

## **Wanlockhead Community Council**

### **Unapproved Minutes of the meeting which was held**

**At 18.30 on Sunday 19th January 2025**

**Within the Museum of Lead mining Tearoom**

#### **Present Members:**

Jon Evans JE (Chair) Karen Morrison KM (Secretary) Robert McCafferty (RM)  
Steven Morrison (SM)

**Present Non-members:** 15 Members of the public attended.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
1	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> 24 November 2024.</li><li>• Agreed RM</li><li>• Seconded SM</li></ul>
3	<b>Police Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nothing to note</li></ul>
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> <p><b>New Members</b> – Following advice from Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council and an explanation of the process by JE, the committee discussed the co-option of new members. It was agreed that Wanlockhead Community Council would proceed with the co-option of the three individuals who expressed interest during the meeting on 24 November 2024. Co-option forms were provided to the three individuals, who were asked to complete and return them to Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Action</b> – Awaiting further information from D&amp;G for approval.</li></ul> <p><b>Community Police Officer</b> - KM has established contact with PC Eddie Hewson, the local Community Police Officer for Upper Nithsdale, which includes Wanlockhead. PC Hewson has been provided with the schedule of meetings and has committed to attending when possible. If unable to attend, he will ensure a report is submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Action</b> - Closed</li></ul> <p><b>Clarification on Funding Rules</b> - The rules on funding for groups supporting anonymous individuals will be revisited once further information has been obtained.</p> <p><b>Buccleuch Estate Meeting</b> – Ongoing <b>GP Surgery</b> – Ongoing <b>Leadhills CC</b> – Ongoing</p>
4.Cont	<b>Road defects</b> - RM reported contacting Tony Berretti, Ward Councillor for Mid & Upper Nithsdale, regarding the ongoing traffic lights on the B797 Mennock Pass.

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	<p>Tony indicated he is encountering challenges in obtaining information about the issue. Discussion took place around the general disrepair of roads in and around Wanlockhead, as well as the extended duration of the traffic lights on the Menrock Pass. Two manhole covers / drains appear to have collapsed at the bottom of the village (Meadowfoot)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action:</b> RM will contact MSP Oliver Mundell to request further information &amp; KM to contact CCES and report manhole covers / drains.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sharing Shed</b> - All food stock was transferred to the Community Centre on 10 December 2024 to enable them to continue offering this service within their premises. JE stated that the Sharing Shed is expected to reopen in February 2025 or as soon as practicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action</b> - Closed</li> </ul> <p><b>War Memorial</b> - In early January 2025, RM contacted two contractors regarding the cleaning of the war memorial, the installation of a handrail, securing the steps, repairing the wall, and addressing the general condition of the area. However, no quotes have been received from either contractor. RM advised that Wanlockhead intends to apply for funding from Foundation Scotland (FS) to carry out these repairs, with the aim of completing the work by November 2025. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to contact Wanlockhead Community Council if they notice any further deterioration of the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action</b> – RM to seek approved contractors and apply in September to FS for funding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Place Plan</b> - The development of the Local Place Plan remains ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action:</b> Proceed with allocating a preferred tender following successful funding from the Twentyshilling Hill Community Benefit Fund.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minute Taker</b> - At this time, there is no need to appoint a separate minute taker, as the current Secretary will continue to fulfil this role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action</b> - Closed.</li> </ul> <p><b>IT Equipment</b> - The purchase of IT equipment is still in progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action:</b> Proceed with the purchase following successful funding from the Twentyshilling Hill Community Benefit Fund.</li> </ul>
5.          5.CON T	<p><b>Public Forum.</b> Several topics were raised and discussed:</p> <p><b>Street Lighting &amp; Lighting Around the Museum of Leading Mining</b> - Lighting within the village continues to be a concern. Contact will be made with Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council to explore potential solutions. The Museum of Leading Mining is also considering installing lighting around the main area.</p> <p><b>Meeting Venue &amp; Disabled Access</b> - For the time being, meetings will be held at the Museum of Lead Mining (WMT), with the Community Centre being considered as a potential venue in the future. JE informed attendees that the WMT has kindly</p>



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	<p>offered the use of the venue free of charge. The disabled access was highlighted to the public present and will be available for use.</p> <p><b>Clarification on Funding Applications by Wanlockhead Community Council -</b> RM provided a detailed explanation of the funding rules that apply to the applications submitted by Wanlockhead Community Council.</p> <p><b>Meeting Minutes -</b> To improve accessibility, it would be helpful to present the minutes in a different format for easier reading. If any resident requires the minutes in a larger or bold font, please contact any member of the Community Council or email <a href="mailto:karenmorrison61@outlook.com">karenmorrison61@outlook.com</a> Copies can be provided either electronically or in a hard copy. All members encouraged to act on incoming emails as need, it appears some were missed.</p> <p><b>Residents Seeking Advice from Other Sources Regarding the Community Council -</b> Residents are encouraged to contact the Community Council first with any questions, whether small or large, and we will make every effort to provide clarification. At times, challenges arise due to negativity surrounding the Community Council. However, the members of the public present expressed their willingness to support the Community Council in any way they can.</p> <p><b>Clyde &amp; Twentyshilling Wind Farms -</b> RM provided a detailed explanation of the rules governing the Community Council's involvement with the wind farms. Clyde Wind Farm, managed by FS, offers larger funding opportunities in January and September, while microgrants are distributed by the Community Council. Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm provides an annual payment for funding applications, which is allocated to Wanlockhead for distribution by the Community Council. This includes the option for a microgrant fund. Three out of four of these funds are managed by the Community Council and are subject to strict criteria. Residents are encouraged to visit the FS website for more information on available funding.</p> <p><b>Information Afternoons -</b> A "Tea and Chat" afternoon was proposed to allow village groups to share information about the funding they have applied for, helping to avoid multiple groups applying for the same funding. RM explained that moving forward with the Local Place Plan and Community Action Plan will provide opportunities for further consultation. More details will be shared once the Council has them.</p>
6	<p><b>Treasurers Report:</b> Account 1- £ 2,310.41 Account 2- £ 750.00 Account 3- £16,838.93</p> <p><b>Funding Applications: Clyde Microgrants -</b></p> <p><b>1531MCC -</b> Purpose: 1531MCC plans to host a Burns Supper to show appreciation for the Wanlockhead community's ongoing support, featuring entertainment and decorations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outcome:</b> Approved</li> </ul>
6. Cont	<p><b>Wanlockhead Community Council -</b> Purpose: To funding to develop a dedicated website, supported by a Clyde microgrant, covering domain hosting, SSL certification, email services, and device</p>

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	<p>integration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outcome:</b> Approved</li> </ul> <p><b>Twentyshilling Hill Community Benefit Fund – Main Fund Application.</b></p> <p><b>Wanlockhead Community Council</b> – Purpose: To source a suitable person and fund a local place plan, shaped through community input and aligned with the Twentyshilling Hill Community Benefit Fund, with updates provided by Wanlockhead Community Council. Members to discuss the tender process at the confidential session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outcome:</b> Approved</li> </ul> <p><b>Wanlockhead Community Centre</b> – Purpose: To support two individuals in attending a 10-week stained-glass class, including access to equipment, tutorage, materials, and refreshments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outcome:</b> Declined.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wanlockhead Community Council</b> – Purpose: To fund IT equipment such as laptops etc which will enhance Wanlockhead Community Council's efficiency, communication, and record-keeping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outcome:</b> Approved.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Matters Outstanding:</b></p> <p><b>Appointment of Treasurer</b> Steven Morrison has been appointed as Treasurer of Wanlockhead Community Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proposed by:</b> JE</li> <li>• <b>Seconded by:</b> RM</li> <li>• <b>Action:</b> KM will notify Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council of the changes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discretionary Grant</b> SM and JE will review and approve the new changes.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KM to gather signatures and forward completed form to D&amp;G.</p>
8.	<p><b>Windfarm Update: Ravengill Windfarm</b> RM provided an update, confirming that Wanlockhead will be included in developments regarding the project. A representative from Ravengill has expressed interest in visiting Wanlockhead to update residents on the progress. A discussion followed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action:</b> RM will contact Renewco to arrange the meeting, with further updates shared publicly as they become available. Residents present have offered to distribute information leaflets when ready.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p>



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	<p>Wanlockhead Community Council received an inquiry about the "Help with Electricity Scheme." Currently, the council does not have the capacity to offer this service, as it would have required prior arrangements during the negotiation of existing wind farm contracts.</p>
10.	<p><b>Resilience / Reported Items:</b></p> <p>JE reviewed Wanlockhead's current resilience plan and found it inadequate for the village's needs. A discussion followed on ways to improve the plan and tailor it to Wanlockhead, with an invitation extended to local organisations and individuals to contribute.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action:</b> KM will contact Wanlockhead Inn, Wanlockhead Community Centre, and Wanlockhead Museum Trust to arrange meetings and explore their potential support for the new plan.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><b>Consultations &amp; Engagements:</b></p> <p>Public engagement correspondence was received regarding the proposed new national park, with a link provided for further information. Deadline for responses are midnight 14 Feb 25.</p> <p><a href="#">A Proposed New National Park in Scotland - Have Your Say   NatureScot.</a></p> <p><b>Action:</b> KM will forward the link to the members of the public who requested it.</p> <p><b>Community Council Induction:</b></p> <p>Information regarding the induction sessions has been forwarded to members.</p>
12.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>Defibrillator Pads:</b> RM informed the council that the defibrillator pads are nearing their expiry date and will need replacing. A discussion followed on how to extend their lifespan, with the suggestion to purchase new pads every six months to maintain a steady supply. It was agreed that Wanlockhead Community Council will seek funding from external sources or available funds. Residents are invited to submit comments on the proposed funding applications for these projects no later than seven days before the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Signs at the Entrance of the Village:</b> RM reported that the village entrance signs are in disrepair, with peeling paint and damage to the wooden slats caused by sheep.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action:</b> JE offered to repaint the signs, and a member of the public present mentioned they had paint and planned to repaint once the weather improves.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Meeting closed to the members of the public at 20.30, chair thanked everyone for their continued support. Members will continue with a confidential session.</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Confidential / Closed Session (Members Only)</b></p>

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	<p>A discussion took place regarding the tender process for implementing the Local Place Plan / Action Plan. RM requested four quotes from individuals or organisations with a proven track record of delivering such projects on time. Two quotes were received, and after discussion, the preferred organisation was selected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Action:</b> RM will contact the preferred organisation to formalise the contract and initiate the project.</li></ul> <p>Proposed changes to ensure transparent and secure banking were discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Action:</b> KM will begin the process.</li></ul>
14.	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. 18.30 at the Museum of Lead Mining Tearoom, Wanlockhead</p>

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