

DFHC (SC042692)

Business Meeting 15/5/25

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

Apologies- J Wilson

Denholm & District Community Council - G Crew, D Ploughman

Item 1 - EV Chargers:

D Ploughman & G Crew (DDCC) were invited to give background of EV Charger project, along with Council discussion, summarised below -

Around 3 years ago DDCC decided to pursue EV Chargers for the village with a focus on the need of residents who have no access to off road parking, initially 60 possible charging places were identified around the village, the majority of which would “piggy back” the existing streetlight supply, however SBC would not permit this.

This resulted in very few available spaces to utilise for EV chargers, other than an area by the Village Hall and land associated with DFHC. DDCC were keen to offer this facility to the village and pursued the option offered by Scottish Power (SP) because they offered to supply and maintain the equipment. DFHC (previous council) identified the Fishermans Carpark as a suitable area, however there were delays created due to difficulties in establishing ownership of the land.

This Council have since supplied SP with a copy of the Deed of Gift, which has been accepted by their (SP) lawyers and they have intimated they are keen to proceed and are awaiting acceptance of the terms they offer, any “profits” made would be managed by DDCC for the benefit of the whole community, DFHC would have access to a percentage as would the Village Hall, however as a facility, although it would improve things for the village, income generation is uncertain.

The DFHC fully recognise and appreciate the hard work and effort from DDCC with regard to this project however agreed that it was important as a new committee to ensure this was the best “deal” for the village, with this in mind, it was agreed unanimously that the decision will be delayed for 4 weeks to enable further research and discussion both with SP as the potential providers and other options via SCVO.

DFHC and DDCC will meet on 9/6/25 to report on any findings from the research undertaken and the decision to go ahead with SP or potentially a different provider will be taken. Secretary (LB) will take responsibility for the research.

Item 2 - Car Boot sale 3/5/25

Income from vehicles - £195.00

Income from teas/coffees etc - £134.92

Next car boot 7/6/25.

Item 3 - ToR Dean Sub Committee

Dean Sub Committee agreed to include all Trustees in all email correspondence and ask that they indicate whether they will attend Sub Committee meetings.

Monies have been received for the felled timber - £3,207.83

250 more trees are due to be planted this Autumn/Winter, costs are covered for this.

Item 4 - VE Day

£65 was raised from DFHC collection, agreed unanimously this should be shared with DDCC due to the joint nature of the event.

Item 5 - Rideout 31/5/25

Toilets are booked, Fox & Hounds will pay for 1.

CMcCrie will do usual fencing/rope the Green - L Telford & K Johnston will assist.

Chair (LF) will deal with gifts for Principals (S Milligan prints).

Chair (LF) will pursue possible Wind Farm funding for support with costs for the toilets and skip.

Treasurer (WR) will print off stickers for car parking as this was really successful last year for managing parking on the Green.

Gates will open from 10am, £10/car, £10/gazebo, villagers free.

Hawick Mini Rugby have asked and have permission from this Council to do some fundraising on the day.

Item 6 - legal documents

The legal documents pertaining to DFHC have finally been received from AHC, these will now go to Morton, Fraser & McRoberts in Edinburgh