

**Drylaw & Telford
Community Council**
AGREED MINUTES

Drylaw Telford Community Council
19th January 2026, 6.30pm
Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

1. Attendance and Introductions

Present: Mhairi Curran (Interim Chair), Pam Whitefield (Secretary), Eileen Brash (Church Rep) Jason Whitefield, Cllr Vicky Nicolson, Cllr Max Mitchell, Stuart John (Community Engagement Officer), Hatice Tugba Ikizler (Community Councillor), Jennifer Porter (Community Councillor), Josen (Community Councillor)

Apologies: Malcolm Jeffrey, Sylvia Sils

Introductions: Introductions made, Mhairi welcomed all attendees.

2. Administrative Matters:

Conflicts of interest: None noted.

Previous minutes: The November 2025 minutes were proposed by Eileen and seconded by John.

3. Office Bearer Reports

Chair's Update: The Council is in a transition stage. Mhairi thanked the team for maintaining operations during a period without a Vice Chair or Secretary. Cllr Nicolson also expressed gratitude to Mhairi for her leadership.

Secretary/Engagement: Pam and Jason had some time off and have now returned as of this meeting.

Treasurer and Bank Signatories: Treasurer Jackie Brown notified Mhairi early November regarding grant funding allocation and issues around submission of documents. Jackie then resigned as Treasurer with immediate effect.

Hatice Tugba Ikizler was appointed as Treasurer (Proposed: Mhairi, Seconded: Eileen).

After her resignation and before this meeting, Jackie had handed over the Treasurer's portfolio to Eileen which was then given to the new Treasurer Hatice during the meeting.

Eileen Brash and newly appointed Treasurer Hatice Tugba Ikizler are to be added as new signatories to replace Jackie (resigned) and Jimmy Galloway ... (sadly passed away). Treasurer Hatice Tugba Ikizler will liaise with the bank to this end, also to confirm if Secretary Pam Whitefield is a signatory. Pam is happy to remain a signatory if that's the case.

AGM: Scheduled for April 2026.

4. Report of the Church Representative

Numbers are increasing within congregation. Losing locum minister in March.

Request has been made for the drop-down kerb at front of church gates to be extended further. Enquiries made however this would not be feasible as the minibuses that arrive need to park

at a curb for their bus step to appropriately reach the curb. With a lowered curb, there would be a gap between the step and the bus. The bus drivers would prefer it to be left as it is.

Repeated opening of potholes outside Church. Photos taken and given to Cammy Day (Church Member) who will pass on to necessary officers within CEC with the request to open up that section of the road and re-tarmac

5. Report of the Community Police Officer

Current Community Police Officers are on paternity/maternity leave. Cllr Nicolson spoke to Colin Cursitor but he has been unable to provide a report this month.

6. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Mitchell: Scottish Gas replacing gas mains on Telford Road starting 26th January for 6 weeks. Starting at Groathill Road North going towards Crewe Toll.

Cllr Nicolson: Request for drop kerb from resident on Telford Drive - Telford Road at fire station. Written to appropriate officers.

TRO proposals on Telford Road (double yellow lines at top of Groathill Road North). Option to respond. Cllr Nicolson will forward more details.

Planning have approved flats proposal on Telford Drive at site of the old shop. Cllr Nicolson happy to take any questions – Secretary Pam Whitefield to put Cllr Nicolson's email address on post on Facebook.

Wester Drylaw walk round - 2 housing managers (Cameron and Jason attended) and residents. One issue is the lack of secure door on building at 139-153 Wester Drylaw Drive. Request made to CEC. Council officers have not responded yet. Safety concerns on New Years Eve overnight with lack of secure door. Cllr Nicolson will follow up with Council Managers. Cllr Mitchell suggests that they may be on the city-wide plan to fit secure doors.

Fly tipping issue at the side of the same building. Request to put combination lock on gates and give residents the code for putting bins out. Council have not yet actioned this so suggested that the residents could maybe do this themselves if council agree to this after Cllr Nicolson contacts Housing Managers to f/u.

Rodents - city wide problem. Continue to ask residents to be mindful of their rubbish.

Number of PSL flats in the area (people needing urgent homeless accommodation are housed here). Organised by Kerb and they do not seem to be proactive with ensuring their tenants are neighbourly. A few complaints from residents about tenants/Kerb/PSL have been made and require following up.

Lots of fly tipping on cycle path behind new flats at Telford. Rubbish being set on fire due to identifying information used to report the offenders. Perhaps something the litter pick team from DNC or the Community Payback Team could assist with cleaning?

7. DTCC Update

Mhairi Curran remains interim Chair. Hope to recruit permanent Chair at AGM. Pam agreed to remain as interim Secretary until AGM. John to remain as Community Engagement Officer. John to liaise with Jason to update photographs and publicity on to the website. Jason to continue with upkeep of website and Facebook page. Eileen to remain as Church representative.

DTCC needs to catch up on the meeting room rent.

8. AOB

- Pam to contact Charlie Cumming - ELGT for the report from the consultation (2024).

- Public transport links to Craighleith Retail Park. Great suggestions made at last meeting regarding bus routes. Unfortunately, the 13 route cannot be changed as it would need to be re-tendered. Could the 38 be re-routed from Crewe Toll, along Ferry Road, up Groathill Road, down Telford Road back on to original route? Suggest this change to Stuart Lowrie (CEC) – who manages bus routes and liaises with LRT to possibly attend March meeting to discuss. Bus user group - also invite along. Vicky will send contact details.

- Local traffic improvement programme. New from the Council. Money from NEPS funding for Community to put forward requests for improvements. Criteria to be met for the funds. Lowered kerb at fire station would meet this criterion. Cllr Nicolson will complete the application, and Secretary Whitefield will send on behalf of the CC.

- Mahiri noted that Donald Anderson (previous Council Leader – now no affiliation to CEC) - has been promoting litter picking in Craigmillar as a citizen. Could our councillors do the same for Drylaw/Telford? Cllr Nicolson will take this forward. Next litter pick 2nd February 10am leaving from Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre (DNC).

9. Mhairi thanked everyone for coming. Next meeting 23rd February 2026 - 6.30pm

Action	To be completed by	Completed
Contact Charlie Cumming re ELGT update	Pam	
Contact Stuart Lowrie and Bus User Group.	Pam	
Liaise with Bank regarding new signatories	Hatice	
Complete and submit application for LTIP	Vicky	Yes