

DFHC (SC042692)
Business Meeting 30/4/2026

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

Chair welcomed those present.

Minutes of last meeting (26/3/26) were proposed by D Crew and seconded by W Roberts.

Matters arising: the beehive is now in place in the Dean although fencing around it is still to be erected - Chair will remind the individual responsible this is required.

Treasurers Report: Balance £5,291.90

Dean balance £1,746.85

Unrestricted £3,545.05

Dean Savings acc £5,024.92

End March MFM(solicitors) bills £2,878.00 and £1,200

Income from last car boot (April 2026) £102

Item 1: Governance - F Stewart agreed to give this Council the draft Code of Conduct that she had previously developed. F Benton has advised there is a template for the same available which will also be considered alongside the draft version. Both will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chair advised that at a funders meeting she spoke with B McKnee (Social investors Scotland) who advised there may be pro bono legal support regarding the measuring and registration of land in preparation for becoming a SCIO, Chair will follow this up and report to the next meeting.

Item 2: Rideout (30/5/26) skip (£350) and toilets (£1224) booked as per the previous year although costs had increased slightly.

The Community Council will apply for Windfarm money to help support these costs

Volunteers will be required for parking and clear up - a request will be put on village FB

page and Hawick mini rugby who collect donations on the day will be asked to help. J Wilson will also speak to Malcolm McKewan who is involved in cleanup activity in Hawick.

Request for amusements/burger van to be permitted at a charge of £50/ item which will be collected on the day, Chair will advise the organiser of costs.

Item 3: Land Issues - plot 2a&b currently used as allotments - the individuals will be asked to maintain the hedge surrounding the area.

Discussion over the areas to take forward to SCIO (Green, Wee Green, Quoiting Haugh, Fishermans carpark) as decided at SGM with question over other areas (Plot 1, plot 2a&b, various pathways/tracks) around legitimacy and ongoing maintenance of these. Chair and I Cranston will speak to the affected households in Minto Gardens and Riverside Drive.

These issues will all be returned to in due course as resolution in necessary for transition to SCIO.

Item 4: Dean Management Plan was approved and will be submitted to relevant bodies - this will enable grants to be applied for.

Item 5: car boot Saturday 2/5/26- will take place and next one will be 6/6/26 with an aim to have teas/coffees etc available.

Item 6: Council agreed to advise Folk Festival organisers that a charge of £10/ vehicle for parking on the Green for the whole weekend in an attempt to raise funds and to aid parking issues around the village for residents.

Next meeting Thursday 21st May, 6.30pm (Business) with a view of holding a Public Meeting in June 2026.