

Leadhills Community Council - Minutes of Annual General Meeting
4th December 2025

Present (LCC): Steve Johnstone (SJ) - Chairman, Margaret Harley (MH) - Treasurer, Bryan Turpin (BT) – Secretary, Suzie McGraw (SMcG), Charmaine Gittens (CG) and Gerard Godfrey (GG) – Associate Member
South Lanarkshire (SLC) Councillor for Ward 3 Clydesdale East: Ralph Barker

One Member of the Public was also present

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

1.1 SJ welcomed the South Lanarkshire Council member Ralph Barker, Leadhills Community Council members and the one member of public to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Joshua Howard of LCC.

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

2.0 Review and Approval of Minutes of the Previous AGM held on 07 November 2024

2.1 The minutes of the AGM held on 07 November 2024 were approved unanimously.

3.0 Chairman's Report for the Year to 05 November 2025

Scope of Report

This report addresses the main events that occurred during the period from 06 November 2024 until 05 November 2025.

Membership of Leadhills Community Council

The members of LCC during the period covered by this report are listed below:

- Margaret Harley – Treasurer – from 06/11/2024 until 05/11/2025
- Bryan Turpin – Secretary – from 06/11/2024 until 05/11/2025
- Steve Johnstone – Chairman – from 06/11/2024 until 05/11/2025
- Nigel Davies – from 06/11/2024 until 05/11/2025
- Stuart Marsh - from 06/11/2024 until 05/11/2025
- Joshua Howard – from his election on 03/04/2025 until 05/11/2025
- Suzie McGraw - from her election on 10/07/2025 until 05/11/2025
- Charmaine Gittens - from her election on 10/07/2025 until 05/11/2025

The associate members of LCC during the period covered by this report are listed below:

Gerard Godfrey – from his appointment on 03/04/2025 until 05/11/2025

Gordon Ross – from his appointment on 03/04/2025 until 05/11/2025

Projects and Improvements

During the period covered by this report, the following projects / improvements / initiatives were realised:

- Performed water jetting to clear blocked outlet pipe of surface water gully at junction of Bell View and Store Brae
- Conducted a ballot to gauge the strength of feeling in Leadhills for or against the Proposed Ravengill Energy Park
- Finalised the Suite of Documents required for Advisory Panel
- Invited application for membership of Advisory Panel by door-to-door leafleting and via Facebook
- A well attended and very interesting talk on the history of Leadhills was presented in the Leadhills Hall on Saturday 25 October 2025
- Emptied trap and removed large stone blocking outlet pipe of surface water gully at junction of Bell View and Store Brae

- Made good depressions in roadway surface on low numbered section of Lowther View
- Made good depressions in roadway surface in Menzies Place / Bell View between end of Curfew Place and Store Brae
- Cleaned out three surface water channels on Menzies Place / Bell View
- Arranged for SLC to resume emptying dog waste bin located on Horner's Place
- Arranged replacement pads for the two village defibrillators – thanks to the PTC for their assistance and generosity
- Arranged removal of car that had been parked on the square for a year
- Arranged grass cutting at the corner of Symington Street and Main Street to improve visibility for motorists.

The following projects / improvements remain on LCC's list for implementation:

- Repair collapsed section of cemetery wall – **Action ND**
- Repair dilapidated / collapsed sections of walls throughout the village – **Action ND**
- Resolve concern regarding movement / slippage of William Symington Memorial – **Action SLC & ND**
- Reduce grass / vegetation by strimming to expose casual footpath from new footbridge on Ramsay Road to the Symington Memorial **Action - SJ to follow-up**
- Provide improved apparatus in the play-park for younger children to enjoy. Will SLC maintain such equipment? **Action - SJ to follow-up**
- Clear three surface water drainage channels on Menzies Place and Bell View **Action - SJ to follow-up**
- Board up or arrange boarding up of gable window opening at 1 Symington Street **Action - SJ to follow-up**

Micro Grant Awards

To date, during the 2025/26 financial year, the following micro-grants of £500 each were awarded in public meetings of LCC by a show of hands:

- Leadhills Gardening Group (aka the Flower Pot Men) for purchase of materials and plants and maintenance of flower tubs and troughs throughout Leadhills
- Leadhills Gala – to help fund bough-in activities and contribute to cost of replacing tents.
- Leadhills Akido Group to help support the cost of Akido classes in Leadhills Village Hall
- Leadhills Golf Club to partially cover upkeep costs for machinery
- Leadhills Primary School Parent Teacher Council to support the creation of learning opportunities including transport to take children out of the village
- Leadhills Angling Association to partially support the cost of a stove for the bothy and a litter bin (subject to requisite approvals)
- Leadhills Polytunnel Tunnel to partially support the cost of rubbish collections and general maintenance
- Leadhills Reading Society (Miner's Library) to partially support the cost of purchasing a new dehumidifier, plastic storage containers and lockable filing cabinet
- Lowther and District Men's Shed for workshop materials
- Braw Clan Scots Language Group to partially fund the public performance in Leadhills Village Hall of a new play based on local content
- Leadhills Senior Citizens Club – to help support the cost of Christmas Vouchers, etc
- Mr Calum Dougan for refurbishment of Notice Board at surgery
- Leadhills Silver Band for purchase of music stands, sheet music and protective plastic pockets for sheet music

4.0 Bank Account

4.1 Details of LCC's bank account are unchanged.

4.2 The Authorised Signatories to operate the bank account remain Margaret Harley (MH), Bryan Turpin (BT) and Steve Johnstone (SJ).

5.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 MH reported that the current balance in LCC's bank account is £15,032.75.

6.0 Approval of Accounts for Financial Year Ended 31 March 2024

5.1 LCC's accounts for year ended 31 March 2024 were unanimously approved.

7.0 Office Bearers

7.1 Position of Secretary

2.1 BT stood down as secretary but announced his willingness to act as secretary for another term if elected.

2.2 BT being the only candidate, was unanimously appointed to act as Secretary until the next AGM.

7.2 Position of Treasurer

2.1 MH stood down as treasurer and announced her willingness to act as treasurer for another term if elected.

2.2 MH being the only candidate, was unanimously appointed to act as Treasurer until the next AGM.

8.0 Constitution

8.1 The model constitution was unanimously adopted without alteration for another term.

9.0 Adherence to Scheme and Associated Documents

9.1 Adherence to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in its entirety was unanimously confirmed without alteration for another term.

9.2 Compliance with the Code of Conduct for LCC members was unanimously confirmed without alteration for another term.

10.0 Dates of Meetings for 2026

10.1 It was agreed that, subject to the village hall being available, meeting would be held on the following dates:

- Regular Meeting: Thursday 05 February 2026
- Regular Meeting: Thursday 02 April 2026
- Regular Meeting: Thursday 04 June 2026
- Regular Meeting: Thursday 06 August 2026
- Regular Meeting: Thursday 01 October 2025
- AGM* followed by Regular Meeting : Thursday 01 October 2026

- *Annual General Meeting ("AGM"): Thursday 01 October 2026

All meeting will commence at 19h45

11.0 Close of AGM

11.1 SJ thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20h00