

## DENHOLM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 18th June 2025

**Present:**

Community Councillor G Crew	Chair
Community Councillor S Clew	
Community Councillor L Ferguson	
Community Councillor S Passmore	Treasurer
Community Councillor D Ploughman	

Item	Subject/Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> Cllrs S Marshall, C Ramage & N Richards. CC D Hutchings, CC W Roberts	
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>Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.</b> Treasurer had requested that all CCs declare their adherence to the code at this meeting, so that this could be recorded with the submission of the annual accounts. <b>All those present so agreed.</b>	<b>All</b>
4.	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting held 21st May 25.</b> The minutes were proposed by CC Ploughman and seconded by CC Passmore. <b>Approved.</b> (After some debate - see matters arising)	

5	<p><b>Matters Arising.</b> Sec addressed the action points from the last meeting:</p> <p>a. Mr Baines of the Denholm Feuars was in attendance and felt strongly that the minutes from the last CC reflected poorly upon him personally. A 'lively' debate followed regarding the best approach to having EV power points installed in the village. CC Ploughman explained that an exhaustive process had already taken place resulting in selecting Scottish Power as the most suitable provider. Mr Baines felt strongly that undertaking a fully documented and staged / gated approach would be most suitable and was keen to point out his expertise in this area.</p> <p>As an example, a typical documented procedure would consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and Requirements Definition stage</li> <li>• Pre-qualification Stage</li> <li>• Competitive Procurement Process (3 Contractors Selected)</li> <li>• Bids Reviewed and Appraised</li> <li>• Evaluation of Bids and Award</li> <li>• Contract Execution Requirements</li> <li>• Regulatory Compliance Review</li> <li>• Contractor Appointed</li> </ul> <p>CC Ploughman pointed out the process had been necessarily more informal than this. Over the past 3 years of considerable work CC Ploughman was fully satisfied that the proposal from Scottish Power was the best and most practical offer available to the village.</p> <p>In conclusion, the process underway with Scottish Power will continue with CC Ferguson discussing further with the Feuars. CC Ploughman will await their decision. Mr Baines confirmed that he was resigning from his position from the Denholm Feuars.</p> <p>Chair thanked all for their work on the project.</p>	
b.	<b>Ba' Game (Item 4b).</b> Sec to arrange payment of £25 from the Feuars to the D&DCC to finalise the position.	Fergusson
c.	<b>Denholm Cemetery (Item 4d).</b> Ongoing	Marshall
d.	<p><b>"Welcome to Denholm" Brick Planter</b></p> <p>The planter at the Denholm Mill End of the village has been repaired.</p> <p>Chair pointed out that the planter at Jedwood Terrace end of the village was in the process of being installed and will review once the work is complete.</p> <p>It was also noted that the planters around the green are in need of some maintenance.</p>	Chair
e.	<b>Review of Live Borders.</b> The consultation remains ongoing	All
f.	<b>Potholes in Douglas Drive (Item 15b).</b> Cllr Marshall reported that the potholes had been filled in.	Ongoing

6. **Police Report.** Chair had circulated the MMWR for May - It was sad to see the number of break-ins in the area appearing to increase
7. **Treasurer's Report and Foundation Scotland Update.** Treasurer presented her report. Details of recent activity are summarised in the attached annex. Treasurer reported that the accounts had been signed off by Christine Rodgers and would be submitted forthwith.
8. The collection of local Community Councils aimed at providing a unified voice when it came to representing issues that were across CC's was now called the **Teviot & Liddesdale Rural Community Alliance (T&LRCA)** and was being headed up by Phillip Kerr.
9. **Planning Applications.** Sec had circulated one planning application:25/00737/FUL  
No objections from CC's currently however CC Fergusson pointed out that there was a lapsed Section 75 on the land and would gather more information on this as to whether this may constitute grounds for any objections.
10. **Denholm & District Placemaking Project.** Work continues on providing updates and corrections to the proposal. It was re-iterated that significant developments such as Centerparks should be included and that parts of the document were still factually incorrect.
11. **Small Grants Scheme.** No comments
12. **Wind Farms Update.**  
Pines Burn Funding agreed at just over £7,057.00 per year to Denholm. An MOU is being prepared for signing  
CC Crew and Passmore attended an event organised by Millmore Rig wind farm. Waiting for full information on the proposal, but they appear significant when all taken into account.

**Treasurer**

**Sec**

**Chair  
Clew**

13.

**AOB.**

**a. Loaning Playpark**

Work is scheduled to start on installing new facilities for the Loaning playpark. Chair thanked SBC councillors for their support in gaining the 60K funding for the work.

- b. Hawick Fire Station.** Significant concern expressed by many on the proposals for downgrading the fire station service at Hawick. There is a meeting on the 25th June at Hawick town hall to gauge opposition. All encouraged to attend.

- c. Defibrillators.** CC Fergusson Has organised for new pads for the unit outside the Village hall. Was surprised at the cost and is communicating this to the supplier.

It was felt having signs around the village noting where the Defibrillators were located would be helpful.

Chair thanked George Lothian for checking on all the Defibrillators in the area.

**Date of Next Meeting. 20th August 2025** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm, and Chair thanked all for attending.

**All**

**Passmore**

**ALL**

**In attendance:**

Simon Clew  
D&DCC

24th June 2025

**Membership of D&DCC:**

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

**Information:**

Mr S Marshall (Councillor, SBC)  
Mrs C Ramage (Councillor, SBC)  
Mr N Richards (Councillor, SBC)  
Ms C Malster (Comm Eng Off, SBC)  
PC A Patterson (Police Scotland)  
Ms J Wilkinson (Clerk to SBC)  
Mr J Marshall (The Hawick Paper)  
Mrs J Currie (Denholm Facebook)