

Rochester with Byrness Parish Council

Tuesday 26 May, 2026 – 7.00pm (following the Annual meetings)

The meeting will be held at Byrness Village Hall

For details please contact the Clerk at clerk@rochesterandbyrness-pc.org.uk

AGENDA

1 Attendance:

2 Apologies:

3 Declaration of Interest:

4 Agreement of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting – 31 March, 2026

5 Guest speaker – Kelly Hollings, Forestry England regarding Kielder Wildcat Project

6 Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters:

7 Matters arising:

- a) Woodland management plan in Byrness – Update
- b) Byrness substation progress update – Update
- c) 100 years of Kielder celebrations at Byrness – Update
- d) Boundary of Byrness car park – Update
- e) Fallen debris in Spithope burn – Update
- f) Removal of abandoned car in South Greens – Update
- g) Speeding traffic through Rochester – Update
- h) Rochester bus stop – Update
- i) Possible litter/dog poo bin on Bremenium Way – Update
- j) Warning signs of goats on A68 – Update
- k) Location of the July Parish Council meeting – Update, discussion & decision

8. Planning:

- a) There are no planning applications to consider at this meeting.

9. Finance/accounts for payment:

- a) Parish finance update – Update
- b) Confirm and approve the Certification of Exemption for 2025-26
- c) Approve the Annual Governance Statement 2025-26
- d) Approve the Accounting Statement & Explanation of variances 2025-26
- e) Approve the draft Annual Accounts for 2025-26
- f) Funding update for Byrness play area equipment and seating – Update
- g) Quotes for removal of grass cuttings on Parish Council land, Byrness – Update, discussion & decision
- h) Donation request from PCC for graveyard maintenance – Discussion & decision
- i) Donation process for Bremenium Archaeological Excavations – Update
- j) Bank charges for April & May, 2026
- k) The following payment(s) were approved between meetings:-
 - Payment to Spanglefish for annual subscription £78.00
 - Payment to C. Mowatt for grass cutting of £216.00
- l) The following payment(s) are presented for approval:-
 - M Chilvers (April & May, 2026) salary and expenses
 - Payment to NALC (annual subscription) for £95.20
 - Payment of room hire at Byrness Village Hall on 26 May

10 Any Other Business: Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28 July, 2026 at location to be confirmed, starting at 7:00pm.