears to be skipping the village on some journeys, particularly the last service. This has left both residents and visitors stranded, forcing them to arrange alternative transport at additional personal cost.</li></ul> <p><b>Action:</b> KM to email Southwest Trans and Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council to report the issue and will provide an update once more information is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members of the public present asked whether WCC had plans to engage with Wanlockhead Community Centre on resilience matters. The Chair confirmed that WCC has held informal discussions with Wanlockhead Inn, the Museum of Lead Mining, and the Community Centre to explore how best to support the village. The recent February storm highlighted significant challenges, including a prolonged power outage and the loss of communication with outside agencies, making it difficult for residents to seek assistance. WCC has contacted Scottish Power and Vodafone regarding these issues and will provide updates when further information is available. It was acknowledged that all residents are vulnerable in some way, and the updated resilience plan will aim to address the community's needs. Additionally, the new WCC webpage will include an option for residents to provide feedback on any matters concerning Wanlockhead.</li></ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Updates on the resilience plan and reply from utility companies will be shared with the community when available.</p>   |



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| 8  | <p><b>Funding Applications –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding applications were received.</li> </ul>  |
| 9  | <p><b>Matters Outstanding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Local Place Plan (LPP) / Community Action Plan (CAP)</b><br/>RM provided an update on the progress of the Local Place Plan (LPP) and Community Action Plan (CAP). A meeting has been held with the preferred provider, Nick Wright Planning, who will guide the process. Nick has extensive experience working with communities, and WCC will follow his expertise. The completed plan will support community action and projects, influence planning policy in the next Dumfries &amp; Galloway Local Development Plan and guide public services and private investment. It will be developed transparently, with opportunities for all village residents to participate through various engagement methods. The plan will also aim to strengthen community spirit through both the planning process and the proposals it contains. The CAP is a requirement from the Twentysilling Hill Community Benefit Fund, which Wanlockhead receives annually, and the LPP is required by Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council. Each resident and business in Wanlockhead will receive at least two surveys through their letterbox, and a drop-in session will be arranged for additional input. Feedback will be provided to all residents once available. It is important to note that these plans are for the entire village, not just WCC, and active participation from all residents is vital.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Residents and businesses are encouraged to contact <a href="mailto:secretary@wanlockhead.cc">secretary@wanlockhead.cc</a> with their contact details to allow Nick Wright to reach out to them directly.</p> |
| 10 | <p><b>Windfarm Update -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RM provided an update on the establishment of the Community Liaison Group (CLG), which has been set up to facilitate communication regarding the Watchman, Ravengill, and M74 West Energy Parks. WCC has been accepted as a member of the consultation group, giving Wanlockhead a voice in matters related to the wind farms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> RM will provide further updates as information becomes available.</p>   |
| 11 | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Collapsed Drains at Meadowfoot</b> – D&amp;G inspected the drains on 28th February 2025 and found no issues. WCC requests that any future reports from residents include photographic evidence to support their claims.</li> <li><b>Street Lighting on the Toll Brae</b> – D&amp;G advised that there is currently no budget for new lighting installation. Any future funding for new lights would come from another budget or external grants. They will keep WCC informed.</li> <li><b>Oliver Mundell - Mennock Pass Concerns</b> – Oliver Mundell contacted D&amp;G, who confirmed they inspect the area weekly and will report anything of concern. Members of the public suggested raising the issue with the media and SEPA, particularly regarding potential contamination from lights and street cones affecting the burn.</li> <li><b>Community Council Induction</b> – Two newly co-opted members have received the email link to join the induction sessions.</li> </ul>  |

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| 11.<br>Cont. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enquiry Regarding Registration with Upper Nithsdale Practice in Sanquhar</b> – WCC has been included in correspondence which has been sent to the local MPs and Health Board regarding this enquiry.</li> <li>• <b>Enquiry Regarding Windfarm Funds for Training Opportunities</b> – An enquiry was made regarding Wanlockhead's access to windfarm funds within the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar area for training initiatives.</li> <li>• <b>Spring Clean Scotland</b> – WCC has registered to participate, with details to follow.</li> <li>• <b>Royal Mail Post Box</b> – Royal Mail Head Office is currently investigating the matter.</li> <li>• <b>GP Surgery</b> – Correspondence forwarded to members for information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> KM will email the resident to inform them that WCC is not in a position to offer funding for education at this time but will provide information on the Clyde Wind Farm Scholarship Fund: <a href="http://www.sserenewables.com/communities/scholarship-funds">www.sserenewables.com/communities/scholarship-funds</a>.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KM to send link to GW and BA to attend Community Council Induction Session.</p>  |
| 12.          | <p><b>Resilience Planning –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As previously mentioned, informal meetings have taken place with the Wanlockhead Inn, Museum of Lead Mining and Community Centre to establish the best way to support the village of Wanlockhead and update the resilience plan.</li> </ul>   |
| 13.          | <p><b>Consultations &amp; Engagements –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various consultation invitations have been received and forwarded to members.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed Changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Guidance on Public Participation and Fit and Proper Person Test. Consultation link: <a href="https://bit.ly/41nNb7t">https://bit.ly/41nNb7t</a></p>   |
| 14.          | <p><b>Any Other Business –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Defibrillator Locations &amp; Replacement Pads</b> - Wanlockhead currently has one defibrillator located at the Museum of Lead Mining in the centre of the village. WCC is exploring the possibility of adding additional defibrillators with the help of funding, one near the bottom of the village (Bryson Terrace/Meadow Foot) and one towards the top. Residents are invited to share their suggestions for possible locations with the WCC. RM advised that the paediatric pads are due to expire, replacements will be purchased to replace.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b> - Residents and businesses are encouraged to contact <a href="mailto:secretary@wanlockhead.cc">secretary@wanlockhead.cc</a> with suggestions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parking Issues</b> - A member of the public raised concerns about cars parking at the bottom of their access road (Mountain Lodge), noting that the situation has been exacerbated by the designated emergency landing site. While cars are not parking at the landing site, they are using the access road instead.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> KM to contact Buccleuch Estate to seek a solution to the issue.</p> |

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