

Leadhills Community Council - Minutes of Non-Quorate Meeting

06 February 2025

Present (LCC): Steve Johnstone (SJ), Nigel Davies (ND) and Bryan Turpin (BT)
South Lanarshire (SLC) Councillors for Ward 3 - Clydesdale East: Ralph Barker

Fourteen Members of the Public were also present

Meeting commenced at 20h00

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 SJ welcomed the SLC Councillor, Leadhills Community Council members and members of public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Harley and Stuart Marsh (LCC members) and Ian McAllan and Alex Alison (SLC Councillors)

2.0 Non- Quorate Meeting

- 2.1 Since less than four LCC members were present, the meeting was non-quorate.
- 2.2 In view of the fact that so many members of the public were present, SJ invited those present to raise any relevant subjects for general discussion.

3.0 Points Discussed

- 3.1 The re-appointment of BT as secretary was postponed until the next quorate meeting.
- 3.2 The proposed Ravengill Energy Park was discussed at length. It is increasingly clear that many residents of Leadhills are opposed to this development.
In order to gauge the strength of feeling within the community of Leadhills, SJ proposed that a questionnaire be distributed to every live address in the village. This was considered to be a necessary and worthwhile initiative. The timing of this has still to be decided, although it was felt best to wait until after the display and drop-in session that is to be arranged by Renewco in the village hall during the spring of 2025.
- 3.3 Recent "green energy" related planning applications were discussed.
- 3.4 It was noted that the planning application for a ground array of solar panels in the garden ground behind a house in Lowther View had been approved.
- 3.5 SJ reminded all present to please inform LCC of any ideas they might have for improvement work or small improvement projects in Leadhills.
- 3.6 A member of the public referred to the recent power outage and asked if LCC could provide generators to be used to (a) provide a warm shelter in the village hall and (b) support residents with a medical need for electricity. SJ stated that this would present many logistical and practical challenges but undertook to investigate further – **Action SJ**
- 3.7 ND advised that there was water ingress into the notice board at the doctor's surgery. Manufacturer of board to be contacted for solution – **Action SJ**
- 3.8 SJ noted that soft material had been washed out from the re-graded road surface and between the end of Curfew Place and the junction with Store Brae forming shallow depressions. Filling material to be obtained – **Action SJ**
- 3.9 The closure of Ramsay Road at Lowther Men's Shed for the connection of utilities was discussed. ND was hopeful that the work would be completed and the road reopened earlier than the date indicated on the information panels.
- 3.10 A member of the public enquired about new members joining LCC. SJ advised that two residents had recently expressed interest but neither of them had yet submitted the requisite nomination form. Effort to recruit new members continues. A new recruitment poster will be available soon – **Action SJ**
- 3.11A meeting with Wanlockhead CC is to be arranged to discuss points of mutual interest / concern – **Action SJ**
- 3.12 SJ advised that the blocked outlet drain from the gully near the junction of Bell View and Store Brae has been cleared.
- 3.13 The Comments Box was not opened. It will be opened during the next quorate meeting.

3.14 A member of the public asked if LCC's future meetings could be arranged for a day other than Thursday and if they could start earlier. SJ explained that the present arrangement for meeting to be held on Thursdays commencing at 19h45, resulted from residents expressing dissatisfaction with the previous arrangement when meeting took place on Sunday afternoons. The problem with changing the night / time of future meetings is that SLC want to avoid hall being used on certain nights to reduce their costs. This can be reviewed at the next AGM.

4.0 Next Meetings

4.1 A postponed quorate meeting to be arranged to take place as soon as possible depending on the availability of LCC members and the necessary advance notice. The target date is 27 February 2025. Actual date to be advised - **Action SJ**

Post Meeting Note: **The postponed meeting of LCC will take place on Thursday 27 February 2025 commencing at 19h45**

4.2 The next scheduled regular meeting will take place on 03 April 2025 commencing at 19h45.

5.0 Close of Meeting

5.1 SJ thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21h15