

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 at 7pm, Tweedsmuir Village Hall & via ZOOM**

### **Present:**

Lesley Mason (LM, Chair), Carolyn Hoy (CH, Vice Chair) Frances Leckie (FL, Treasurer), Debbie Cullen (Secretary), Viv Thomson (VT, Councillor, Scottish Borders Council) and 2 members of the public.

### **01.04 Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies received from Caroline Mathias (CM)

### **02.04 Minutes of the last meeting**

Item 10.04 Amended to 'Work is still progressing regarding the route of the Tweed Trail between the Crossroads and the Crook.'

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

**Bottle Bank – VC** confirmed that efforts are still ongoing to secure provision of a Bottle Bank in Tweedsmuir.

### **04.04 Planning applications**

None received.

### **05.04 Oliver Forest Wind farm**

**LM** reported on the Inquiry Pre Examination meeting which took place on 01.04.25.

- The Reporter outlined the process for the Inquiry. Details including format, deadlines etc. to be confirmed in the next 2 weeks.
- The Applicant had requested the Inquiry be postponed until November/December when it is hoped the outcome of the Consultation regarding the Eskdale Seismic array will be available
- The Reported determined that evidence from the MOD and Applicant would be considered as originally scheduled as part of the Inquiry in September. Updated evidence could then be submitted/considered following publication of the outcome of the review when published.
- By 24<sup>th</sup> April TCC to confirm their wish to participate, in person in Inquiry.
- TCC to provide advice re: viewpoints/routes withing the community the Reporter should visit.
- TCC invited provide written submission re: Noise impact and potential impact of turbines on local tourism.

**Actions:**

- **LM** -
  - to produce a Petition form for use by local residents and another for the wider public.
  - to forward the latter to Peeblesshire News who have offered to publicise.

**06.04 Finance report**

- The report for March can be viewed at <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/March-report.pdf>
- **FL** -
  - reported that the zoom license had been renewed at a cost of £167.88, paid from SBC Grant.
  - to contact the Examiner who approved last year's End of Year accounts re: examining the 2025-6 accounts.

**07.04 Grants update**

- A microgrant application received from **CM** for £250 to Nadara wind farm fund to support the reconstruction of the shelter in the garden. **Approved.**
- **FL** highlighted the need to update the Nadara Microgrant application form with an update to the logo and make it available in an editable format.

**Action**

- **FL** to update application form.

**08.04 Police Report**

- Circulated with the agenda.

**09.04 SBC Councillor's report**

- **VT** reported that -
  - reviews are being undertaken of financial support for Community Councils and festivals.
  - DC reported that TCC had been invited to nominate a representative to join the working group regarding the financial support for Community Councils. It was agreed that whilst this is an important issue TCC did not have capacity (primarily time) to join this group but wish to be kept informed of the discussion/outcomes.
  - the Small Schemes Grants is now open to considering new eligible projects. **LM** enquired whether funding would be available to purchase additional community litter bins.
- Police Scotland have been conducting Speed Checks across a number of more rural communities and speeding fines issued.

**Actions:**

- **VT**
  - to explore potential sources of funding for additional bins.
  - to confirm the overall size of the recently opened CCLD Grant Fund.

- **DC** to respond re: working group to request progress updates.

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

**LM** reported that 2 grant applications and an expression of interest form have been submitted to SNP Benefit Fund.

#### **11.04 Destination Tweed (TD)**

Nothing to update.

#### **12.04 Community Litter Pick**

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

- **DC** to post info on Facebook
- **LM** to contact previous participants regarding involvement in this year's collection.

#### **13.04 Consultations**

None.

#### **14.04 Items for information**

Hustings for the Scottish Parliamentary Elections will be taking place on -

15<sup>th</sup> April at West Linton Graham Institute 7 for 7.30-9pm

16<sup>th</sup> April, Peebles Burgh Hall 7-9pm.

All 5 candidates plus the Greens will be in attendance.

#### **15.04 Forthcoming Events**

- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Tweedsmuir's Summer Community 'Get Together' – details to follow.

#### **16.03 Any other business**

- Following the completion of Tweedsmuir's 1<sup>st</sup> Film Night season, **LM** will be circulating a survey seeking feedback.
- Peeblesshire News has offered to publicise the need for an additional member of the community to join TCC in May. **LM** to forward info and photo.

#### **79.03 Date of next meeting – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to include AGM.**

If you have any agenda items – please contact the Secretary.

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