



Community Council
of the
Royal Burgh of Peebles and District

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Community Council which was held on Thursday 8 May 2025 at 7pm in the Burgh Hall, Peebles. The meeting was recorded for the purposes of Minuting and Reporting.

Present: A Mackenzie, A Snoddy (Secretary), F Richardson, G MacDonald, G Mackie (Vice Chairman and Treasurer), J McMordie, J Wilson, K Guiney, M Bruce, M Marshall (Planning Convenor), P Maudsley (Chairman), S Coe, Cllr Douglas, Cllr Small, Cllr Thomson

In attendance: K Peebles of The Peeblean; S Maura Hoffman Chair of the Tweed Valley Community Collective.

Members of the Public: L Scott, J Allan, S Clink

Apologies: J Holt Cabrera, S Watson, G Ramsay, D Ashmole, S Mackay, Cllr Begg, Cllr Pirone, Cllr Tatler, PC G Beaumont

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting was recorded for the purposes of minuting and reporting. The minutes will be published with names of the public unless requested otherwise. Third parties outwith the meeting will not be identified unless relevant.

Reports referred to in the Minutes are available to view at <https://ccrbpeebles.co.uk/>

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last AGM held on 9 May 2024 were approved by M Bruce and seconded by A Snoddy.

Chairman's Annual Report: The report had been circulated, and a copy is available on request from secretary@ccrbpeebles.co.uk. From the Report:

Over the past year, our community council has remained active and engaged in addressing a broad range of local issues while striving to serve the town's 9,000 residents. Despite the volume of work, we are proud of our accomplishments and grateful for the dedication of our members. A special thanks goes to A Snoddy and F Richardson, whose contributions as secretary and minute secretary are invaluable. Vice Chair and Treasurer G Mackie, Planning Convener M Marshall, Peebles in Bloom lead G Macdonald, and youth member J Holt Cabrera have also been instrumental. Our success as a team is evident not only in our resilience but also in the constructive and respectful manner in which we work together—something not always seen in other councils.

Among our most visible and cherished contributions is the Peebles in Bloom competition. This event, led by G Macdonald, continues to bring joy to the town and encourages residents to take pride in their gardens, adding colour and vibrancy to our community. The Place Making and Town Action Plan, initially driven by Crick Carleton, represents another key area of focus. Although Crick has since stepped down, efforts are underway to form a broader and more representative Town Team to continue this work, particularly in light of the potential windfarm income and ongoing engagement with Live Borders.

Windfarm funding brings a new layer of responsibility, and thanks to M Marshall's initiative in obtaining legal advice and fostering collaboration with neighbouring councils, we are navigating this complex topic with care. The community council also continues to push forward on longstanding issues such as the Old School House, where renewed efforts by M Bruce and recent productive discussions with SBC officials have led to progress. Likewise, work on the Chambers Institution Trust under S Coe's leadership is helping to move key community initiatives ahead.

Our involvement extends to a wide array of concerns—from illegal vape sales and gaps in local planning processes to threats to Live Borders services and the sudden abolition of area partnerships. Throughout the year, we have persistently raised these issues with the relevant authorities. A sample of our work, detailed in the appendix, highlights just how broad our remit has become: from planning appeals and public toilets to flood preparation, youth engagement, and heritage preservation. While the list is not exhaustive, it reflects the range and depth of our commitment to supporting and improving life in Peebles.

S Coe thanked all the SBC Cllrs for their constructive and positive input to the Chambers Institution Trust.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report had been circulated, along with the formal financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2025, which have been reviewed and signed off by the independent examiner, David Pye. These statements closely mirror the monthly accounts previously presented at the April meeting but include additional detail and comparisons with the previous year.

No financial statement has been prepared for April 2025, as there were no significant transactions during that month.

Election of office bearers: P Maudsley handed the chair to Cllr Douglas and the following positions were filled:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	P Maudsley	S Coe	F Richardson
Vice Chairman	G Mackie	A Snoddy	M Marshall
Secretary	A Snoddy	S Coe	G Macdonald
Treasurer	G Mackie	P Maudsley	S Coe
Minute Secretary	F Richardson	A Snoddy	G Mackie
Planning Convenor	M Marshall	P Maudsley	M Bruce
Independent Examiner of Accounts	D Pye	G Mackie	M Marshall

Appointments for the following representatives:

		Proposer	Seconder
Peebles Community Trust	M Bruce	M Marshall	S Coe
Common Good	G Ramsay	P Maudsley	G Mackie
Peebles Civic Society	S Coe	P Maudsley	A Snoddy
Chambers Institution Trust Beneficiaries Group	S Coe	G Mackie	P Maudsley

Cllr Douglas handed the meeting over to P Maudsley as Chairman.

Scottish Borders Council Code of Conduct: All community council members agreed to abide by the code. This is essential to allow for application of the grant.

AOB:

M Marshall proposed that the new PCC website address be substituted for the old one in the constitution. It was agreed. The Secretary will submit the change.

The Secretary agreed to send a copy of the Chairman's annual report to the Peebleshire News.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14 May 2026 in the Burgh Hall, Peebles.

..... Chairman

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