

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm, Tweedsmuir Village Hall & via ZOOM**

### **Present:**

Lesley Mason (LM, Chair), Frances Leckie (FL, Treasurer), Debbie Cullen (Secretary), Caroline Mathias (CM), Drummond Begg (DB, Councillor, Scottish Borders Council) and 4 members of the public.

### **01.03 Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies received from Carolynn Hoy (CH, Vice Chair).

### **02.03 Minutes of the last meeting**

Agreed as correct.

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

- **Signage on Talla Road** – DB reported that SBC Community Councillors are continuing to pursue this.

### **04.03 Planning applications**

None received.

### **05.03 Oliver Forest Windfarm**

- Leaflets have been distributed updating residents on the current status of the proposed development and associated Inquiry.
- All stakeholders, including TCC have been invited to submit an updated position statement ahead of the pre-examination meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April '26 particularly in light of the recent judgement regarding the rejection of the application for the proposed Scoop Hill development in Moffat.
- TCC is due to meet with a KC next week who maybe willing/able to provide support to the TCC through the Inquiry process.

### **06.03 Finance report**

- The reports for February '26 can be viewed at – <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/February-26-report.pdf>
- FL reported that she had been refunded for payment of the SLL license.

### **07.03 Grants update**

- **LM** reported that SSE Wind farm fund had approved a grant for the upcoming provision of CPR and Defib training.
- **Community Benefit Fund associated with Whitelaw Brae.** The next step will be a meeting between Thrive, Foundation Scotland and TCC.
- **SNP Community Benefit Fund.** **LM** reported having submitted a grant application for -
  - the purchase of equipment for the Village Hall.
  - the purchase and erection of a polytunnel for the Community Garden.

### **08.03 Police Report**

- Circulated with the agenda.

### **09.03 SBC Councillor's report**

- A local resident raised concerns regarding the significant damage being done to the road and possibly buildings adjacent to the A701 associated with the transportation of construction materials and equipment for Whitelaw Brae wind farm. The situation is further compounded as responsibility for the road to and from Moffat crosses county boundaries and it appears difficult to engage with Dumfries and Galloway Council.
- Concern was raised regarding the lack of white lining on some sections of the A701 through Tweedsmuir.

#### **Actions:**

- **TCC** to gather photographs of the areas of concern.
- **TCC** to forward information – re: locations, conditions, photos etc. to **DB** who will then forward a joint email from SBC Community Councillors and TCC within SBC highlighting concerns and need for remediation.
- **TCC** to send similar info to MP David Mundell
- **DB** to enquire re: reinstatement of white lines.  
Further to **DB's** enquiry the following response has been received '*This section of the A701 will be assessed as part of our 2026/27 Annual A Class Lining survey and any location that require to be refreshed will be added to our A Class lining programme.*'

### **10.03 Community Action Plan (CAP)**

Nothing to update.

### **11.03 Destination Tweed (TD)**

Work will soon commence on the route between the crossroads in Tweedsmuir and Wee Crook.

### **12.03 Community recycling update**

**LM** to forward details re: changes to list of items that can be recycled through the 'Green Hut' located outside the Village Hall.

### **13.03 Biggar Medical Practice Update**

- The patient list at the Practice is now overcapacity. The Practice has been required to take on additional patients as a number of other South Lanarkshire Practices have closed or are not taking new patients.
- The February Newsletter is now available on the Practice website.

### **14.03 Community Litter Pick**

This is scheduled for the 6-19<sup>th</sup> April. Details to follow.

### **15.03 Consultations**

None received.

### **16.03 Items for information**

The following update has been received from Statkraft, the developers associated with the proposed Oliver Forest wind farm.'

*'The decommissioning of the temporary met mast is expected to be take place in the Autumn, following the completion of the required data gathering. I will be back in touch closer to the time to confirm the exact date and the project website will be updated accordingly.*

*Statkraft have partnered with Edinburgh Science, to bring STEM workshops to primary schools near our projects going through development and proposed projects across Scotland. More details can be found by following this link to a press release from the launch in June last year, [Statkraft pledges over £130,000 to deliver primary school science workshops.](#)*

*Oliver Forest will also be providing a STEM fund of £10,000 per annum during operation of Oliver Forest Wind Farm (subject to consent) to support children and adults in development of STEM knowledge and skills who live within the host or adjacent Community Council areas.*

*The fund could be used for scholarships by members of the community to support their learning in STEM, for example for paying course fees, living and travel expenses while attending a remote college, or to assist with childcare for parents returning to education. The fund will also be available to primary and secondary schools which are attended by children from the host or adjacent Community Council areas who wish to apply for STEM workshops, equipment, activities, or learning.'*

### **17.03 Forthcoming Events**

- Details of forthcoming events can be found at - <https://www.tweedsmuir.scot/events/>
- A limited number of places are still available on the Defib and Resus training on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Anyone interested contact **LM**.

### **18.03 Any other business**

- The TCC AGM is coming up in May. There is currently a vacancy on the Council. Anyone interested in joining the Council please contact **DC**.
- When sending out the agenda for the AGM **DC** will include a note reminding those on the TCC email circulation list of the 'opt out' option.

- The Village Hall is being used as a Polling Station on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Consequently, the TCC meeting and AGM will be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.
- There are 3 'Community' Litter Bins across the Community. These are located at Logan, Fruid Road opposite Menzion Farm and the Wee Crook. They were put in place by TCC and emptied by community volunteers as SBC were unwilling to site/empty bins at these locations. Should anyone have concerns about the condition of these bins please contact **DC**.

**19.03 Date of next meeting** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.

If you have any agenda items – please contact the Secretary

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