

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 7pm, Tweedsmuir Village Hall & via ZOOM

Present:

Lesley Mason (LM, Chair), Carolyn Hoy (CH, Vice Chair), Frances Leckie (FL, Treasurer), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Caroline Mathias (CM) and Eric Small (ES, Councillor, Scottish Borders Council).

01.10 Welcome and Apologies

None received.

02.10 Minutes of the last meeting

It was noted that the link to the Finance report was incorrect. The correct link to be added to the minutes of this meeting.

03.10 Matters arising not covered in the agenda

- **ES** to follow up regarding the provision of a Bottle Bank.
- **LM** reported that the possibility of linking with other local communities regarding provision of e-bikes is being explored.

04.10 Planning applications

None received.

05.10 Treasurer's Report

- The reports for August and September can be viewed at –
 - <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/August-report.pdf>
 - <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/September-Report.pdf>
- FL reported that –
 - with the agreement of SSE, monies had been transferred from the Microgrant Fund to the Youth Bursary Fund
 - An application will now be made to SSE for the next tranche of windfarm funding
 - Changes to the TCC account signatory list are being progressed.

06.10 Grants update

- A letter of thanks had been received for the 2 youth bursaries recently awarded, outlining the positive impact of these grants.

- It was noted that the application to SBC's Pathways maintenance grant for £600 had been approved.
- TCC Memorandum of Understanding with Nadara Wind farm. **DC** confirmed that discussions regarding updating of the MOU had been concluded. Tweedsmuir and Upper Tweed Community Councils will remain priority areas for funding.
- **DC** gave a summary of the outcomes of the most recent Nadara Windfarm panel. A lively discussion had taken place regarding how the limited funds available should best be spent given the number, range and geographical spread of the applications now being received.
- **LM** had recently been invited to attend a Celebratory Event organized by SSE Windfarm celebrating the awarding of £20K of Community Benefit Funding. **LM** gave a brief presentation outlining how funding awarded to Tweedsmuir had been used to support community projects and build community capacity.
- **LM** reported having coordinated the development and submission of a larger grant application to SSE Windfarm Fund to support the maintenance/replacement of Defibrillators across Upper Tweed (Tweedsmuir, Broughton and Skirling) Community Council areas.

It was noted that if awarded this will be the third grant submitted by TCC on behalf of some or all of the Upper Tweed CCs. Whilst acknowledging this was a positive development – sharing expertise and reducing duplication of effort, a process was now needed to ensure that TCC did not retain responsibility for all aspects of administering these shared grants e.g. reporting, monitoring and financial management.

- **Pathways Grant**

Spending on several items, to facilitate the maintenance and amenity of paths across the community was agreed.

07.10 Police Report

- To follow.
- **ES** reported that in recognition of the importance of Community Policing an additional Community Policing Officer had been appointed to support the existing PC – Gary Beaumont.

08.10 SBC Councillor's report

ES reported that -

- Discussion is ongoing re: funding associated re: Live Borders
- CCTV has been installed/upgraded in 7 towns across the Borders -Duns, Eyemouth, Galashiels, Hawick, Kelso, Melrose, and Peebles.
A mobile unit is now also available to be deployed where/when necessary.
- Drummond Begg had expressed thanks to members of the community involved in the Tour of the Borders feed station at Tweedsmuir Village Hall.

09.10 Community Action Plan (CAP)

- The Wee Crook café has reopened with a new operator, Jennifer Bulloch. The TCC wished her well in this venture.

10.10 Destination Tweed (TD)

- Later in the month, working with Destination Tweed, Tweedsmuir will be participating in an event celebrating the River Tweed.
- The Community Company are in the process of appointing a builder for the Bunk House.

11.10 Community Christmas Event

It was agreed that the one off 'Cost of living grant', awarded by SSE could be used to support this event. A number of options were discussed, being mindful of the need to also consider the needs of younger children within the community. These are to be explored with feedback at the next meeting.

12.10 Items for information

13.10 Forthcoming Events

A programme of events is planned for Autumn/Winter. Details can be found at - Information can be found at <https://www.tweedsmuir.scot/events/>

14.10 Any other business

None.

15.10 Date of next meeting - Thursday 6th October 2025.

If you have any agenda items – please contact the Secretary

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