

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at 7pm, Tweedsmuir Village Hall & via ZOOM

Present:

Lesley Mason (Chair), Frances Leckie (FL, Vice Chair) Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Mark Cullen (MC, Treasurer), Drummond Begg (DB, Scottish Borders Council).

### **01.08 Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies received from Carolynn Hoy.

### **02.08 Minutes of the last meeting**

Accepted as correct.

### **03.08 Matters arising not covered in the agenda**

Response from UTCC re: Vehicle parked at Rachan. Upper Tweeds Community Council reported being aware of the potential issue and that it is being addressed.

### **04.08 Planning applications**

- **Ref. No: 24/00865/PPP** Demolition of barn and erection of dwellinghouse and associated works - Barn South Of Menzion Farm Tweedsmuir Scottish Borders

The applicant had informed TCC that this was a pre-planning application. No comments made.

- **Pre-planning info re:** PROPOSED BASE STATION UPGRADE AT CS12322922 - HOGG HILL. No comments made.

### **05.08 Treasurer's Report**

- The reports of June and July can be viewed at –  
<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/June-Report.pdf>
- <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2024/08/JulyReport.pdf>

**MC** reported that, in accordance with SBC's requirements, TCC accounts had been checked and signed off by an independent examiner along with the end of year report submitted to SBC. SBC have subsequently notified of payment of Grant and reimbursement of Village Hall hire costs.

The end of year report to each of the Wind farm Funds regarding microgrant spending to be completed.

**Action:**

**MC** to complete and submit end of year report to each of the Wind Farm Funds

**06.08 Grant applications**

- Application received to SSE Fund for £200 from Event Planning Group to support costs associated with hire of Village Hall for community events – Approved in principle, subject to clarification about how the grant will be administered.

**07.08 Police report**

- Link to June's report – see agenda
- DB reported that following a meeting with Sgt Harrison it was proposed that a 6 monthly meeting with Sgt Harrison, Cllrs and the Chair of each Community Council take place, to facilitate exchange of information and discuss any concerns raised by residents across Tweeddale. TCC agreed this would be a positive initiative.

**Action:**

**DC** to confirm to Viv Thomson (**VT**), SBC Community Councillor, TCC's support for such a meeting.

**09.08 Community Action Plan**

**LM** reported that progress has been made across a number of areas and a brief summary was recently circulated via email. The next meeting of the Steering Group, to discuss and agree priorities for the next 3-6 months is planned for Sept. Awaiting outcome of grant application to SSE Wind farm Benefit Fund re: continuation of funding to support the Community Development Manager post.

**10.08 Destination Tweed (TD)**

**LM** reported that the route between Moffat and Peebles has been a longstanding priority. However, as alternative routes have needed to be identified from those originally planned, the costs associated with developing this section of the route have risen significantly. The option now proposed will deliver a route but sections, including those through Tweedsmuir, will need to be downgraded due to cost.

After discussion, it was agreed that the possibility of identifying other sources of funding to supplement that available from DT to enable a more suitable path through Tweedsmuir to be developed and explored.

**11.08 Future Treescapes in the Tweed Valley**

Info can be found at - <https://www.involve.org.uk/our-work/our-projects/how-can-we-make-sure-having-more-trees-meets-our-individual-and-societal>.

In addition to the opportunity for individuals living within the Tweed Valley to be involved, TCCs across the area have been offered the opportunity to attend an on- line briefing and nominate a Councillor to join local 'place based impact and advisory group'.

TCC felt it would be useful for a representative from the community to attend the briefing and also put forward a nomination to attend the advisory group. Representative to be confirmed.

## **12.08 Consultations**

- Informal - Potential changes to Bus Service 9193
- **DB** outlined the background to this item. It has been acknowledged that the current bus route is underutilised, and the model of delivery not fit for purpose. A more flexible model is being considered but before undertaking more detailed analysis, planning and consultation initial thoughts from communities across Tweeddale West is being sought.

After discussion it was agreed that **DC** would respond to **VT** highlighting that access to public transport was an issue included in our CAP and TCC would support exploration of any changes that may be of benefit to residents.

### **Action:**

**DC** to email response to **VT**.

- Broughton Play Park – info previously circulated
- Woodland designs – Talla & Megget –
  - <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Megget-Draft-Woodland-Design.pdf>
  - <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Tall-Draft-Woodland-Design.pdf>

**LM** reported on an initial phone conversation with the developers responsible for the planting at Talla regarding the community's aspiration to develop a walking route around the reservoir. It was agreed that although this cannot be incorporated in the plans at this stage the planting plans should not preclude this at a future date.

### **Action:**

**DC** to respond to the consultants regarding the above.

## **13.08 Items for information**

- Road closure – A701 at Linn Burn Bridge from 18:00 9-14<sup>th</sup> August – info previously circulated.
- Community Led Local Development Fund (CLLD) – info previously circulated.
- SSE Scholarship Fund – info previously circulated.

## **14.08 Forthcoming Events**

- Info about forthcoming events can be found at <https://www.tweedsmuir.scot/events/>

### 15.08 Any other business

- **MC** informed of his intention to stand down from the TCC and his role as Treasurer asap and no later than May 2025.

Ideally identifying someone to take on this role in the next few months would provide an opportunity for the new Treasurer to work, for a few months in tandem with **MC**. **DC** expressed a willingness to take on the Treasurers role if someone would be prepared to take on the Secretary role, following a 'hand over' period.

There is currently a vacancy on the Council and therefore 2 new council members are required. Anyone interested should please contact **DC**.

### 16.08 Date of next meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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