

Leadhills Community Council Minutes of Regular Meeting

04 June 2026

Present (LCC): Steve Johnstone (SJ), Margaret Harley (MH), Bryan Turpin (BT), Callum McKelvey (CMcK), Suzie McGraw (SMcG) and Claire McAuslane (CMcA) plus Associate Member Gerard Godfrey (GG)
South Lanarkshire (SLC) Councillors for Ward 3 - Clydesdale East: Ralph Barker

One (1) Member of the Public was also present

Meeting commenced at 19h45

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

1.1 SJ welcomed the SLC Councillor, Leadhills Community Council members and the member(s) of public to the meeting.

Note: SLC councillors Ralph Barker (RB), Ian McAllan and Alex Adamson attend LCC's meeting on a rotational basis.

2.0 Appointment of New Secretary

2.1 Claire McAuslane (CMcA) was unanimously appointed as secretary to replace BT who stepped down from the position on 15/04/2026 - **information**

3.0 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 02 April 2026

3.1 Draft minutes were circulated to all LCC members by email on 24 April 2026 and again on 01 May 2026 following incorporation of comments. No further comments were received. The draft minutes issued on 01 May 2026 were unanimously approved as an accurate record of the meeting - **information**

4.0 Questions and Answers – Questions from Residents

4.1 No questions were raised - **information**

5.0 Grant Visor Scheme

6.1 Nothing to report - **information**

6.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 MH advised that the current balance in LCC's account is £10,918.91 - **information**

7.0 Secretary's Report

7.1 Other than the correspondence referred to elsewhere in these minutes (if any), no formal or significant correspondence was received or issued in the period since the last meeting - **information**

8.0 Informal Meeting with members of Wanlockhead Community Council to discuss Points of Mutual Interest

8.1 An informal meeting with representatives of Wanlockhead Community Council took place at Wanlockhead on 14/04/26. CMcA, MH and SJ represented LCC. The main topic of discussion was WCC's resilience plan. – **information**

9.0 Planning Matters

9.1 Since the last LCC meeting on 02 April 2026, no significant applications for planning permission, affecting Leadhills, have been submitted to SLC:

10.0 Village Hall Improvement Plan

10.1 The future of the hall is still unknown. Despite many reminders, the Halls SCIO have failed to write to LCC as they said they would - **information**

10.2 The Structural Maintenance Report to be provided by the Halls SCIO is also long overdue. SJ requested RB to make enquiries – **Action RB**

10.3 The Halls SCIO / SLC rejected the painting contractor proposed by LCC - **information**

11.0 Suggestions for Projects / Improvements

11.1 SJ urged all residents and LCC members to put forward suggestions for project and improvements in Leadhills – **information**

11.2 The following suggestions have been received and are awaiting investigation / implementation or have been completed or have been dropped – as indicated:

- (a) Establish dedicated website and collective email address for LCC – **CG - Completed**
- (b) Service / refurbish existing play equipment / apparatus in play-park – **Action SJ**
- (c) Provide improved apparatus in the play-park for younger children to enjoy. Will SLC maintain such equipment? A proposal has been submitted to SLC – **Action SJ to Follow Up**
- (d) Repair collapsed section of cemetery wall – **Action BT to follow after handover from ND**
- (e) Resolve concern regarding movement / slippage of William Symington Memorial – **Action BT to follow after handover from ND**
- (f) Reduce grass / vegetation by strimming to expose footpath from new footbridge on Ramsay Road to the Symington Memorial. The Gardening Group expressed concern that, because this is an informal footpath, they were worried about possible consequences if the vegetation is strimmed by them to make the path more conspicuous / useable and someone is injured. **Action - SJ to seek an alternative solution.**
- (g) Organise and implement boarding-up of window at 1 Symington Street – **SJ – Completed**
- (h) Repainting of main hall in Leadhills Hall – **Action SJ**
- (i) Road Gritting – **Action BT**
- (j) Computer Classes – **Action BT** (assisted by CG) - **Implemented**
- (k) Provision of Kindling / Logs to Sharing Shed for PTC to distribute – **Action SJ**
- (l) Establish community desire for Electricity subsidy through LEDS – **Action SJ** (assisted by CMcA)
- (m) History Talks in Leadhills Hall – ongoing – **Action CG** (assisted by SJ) - **Implemented**
- (n) Fund held by SLC. Fund formed from various bequeaths intended to benefit of the residents of Leadhills. LCC's knowledge of how this fund operates and how it is administered together with its scope is vague at best. To be investigated – **Action SJ** (assisted by CMcA)
- (o) Anti Littering Campaign - **Action** – not yet allocated
- (p) Clear drainage channels on Bell View and Menzies Place – **Action SJ - Completed**
- (q) Boosting local resilience (see Item 22.0 of these minutes) – **Action** – not yet allocated
- (r) Apply bituminous surfacing to part of Bell View and part of Menzies Place from the top of Store Brae to the surface water channel situated between the end of Curfew Place and 3 Menzies Place. This section of track is badly affected by water erosion and damage by the volume of traffic that it carries. An indicative cost to be obtained – **Action SJ**

12.0 Comments Box information.

12.1 – No comments were deposited in the box -

13.0 Ravengill Energy Park ("REP")

13.1 Submission of Renewco's request for authorisation to proceed to the Energy Consents Unit is imminent – **information**

14.0 Glensalloch Wind Farm ("GWF")

14.1 Nothing new to report at this time.

15.0 South Clyde Energy Park ("SCEP")

15.1 Publication by the ECU of the Scoping Opinion is awaited. To be monitored - **Action – SJ & GG**

16.0 Eskdalemuir Seismic Array

16.1 LCC has written to the UK Government's Energy Security Unit to express support for the lower windfarm capacity threshold referred to in the consultation document. To be monitored – **Action SJ & GG**

17.0 Removal of Redundant Website relating to Leadhills Community Council

17.1 The effort to find the passwords / administrators for the redundant websites (with a view to closing / removing them) continues – **Action SJ**

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18.0 Snar Forrest

18.1 Nothing new to report - **information**

19.0 Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS)

19.1 Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that a questionnaire would be delivered to every live address in Leadhills for the purpose of gauging support for such a scheme. Support for a LEDS has been repeatedly expressed to LCC - **Action SJ & CMcA**

20.0 Leadhills Fund held by South Lanarkshire Council

20.1 Initially, LCC require information allowing them to understand the value of the fund in total including the value of any sub-funds should any sub-funds still exist. LCC also need to understand how the fund(s) is / are administered by SLC and the application form / protocol in place for residents to request assistance. The criteria applied by SLC for residents to qualify for assistance must also be clearly established. **Action: CMcA and SJ to discuss prior to contacting SLC**

21.0 Micro Grants

Applications from the activities / entities listed below, each for £500.00, have been approved:

- 21.1 Leadhills Gardening Group
- 21.2 Leadhills Silver Band
- 21.3 Braw Clan
- 21.4 Leadhills Reading Society (Miner's Library)
- 21.5 Leadhills Polytunnel Group
- 21.6 Leadhills Angling Association
- 21.7 PTC of Leadhills Primary School
- 21.8 Leadhills Golf Club
- 21.9 Leadhills Aikido Club
- 21.10 Leadhills Gala Committee
- 21.11 Lowther and District Men's Shed
- 21.12 Refurbishment of Notice Board at Surgery
- 21.13 Leadhills Seniors
- 21.14 Leadhills Community Book Club
- 21.15 Yoga Classes in Leadhills Hall
- 21.16 Repainting of Main Hall in Leadhills Hall
- 21.17 Colliflower Cottage Animal Rescue
- 21.18 Support for Cultural / Educational Events
- 21.19 Computer Classes
- 21.20 Anti Dog Fouling Campaign

Note: Payment for the approved application for the Winter Resilience – Purchase of Kindling and Logs is in abeyance. It will be paid if, for any reason, the award against the approved application at 21.16 is not required.

22.0 Local Resilience

22.1 This was discussed with the representatives of Wanlockhead Community Council on 14/04/2026. As the process of organising and implementing a resilience plan involves close liaison with the local authority (in our case SLC) for an indicative duration of 12 to 18 months, it was agreed to hold this item in abeyance until after the AGM – **Action** – not yet allocated

23.0 Local Development Plan 3 – (LDP3)

23.1 SJ issued an email to all LCC members on 13 March 2026 inviting them to submit their ideas. No ideas received – **information**

23.2 In view of concerns about traffic driving excessively fast within Leadhills, LCC members and residents may wish to write to SLC to suggest (a) a 20 MPH speed limit and (b) traffic calming

measures such as traffic lights activated by vehicles exceeding the speed limit as exist in Springholm D&G. These ideas could be submitted to SLC under the LDP3 initiative - **information**.

23.3 Some residents wish to see improvements in the children's play park. This idea could be submitted to SLC under the LDP3 initiative – **information**

23.4 The form to be used to submit ideas under LDP3 will be posted on the LCC Website - **information**

24.0 Talks on History in Leadhills Hall

24.1 Dates for the two talks on "The Scottish Enlightenment" to be advised – **Action CG / SJ**

25.0 Advisory Panel – Applications for Funds Held by SSE Clyde Wind Farm Extension Fund for Leadhills

26.1 Nothing to report – **information**

27.0 Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

27.1 The next regular meeting will be held in Leadhills Village Hall on **Thursday 06 August 2026 – Commencing at 19h45**

28.0 Close of Meeting

SJ thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 21h30