

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) Thursday June 4th 2026 at 7pm, Tweedsmuir Village Hall & via ZOOM

Present:

Lesley Mason (LM, Chair) Frances Leckie (FL, Treasurer), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Caroline Mathias (CM), Kahden Rubeki (KR), 2 invited guests and 3 members of the public.

01.06 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies received from Carolyn Hoy (CH) and Steve Sutherland.

Drummond Begg (DB, Scottish Borders Council) experienced difficulties joining the meeting via zoom and subsequently provided an update, included in the minutes.

02.06 Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as correct.

03.06 Matters arising not covered in the agenda

FL confirmed updating of Nadara Microgrant form is being progressed.

04.06 Planning applications

None received.

05.06 Oliver Forest Wind farm

Mick Barker (MB), Secretary of Moffat Community Council, joined the meeting to share their Community Council's experience of participating in the Scoop Hill Wind farm Inquiry. The information Mick shared was very helpful and will inform the Community Council 's next steps.

In relation to Oliver Forest Wind farm DC reported that since the last meeting TCC had responded to updated documentation from the Applicant regarding Tourism, Noise and BESS Storage. This included consulting with a local 'noise' expert who drafted a response on behalf of TCC to the Applicants response regarding noise.

The next deadline in the Inquiry process is **21st June 2026**. Inquiry statements regarding landscape and visual impact must be submitted along with any supporting documents, to be referred to during the hearing.

Actions:

- **DC** to coordinate meeting to agree/action next steps in preparation for the Inquiry.

06.06 Finance report

The report for May can be viewed at -
<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/May-26-report.pdf>

07.06 Grants update

Action: FL to send 'invitations' to all eligible young people to apply for a Youth Bursary.

08.06 Police Report

- Circulated with the agenda.
- Gary Beumont, Community Police Officer had contacted TCC offering to attend a future meeting to discuss any issues residents wish to raise.
- Anyone with anything to raise please contact the Secretary. An invitation will be then extended to the Community Police Officer to attend the September meeting.

Action:

DC to coordinate as required.

09.06 SBC Councillor's report

DC reported having received a copy of an email from Eric Small to a colleague within SBC requesting a Bottle Bank provision in Tweedsmuir.

DB reported that -

- Tweeddale West councillors continue to meet weekly and closely together to resolve constituent's issues
- Most recent joint surgery was held on Tuesday 2/6/26 at Tesco
- Phase 1 of redevelopment of Chambers Institution under way. Note that John Buchan Story Museum is open as usual.
- Proposals for Phase 2 of redevelopment have been on display in Peebles Burgh Hall. Positive feedback received.

10.06 Community Action Plan (CAP)

Nothing to update.

11.06 Destination Tweed (TD)

Nothing to update.

A resident raised concerns regarding the process for determining the route of the trail through the community expressing concerns about a lack of consultation regarding the route adjacent to their property.

Action:

To invite a representative from Destination Tweed to attend the September/October Community Council meeting to provide an update.

12.06 M74 Renewco Community Councils Group

As co-ordinator of this group **MB** was able to provide an overview/update of the group's activity to date and planned next steps. TCC was unable to send a representative to the most recent meeting but hopes to be able to attend in the future.

13.06 Communication across the Community

Sonny Sethi (**SS**) joined the meeting to discuss potential changes to the Tweedsmuir Community Company website (tweedsmuir.scot) and how these would complement those being planned to the Community Council website particularly with respect to hosting an 'Events Calendar'.

After discussion it was agreed that -

- the Council website will continue as the Community facing website while tweedsmuir.scot has a wider reach to inform/attract visitors to the area.
- the Council website with its local focus has an events calendar with the facility to book onto events and is therefore best placed to host an 'Events Calendar.'
- all Facebook activity will be posted on a single 'Tweedsmuir' page with admins from TCC, Tweedsmuir Community Company and possibly active WhatsApp groups. The TCC Page was 'retired' some time ago and the Community Company Page will now be 'retired'.

14.06 Consultations

None received.

15.06 Items for information

None received.

16.06 Forthcoming Events

Please visit – www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk

17.06 Any other business

- **DC** reported on a survey received regarding SBC's review of non-financial support for Community Councils.

Action:

DC to request a copy of the questions as these cannot be viewed until the survey is completed (online), making it difficult to coordinate a single TCC response.

- **CM** reported having discussed with Lesley Kirkwood, Resilient Communities Lead the potential for a WhatsApp Defib Group. After further discussion it was agreed that the next edition of UTCN would carry an article to include information about –
 - the location of Defib equipment and fact it **does not** require a code to access.
 - the benefits of using 'What3words' to inform re: specific locations.
 - any Defib WhatsApp group, which after further consideration may be established.

Action:

FL to liaise with LK and First responders to inform the article.

- **TCC email circulation list**

DC had been informed that some residents had not received copies of recent TCC meeting minutes/agenda. As the circulation list and method of circulation have not changed it is unclear why this well-used system had suddenly failed. However, residents were reminded that the agenda and minutes of meetings can be found on the TCC website and links provided each month via Facebook.

18.06 Date of next meeting – Please note there is no meeting in July so the next meeting will be held on Thursday **6th August 2026**.

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

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