

**DFHC (SC042692)**  
**Business Meeting 26/2/2026**

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

**Apologies:** J Currie

**Item 1:** Chair noted that Go Fibre have placed one of their distribution poles on the Wee Green without prior knowledge or agreement from this Council. While this Council do not wish to stand in the way of progress there was consensus that the one off payment offered by the company was insufficient so Chair will go back to the company to negotiate a substantially improved offer or they would need to remove the pole. She noted that residents elsewhere in the village had encountered similar issues with the placement of the poles and one was to be removed (Riverside Drive).

**Item 2:** Dean Sub Committee have asked that the Council reconsider the placement of a villagers beehive in the Dean. Previously Health and Safety concerns were cited as the reason for refusal which the Sub Committee questioned. They requested that the Council noted that the individual had volunteered time to supporting the Dean - Council felt this was irrelevant and that volunteering should not come with an expectation of reciprocity.

Concerns were also raised about the impact on native bee species given that Michael Braithwaite requested that the management the wood was to encourage native flora and fauna, managed hives compete with native species for food and can transmit disease to them. It was decided that the Council would seek advice from professional bee keepers prior to a final decision and Chair will talk directly to the villager concerned.

**Item 3:** Council discussed the paperwork to move DFHC to a SCIO and edited a proposed framework to better suit the Councils requirements, matching it where appropriate to the Village Hall constitution framework. The name proposed for the new SCIO is "Denholm Village Association" - a poll on the village Facebook page was agreed as an appropriate way to gauge views.

Chair will invite V Oswald to edit/review the document then it will be made available to view on the village website with a hard copy available in the village shop and reference to where it can be read included in the village newsletter.

**Item 4:** Vice Chair will act as liaison with the Dean Sub Committee regarding the Quoting Haugh, advice regarding SSI status (Special Scientific Interest) will be sought via Tweed Forum prior to doing any work on the area.

SBC have been advised that the fencing surrounding the bottle bank needs to be replaced as some of it has gone missing.

Hand Ba' is on Monday 2/3/2026, DFHC Ba' will be hailed by the organiser.  
DFHC will make a donation of £50 to the Village Hall for the use of electricity and toilets during car boot sales.

Next meeting - Thursday 26th March 2026 at 6.30pm