

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting and Annual General Meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at 7pm, Tweedsmuir Village Hall & via ZOOM

### Present:

Lesley Mason (LM, Vice Chair), Debbie Cullen (DC Secretary), Frances Leckie (FL),  
Carolynn Hoy (CH), Viv Thomson, (Scottish Borders Council).

### 01.05 Welcome and Apologies

No apologies received.

### 02.05 Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as correct.

### 03.05 Matters arising not covered in the agenda

- Response re: Oliver Forest Windfarm
- Response to Leitholm Eccles and Birgham Community Council re: Joint working

DC confirmed that following April's meeting, responses to the above had been submitted.

### 04.05 Planning applications

- Erection of Camping Pods on Crook site.
- FL reported that actions requested by SBC in relation to the above were being addressed by Tweedsmuir Community Company.

### 05.05 Treasurer's Report

Covered under AGM.

### 06.05 Grant applications

Potential application to fund Upper Tweed Community News (UTCN)

Following discussion, it was agreed that an application be made to Ventient Windfarm Community Fund to support provision of UTCN to residents across the Upper Tweeds Area for a 3 year period. TCC to submit on behalf of Tweedsmuir, Upper Tweed Community Council and should they wish to be included Skirling Community Council.

### Action:

- VT to ask Skirling TCC if they wish to be included.

*Skirling have subsequently confirmed they would wish to be included in this Grant application.*

### **07.05 Police report**

Not yet received.

**DC** raised with **VT** that TCC were yet to receive any contact from PC Carsley, Community Policing Team.

#### **Action:**

**VT** to raise this with PC Carsley.

### **08.05 Scottish Borders Councillors' report**

**VT** reported –

- SBC is looking at provision for Camper Vans in Peebles. **VT** queried whether there would be any interest in exploring the possibility of developing facilities at the Crook Site. **LM** confirmed this would be of interest.
- Concerns continue to be flagged regarding the need for information about Grid connections and supporting infrastructure to be provided as part of the consideration of any Windfarm Planning Proposals.
- Parking consultation – (see item 12.05). **VT** informed that SBC is seeking views regarding the possibility of SBC taking over responsibility for the enforcement of on-street parking regulations in the Scottish Borders from Police Scotland.  
Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE), would enable SBC greater scope to enforce its own parking policies, including the issuing of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to motorists breaching specific parking controls.
- **DC** queried how the local SBC Access Officer could be contacted.
- **LM** requested **VT**'s support to follow up a recent query regarding the possibility of a community 'Drop off' of at the Recycling Centre.
- **DC** reported on difficulties receiving a specific response to a recent query to SBC regarding the cost of planning permission.

#### **Actions:**

**VT** to –

- forward to **LM** contact for 'Go Tweed' to enable follow up re: potential Camper Van facilities at the Crook Inn site.
- investigate contact details for Access Officer and forward to **DC**
- follow up on query regarding community recycling 'drop off' raised by **LM**
- follow up re: contact for a specific planning application query raised by **DC**

### **09.05 Community Action Plan**

A Steering Group meeting is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### **10.05 Destination Tweed**

The potential walking route through Tweedsmuir is still under discussion and unlikely to be finalised before the end of 2025.

**LM** hoping to be able to meet with representatives from SBC to discuss possibilities for an active transport route in the community.

*This has been scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> May.*

#### **11.05 Whitelaw Brae Windfarm**

Ownership of Whitelaw Brae Windfarm is being transferred to Ripple Energy.

As TCC representative, **LM** has been invited to join an on line meeting with representatives from Ripple Energy and SBC Community Councillors on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Representatives of Ripple Energy will be attending the June TCC meeting.

Ripple Energy's business model is to enable cooperative ownership of renewable energy projects, which means households and businesses in our local area can also be owners of Whitelaw Brae.

Information about Ripple Energy and the share offer currently open until the end of May can be found at -<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Whitelaw-Brae-update.docx>

#### **12.05 Consultations**

- **Parking in town centres** - A consultation has opened seeking views on parking and parking enforcement specifically in town centres across the region. The consultation can be accessed [on Citizen Space](#).
- **A Plan for Peebles** - Public Consultation. This will include the aspirations and visions of the Peebles communities to guide future development in the town. Information and the online survey can be found at- [aplanforpeebles.co.uk](http://aplanforpeebles.co.uk)

#### **13.05 Items for information**

#### **14.05 Forthcoming Events**

- **Repair Café:** 25<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 1pm in Tweedsmuir Village Hall.
- **Rhubarb Bash:** 1<sup>st</sup> June in Crook Garden 2:30pm onwards
- Info about forthcoming events can be found at <https://www.tweedsmuir.scot/events/>

#### **15.05 Any other business**

- **LM** confirmed that a framed portrait of King Charles has been received and will be hung in Tweedsmuir Village Hall.
- **FL** reported having taken over responsibility for Web hosting from Sarah Northcott. Thanks were extended to Sarah for her support with this.
- **CAB outreach service:** CAB has contacted TCC and reported that take up of the outreach service from Tweedsmuir and some similar rural communities has been very low and is therefore likely to be discontinued. CAB seeking suggestions as to how contact links with communities could best be maintained. After discussion it was agreed that TCC would discuss with CAB the possibility of -
  - a CAB representative attending 'ad hoc' community events to give an opportunity for members of the community to make contact with the service

- periodic outreach visits at the Wee Crook, should the venue open on a regular basis
- maintaining a supply of written CAB materials in the Community Kiosk, once installed
- A walker had contacted expressing concerns about the height of 'steps' over local Deer Fencing they encountered during a recent local walk.
- TCC has been notified of concerns regarding the quantity of plastic tree guards protection lying above the Dam at Fruid Reservoir. This is not fulfilling its function in protecting the trees and could potentially end up in the Reservoir.
- TCC has been notified of concerns regarding the collapse of the building, with an asbestos roof opposite White Cottage at Talla. **VT** provided an email contact at Scottish Water, believed to be responsible for this building.

**Actions:**

- **DC** to feedback to CAB
- **TTC** to follow up following concerns raised by walker
- **DC** to try and establish and make contact with the landowner responsible for newly planted trees at Fruid
- **DC** to contact Scottish Water re: collapsed building and potential asbestos risk

**16.05 Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**If you have any agenda items, please contact the secretary.**

# Annual General Meeting

## Chair's report

This can be viewed at - <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/chair-report-24.docx>

## Treasurer's report

This can be viewed at - <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/TCC-202324-End-of-Year-Report.pdf>

### 1. Apologies

None received.

### 2. Order of Business

As stated.

### 3. Declaration of interests

All confirmed none to be declared.

### 4. Membership of the Community Council

Confirmed as Lesley Mason, Debbie Cullen, Mark Cullen, Frances Leckie andCarolynn Hoy.

### 5. Appointment of the Chair

Lesley Mason proposed by Debbie Cullen, seconded by Mark Cullen.

### 6. Appointment of the Vice Chair

Frances Leckie, proposed by Mark Cullen, seconded by Lesley Mason.

### 7. Appointment of the Secretary

Debbie Cullen, proposed by Lesley Mason, seconded by Carolynn Hoy.

### 8. Appointment of the Treasurer

Mark Cullen proposed by Lesley Mason, seconded by Debbie Cullen.

### 9. Any other items of urgent business

All Councillors to confirm adherence to the Code of Conduct.

*Confirmation subsequently received from all Councillors.*

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