

DFHC (SC042692)

Business Meeting

24/2/2025

Present: L Ferguson (Chair), D Rollo (Vice Chair), L Baines (Secretary), W Roberts (Treasurer), D Crew, J Currie, L Telford, J Wilson, I Cranston

Item 1:

Chair reported she'd met with C Rammage to discuss her role at the SGM.

Chair read through the Presentation - discussed by Council, minor alterations agreed.

Item 2:

Treasurer raised 2 emails sent to the Council -

1 - requested that we abandon the vote at the SGM and suggested that villagers had insufficient information to vote - reasons both for and against this were discussed prior to a vote on whether to proceed as planned (SGM & vote)

Vote For 6, Against 0, Abstain 3 (incl Chair)

2 - advised that a villager is currently seeking legal advice in relation to the proposal (SGM), Chair referred to advice from Solicitors regarding legal challenge.

Item 3:

Conflict of Interest (COI) will be stated by L Baines (Sec) at the SGM due to his position as Trustee (OSCR)

This does not relate to Council members, however I Cranston will also state COI, due to the focus of the SGM.

They will be present throughout but take no part in the presentation, discussion or vote at the SGM

Item 4:

SGM - focus was agreed - the plots under discussion will only be those where the householder has been directly affected (ie forming part of garden ground)

Plot 1 remains under DFHC, L Telford will manage the maintenance. Plans for its future use (including a community shed) will be made once the EV chargers have been completed.

WR and DR will manage questions/comments from the audience on the evening, they have use of a mic.

Participants will be asked to give their name prior to question/comment - names will not be recorded (GDPR)

Question/comment will be restricted to 1/participant until ALL have had the opportunity to contribute then may be returned to for further participation if required. All will be expected to respect this.

When voting, villagers will be required to give their surname (not recorded) and address which will be checked against a list of properties/titles to ensure compliance with our Constitution.

Everyone will be reminded that the Lesser hall is in use for noise levels.

Clair Rammage will be present as an independent observer, and in that capacity will count the votes.

Item 5:

Chair received communication from Scottish Borders Council (SBC)- they have £70K to upgrade the Wee Playpark, and will be responsible for this for 25 years.

Vote to accept For 9, Against 0, Abstain 0

S Marshall is planning to consult the schoolchildren about what they would like to have included.