

Tweedsmuir Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting & AGM
of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC)
Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7pm,
Tweedsmuir Village Hall & via ZOOM**

Present:

Carolynn Hoy (CH, Vice Chair) Frances Leckie (FL, Treasurer), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Caroline Mathias, Eric Small (ES, Councillor: Scottish Borders Council) and 1 member of the public.

01.05 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies received from Lesley Mason (LM)

02.05 Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as correct.

03.05 Matters arising not covered in the agenda

None.

04.05 Planning applications

None received.

05.05 Oliver Forest Wind farm

DC reported -

- TCC had confirmed their intention to participate in the Inquiry, scheduled for September 2026.
- Updated documentation had been received from the Applicant regarding Tourism, Noise and BESS Storage. TCC has until 22nd May to respond.
- Petition to be drafted.

CM reported that Mick Barker, Secretary of Moffat Community Council had offered to meet with TCC to share their experiences of a recent wind farm Inquiry.

Actions:

- Review and respond to the documentation from the Applicant – **all**
- Draft a petition – **CM**
- Arrange a meeting with Mick Barker - **CM**

06.05 Finance report

The report for April can be viewed at -
<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/April-26-report.pdf>

07.05 Grants update

- **FL** confirmed that £600 had been received from SSE Wind farm Fund to cover the cost of the recent defibrillator training.
- Application to SPEN for work on the Community Garden submitted.

08.05 Police Report

- Circulated with the agenda.
- **ES** highlighted the need to be vigilant regarding the theft of fuel, from heating oil to car fuel.

09.05 SBC Councillor's report

- **ES** reported that -
 - activity building up again following the recent Election
 - **DC** asked whether a 'drop box' could be considered in Peebles for the return of library books during the refurbishment of Peebles Library as the opening times for the 'temporary library are very limited.
 - **DC** reported that TCC had been notified that Viv Thomson was involved in SBC's review of financial support for TCC's and would be keeping us updated.

10.05 Community Action Plan (CAP)

Nothing to update.

11.05 Destination Tweed (TD)

Nothing to update.

12.05 Community Litter Pick

ES to raise a request for SBC to uplift the rubbish that had been collected.

13.05 M74 Renewco Community Councils Group

TCC have received an invitation to join a group of Community Councils, impacted or potentially impacted by this development. The intention is to explore the potential for TCC's working collaboratively to secure maximum benefit from potential community benefit associated with this and subsequent developments.

It was agreed a TCC representative should attend the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2nd June – to better understand what is being proposed and demonstrate a commitment to active involvement if appropriate. However, it was acknowledged that TCC is already stretched in terms of the workload associated with Oliver Forest WF Inquiry.

Action:

FL to approach a member of the community regarding their potential attendance on TCC's behalf.

14.05 Consultations

See agenda.

15.05 Items for information

None.

16.05 Forthcoming Events

- **Saturday 6th June** – Tweedsmuir's Summer Community 'Get Together'. From 4pm in the Community Garden – bring a picnic or food for the BBQ.

17.05 Any other business

- **DC** reported having circulated an email to all those on the TCC email circulation list, summarising the purposes of the list and the option to be removed from the list at any time on request.
- Following discussion at the Defibrillator training it was agreed, given the rurality of the community, to explore the potential for an 'opt in group' (possible using WhatsApp) set up to respond in the event of a cardiac incident - potentially to take a defibrillator to location as required.

Action:

CM to contact Lesley Kirkwood as Resilient Communities Lead re: networking about any other groups already operating similar systems.

18.05 Date of next meeting – Thursday 4th June 2026.

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

Annual General Meeting

Chairperson's report

Not available at this time.

Treasurer's report

This can be viewed at - <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Treasurers-report-25-26.docx>

1. Apologies

Kahden Rubeki (KR) and Steve Sutherland (SS)

2. Order of Business

3. Declaration of interests

None declared.

4. Membership of the Community Council

Confirmed as Lesley Mason (LM), Carolyn Hoy (CH), Frances Leckie (FL) Debbie Cullen (DC), Caroline Mathias (CM), Kahden Rubeki (KR)

5. Appointment of the Chair

Lesley Mason – Nominated by **FL**, Seconded by **CH**

6. Appointment of the Vice Chair

Carolyn Hoy – Nominated by **DC**, seconded by **CM**

7. Appointment of the Secretary

Debbie Cullen – Nominated by **FL**, seconded by **CM**

8. Appointment of the Treasurer

Frances Leckie – nominated by **CH**, seconded by **DC**

9. Any other items of urgent business

Steve Sutherland was elected to the Council as a Co-opted member.

All Councillors in attendance confirmed adherence to the Code of Conduct.
*Confirmation received from **KR** and **SS** following the meeting.*

www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk Contact: Tweedsmuirsecretary@outlook.com

Chair: Lesley Mason, Vice Chair: Carolynn Hoy, Treasurer: Frances Leckie,

Secretary: Debbie Cullen, Councillors: Caroline Mathias, Kahden Rubeki

Resilient Communities Coordinator: Lesley Kirkwood - resilienttweedsmuir@gmail.com