

DFHC (SC042692)

Business meeting 1/10/25

Present: L Ferguson (Chair), D Rollo (Vice Chair), J Wilson, D Crew, L Telford, J Currie, I Cranston

Apologies: W Roberts (Treasurer)

Item 1: OSCR re changes to the accounts - the changes have been rectified and are now back as they were showing the proper amounts which includes all the court and legal fees. W Roberts advised OSCR that no one on the current committee contacted them and that he is their main point of contact. Due to GDPR OSCR would not give the name of the individual who made the changes under the auspices of Vice Chair and it would appear to have been an attempt to "hide" the spending on legal fees, which is tantamount to fraud. Vice Chair noted that OSCR would have to give the name if legally required.

Item 2: Concern raised by OSCR - as yet there has been no reply from OSCR since Chair submitted the evidence supporting the land transfer and advice from the solicitors is to wait until after the AGM to go back to them for a result for this.

The question of costs was raised if OSCR decide to contact our solicitors for further detail and Chair advised she would be informed by the solicitors if this was going to be the case.

Item 3: Sausage Sizzle Wednesday 5th Nov - this will be held on the Green with sausages/hotdogs/sparklers available. It was decided to have a couple of small fire pits this year in place of the bonfire following feedback from last years event. The barista will also be invited. Those who attend will be able to make a donation should they choose to.

Item 4: Christmas tree lights switch on will be Sunday 7th Dec, Chair advised the lights and cable will need to be PAT tested so she will contact Scott & Foggan (from SBC approved list) for this.

Item 5: Chair advised she had received an email from residents in Minto Gardens raising concerns about the hedge bounding their property, they requested a site visit which she will arrange to find a solution.

Discussion turned in general to the area of the allotment plots/fisherman's car park/quoting haugh and its use/maintenance, including possible costs for this going forward. It was noted that none of it is properly registered (with the Land Registry) yet. It was also noted that the village have decreed (at the SGM in February this year) that the smaller areas of ground were to be returned to the households bordering them so that focus and collective ownership was of the main communal areas only (Green, wee Green, Quoting Haugh, Dean wood)

Vice Chair noted there may be grants available to help with maintenance costs but that the land would need to be registered first. It was agreed unanimously that this is an issue to be addressed following the AGM.

The Council also agreed unanimously that the priority going forward (after the AGM) should be the Land Transfer followed by moving to SCIO.

AOB: EV Chargers - the Village Hall committee are in the process of finalising the contract for this with Scottish Power, a concern was raised about people parking in the spaces designated to the chargers (especially if they go in the wee car park at the edge of the Green) however there was consensus that the public generally respect these are for vehicles using the chargers so it should be fine.

AGM Wednesday 8th October at 7pm in Village Hall.