

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7pm, Tweedsmuir Village Hall & via ZOOM

Present:

Lesley Mason (LM, Chair), Frances Leckie (FL, Treasurer), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Carolynn Hoy (CH), Kahden Rubeki (KR), Steve Sutherland (SS), Drummond Begg ((DB), SBC Councillor) and 1 member of the public.

01.09 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies received from Caroline Mathias (CM)

02.09 Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as correct.

03.08 Matters arising not covered in the agenda

- **Meeting with Duncan Dunlop (SNP).** LM reported on a meeting which took place between members of TCC and Mr Dunlop to discuss wind farm developments both locally and nationally and the potential for collaboration with other community council facing similar challenges to Tweedsmuir in relation to larger scale infrastructure projects.
- **Issue of collapsed building on road to Talla.** DC to contact Scottish Water.

04.08 Planning applications

None.

05.09 Oliver Forest Wind farm

Update provided re: the forthcoming Oliver Forest Windfarm Inquiry -

- TCC did not have the capacity to review in detail information provided regarding the potential infrastructure proposals for the connection of the wind farm to the grid. It had been agreed that no response be made at this time.
- the reporter has issued the final agenda for the inquiry to be held on 16th September in Tweedsmuir Village Hall. This takes the form of a set of questions to be addressed by the various parties. TCC are now preparing their verbal statements/responses to these questions.

Update – TCC has since been informed that the inquiry will be postponed as the reported has sustained an injury affecting her mobility. A new date has now been set for **Tuesday 10th November 2026**.

06.09 Finance report

The report for August can be viewed at -

<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2026/09/August-26-report.pdf>

07.09 Grants update

Microgrant applications

Microgrant applications were approved for –

- £500 from the SSE Fund to support the running events across the community.
- £250 from SSE Fund to Tweedsmuir Film Club to support screening of films over the autumn/winter.

LM reported that the Film Club which has been well attended and secured numerous grants to support last years and the coming year's season of films. This grant completed the funding needed to pay for the necessary licenses etc. for the coming season's programme.

08.09 Police Report

Gary Beaumont (**GB**), Constable Community Policing, joined the meeting via zoom.

GB reported that –

- the fire which resulted in the destruction of a motor home in a layby on the A701 in Tweedsmuir in July had been investigated. No evidence was found to indicate the cause of the blaze or circumstances surrounding the incident.
- there has been a rise in acquisitive theft in and around Peebles. Residents are reminded of the importance of securing vehicles, bikes etc. and use of Faraday bags and Data Tags. Closure of gates to properties etc. can also deter potential thefts.
- A member of the TCC expressed concerns about drones which had been circling in the vicinity of their property. **GB** reported that the Police are aware of such activity but in reality, it is very difficult to monitor and apprehend anyone who maybe engaged in using drones in preparation of a crime.
- **GB** subsequently forwarded information re: Faraday bags and Data Tag ID's discussed at the meeting. Info attached.
- The Police report for August can be viewed at -
<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Tweeddale-East-West-August-2026.pdf>

09.09 SBC Councillor's report

DB reported that -

- funding had been secured for another 'Pop up bob' across Tweeddale and that 2 other damaged 'Bob's' were being salvaged to make a single functioning figure.
- No response yet available to the concerns raised regarding the closure of the A701 for road repairs.

DB expressed thanks to members of the community who will be involved in supporting the forthcoming Tour O' Borders event.

10.09 Community Action Plan (CAP)

Nothing to update at this time.

11.09 Destination Tweed (TD)

Nothing to update at this time.

12.09 Consultations

Circulated by email.

13.09 Items for information

None raised.

14.09 Forthcoming Events

Please visit – www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk

15.09 Any other business

- Arrangements for Tweedsmuir's Community Christmas event to be discussed at the next meeting.

18.09 Date of next meeting – Thursday 1st October 2026.

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

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