

DENHOLM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026

Present:

Community Councillor G Crew	Chair
Community Councillor S Clew	
Community Councillor D Hutchings	Vice Chair
Community Councillor G Lubbock	
Community Councillor S Passmore	Treasurer
Community Councillor W Roberts	Secretary

In attendance:

Item	Subject/Discussion	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence. Councillors S Marshall, C Ramage, N Richards, and CC Ferguson.	
2.	Declaration of Interests. Chair called for any declaration of interest, either in general or when related to a specific item under discussion.	All
3.	Minutes of the Last Meeting held 18 Mar 26. The minutes of the meeting were proposed by CC Hutchings, seconded by CC Passmore. Approved.	
4.	Matters Arising. Sec addressed the action points from the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Period of Tenure. Sec explained that the constitution allowed a change to the period of tenure without the need for a public meeting. Sec had made the adjustment and he and Chair signed and dated the amended version.b. Insurance Claim (Item 8). Sec stated that the insurance company was in dialogue with the claimant regarding the amount of compensation for the damage to his car.c. Bottle Bank (Item 14a). Sec had emailed to the body concerned to express the CC's frustration at the state of the Fisherman's Carpark bottle bank and the lack of regular collections. He had not yet had any response but would follow up in due course.d. Code of Conduct (Item 14c). All members present signed the declaration that they understood and agreed to abide by the SBC Code of Conduct for Community Councillors. Sec was to secure the signature of CC Ferguson.e. Leaf Clearing (Item 14e). CC Lubbock had undertaken to clear the leaves herself, and Chair thanked her for her efforts.	Sec Sec Ferguson
5.	Treasurer's Report and Foundation Scotland Update. Treasurer presented her report. Details of recent activity are in the attached Annex A. <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. She had checked with FS, but there had been no update regarding the allocation of next year's funds.b. The claim from Border Youth Theatre had been paid.c. Treasurer had been notified of a likely application from Minto residents for a new notice board needed in the event of the sale of Minto Church.	
6.	Correspondence. Chair had received a number of items of correspondence:	

- a. **#159.** Notification of the availability of telephone number 159 for the public to report suspected Bank Fraud.
- b. **Roadworks.** Notification from BEAR of forthcoming resurfacing on the A68 north of the Carter Bar, from Tues 5 May to Wed 27 May, between the hours of 19:30 and 06:00 each night. Northbound traffic would be diverted from the A68/A6088 junction just north of the Carter Bar, to the A6088/A698 junction near Hawick, and thence to the A698/A68 junction near Ancrum, and in reverse for southbound traffic.
- c. **Dean 10 Year Plan.** The plan was now available on the Denholm Facebook website.

7. **Planning Applications.** Sec apologised but due to his absence on holiday, he had not perused the SBC Monthly List for recent planning applications. He would address it for the next meeting.

Sec

Members indicated that the application for a café on the Denholm to Ancrum road had been approved.

8. **Insurance Claim.** See Item 4b above.

9. **SBC Small Grants Scheme.** Nothing to report.

10. **Wind Farms Update.** Chair gave a brief update.

Chair showed members the latest version of a map issued by SBC purporting to show the extent and location of various energy infrastructure proposals across the Borders. It was very unclear and lacked adequate detail on the nature and status of many proposals.

Chair and Sec would be attending a second CC Convention on the Impact of Major Energy Infrastructure in the Scottish Borders, meeting on Saturday 18 Apr at Lauder Town Hall. This was a second attempt to reach a unified position on how to influence the SG approach to the complex issue.

11. **AOB.**

- a. **AGM.** Chair indicated that the CC was due to hold an AGM. Following a discussion, it was agreed this would be held on Wed 17 Jun 26, 12 months since the last AGM, with time for adequate public notification.
- b. **Litter Pick.** It was agreed to hold a litter pick in the Denholm village area on Saturday 9 May, meeting at 9:30 am at the Church.
- c. **Park Run.** CC Clew informed the meeting that the Wilton Lodge Park Run was now open to the public. The first open run had been held on Sat 11 Apr and had been very successful with 87 finishers and 22 volunteers helping with the organisation and safety of the event. There would now be an open run every Saturday, starting at 9:30am.

Sec

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting would be held on **20 May 2026** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall (Large Hall). The meeting closed at 7:45 pm, and Chair thanked all for attending.

Sec

W A B Roberts
Sec D&DCC

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Annex:

A. Treasurer's Report.

Membership of D&DCC:

Mrs G Crew (Chair)
Mr S Clew
Mrs L Ferguson
Mr D Hutchings (Vice Chair)
Ms G Lubbock
Mrs S Passmore (Treasurer)
Mr W Roberts (Secretary)

Information:

Mr S Marshall (Councillor, SBC)
Mrs C Ramage (Councillor, SBC)
Mr N Richards (Councillor, SBC)
PC A Patterson (Community PC)
Ms J Wilkinson (Clerk to SBC)
Mr J Marshall (The Hawick Paper)