

## DENHOLM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Councillor C Ramage	SBC
Councillor N Richards	SBC

Item	Subject/Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> Councillor S Marshall, and CC L Ferguson.	
2.	<b>Declaration of Interests.</b> Chair called for any declaration of interest, either in general or when related to a specific item under discussion.	<b>All</b>
3.	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting held 20 May 26.</b> The amended minutes of the meeting, dated 28 May 26, were proposed by CC Passmore, seconded by CC Hutchings. <b>Approved.</b>	
4.	<b>Matters Arising.</b> Sec addressed the action points from the last meeting: a. <b>Village Hall Chairs Invoice (Item 6e).</b> Treasurer had yet to receive the invoice from CC Ferguson. b. <b>Denholm Cemetery (Item 9).</b> Chair reported that Cllr Marshall had arranged a site visit on Monday 15 Jun 26, and that she and CC Ferguson, some residents and a number of SBC officers had attended. All had expressed their shock at the state of the cemetery, seeing damage to several gravestones etc. The grass was very long and due to be mown shortly on the "20 day schedule". c. <b>Community Picnic (Item 11a).</b> Chair reported that the proposal had yet to be considered. d. <b>Denholm Public Toilets (Item 11b).</b> Chair reported that no work had been undertaken to resolve the issues at the toilets. Cllr Ramage offered to chase with SBC. e. <b>Appletreehall Phone Box (Item 11d).</b> Treasurer reported that she had been in contact with BT who had received an application for transfer of ownership from the charity Appletreehall Village Hall, and this was now in progress.	<b>Ferguson</b>    <b>Chair</b>  <b>Ramage</b>
5.	<b>Police Report.</b> Chair had circulated the report and there were no issues to discuss.	

6. **Treasurer's Report and Foundation Scotland Update.** Treasurer presented her report. Details of recent activity and the Annual Balance Sheet signed by the appointed examiner are attached. **Marshall**
- a. SBC had acknowledged receipt of the annual accounts, but she had yet to hear from SBC regarding the CC's annual grant. She had tried to reach the appropriate officer but had been unable to do so. Cllr Ramage agreed to chase. **Ramage**
- b. Treasurer had checked with FS but had yet to receive the expected funds for the year from the Pines Burn wind farm.
7. **Correspondence.** Chair had received a number of items of correspondence:
- a. **New Powers for Community Councils.** Chair pointed out that the survey distributed gave individual CCs the chance to submit their personal views on the way forward. CC Clew reported that in his opinion the process did not appear to be making much progress, but he would be monitoring the seminar discussions. **Clew**
8. **Planning Applications.** Sec reported the following:
- a. **26/00541/PNWIN.** The Manse, Denholm. Replacement windows. **Approved.**
- Chair expressed her concern over the lack of clarity over the regulations governing replacement windows within the village conservation area. There appeared to be much inconsistency in the application of the rules. Cllr Richards offered to investigate. **Richards**
- b. **26/00528/FUL.** Land east of Newhouses Farm. New dwelling house. The proposed house had been deemed to be "outwith the character of the local area, and contrary to HD2". **Refused**
- c. **26/00200/FUL.** Land east of Fatlips Castle. Widening of access track bell mouth. **Under consideration**
- d. **26/00923/LBC.** Dovecot 90 Towerburn. Boiler flue and copper pipe. **Under consideration**
- e. **26/00814/PNWIN.** 1 West End Denholm. Replacement windows. **Approved**
- f. **25/01669/FUL.** Rubersvale Eastgate. Replacement windows & door. **Approved (Retrospectively)**
9. **SBC Small Grants Scheme.** No project applications received.
10. **Wind Farms Update.** No developments to report.
11. **AOB.**
- a. **Newsletter.** Chair proposed that, in view of recent events, the production of the newsletter be suspended, and a decision on its future be made in September. **Agreed**

**Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting would be held on **19 August** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8:00 pm, and Chair thanked all for attending.

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)  
Ms J Wilkinson (Clerk to SBC)  
Mr J Marshall (The Hawick Paper)  
Lothian Borders Police (CPO)