

## **DFHC (SC42692) AGM Wednesday 8th October 2025, Village Hall, Denholm**

**Present:** L Ferguson (Chair), D Rollo (Vice Chair), W Roberts (Treasurer), J Wilson, J Currie, L Telford, D Crew, I Cranston, T Sellar (Dean sub committee Chair)

**Public:** 8, Community Council Chair

**Apologies:** none

**Chair** welcomed those present.

1. **Minutes of AGM 30/10/24** - proposed by J Wilson, seconded by W Roberts (Treasurer)
2. **Chairs Report** - Chair read over her Report (as attached), highlighting the events that had taken place, Sausage Sizzle, Xmas Tree lights switch on, regular car boot sales and Denholm Rideout, and thanked the committee and those who had helped make them a success.
3. **Treasurers Report** - Treasurer reported that generally finances were improved (full report attached) now that there were significantly fewer legal expenses. He noted that the funds held for the Dean sub committee were similarly healthy with a combined total of £14,445.96. He reminded the meeting that the Council had highlighted how the accounts had been changed on OSCAR website, in an attempt to "hide" the legal costs which he had challenged and these have now been rectified to reflect the amounts as they were. Due to GDPR, OSCAR would not reveal the name of the individual who had made the changes, and L Baines, who was Vice Chair at the time this happened stated clearly that it was not he who called and noted that it was a criminal offence to pretend to be someone else. Another member of the public asked if the Dean money was "ring fenced" as he has previous experience of DFHC reabsorbing ring fenced monies. Treasurer and Chair advised that it was ring fenced for use by the Dean sub committee but that DFHC had final say. They went on to note that should the money be required by DFHC for whatever reason, this would be discussed fully with the sub committee prior to anything happening.
4. **Dean Sub Committee** - T Sellar as chair of the sub committee read over his report (as attached) covering the following areas - planting and maintenance, funding, governance and their 10 year plan. He thanked the volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. The Public asked how many volunteers there were and was advised there are around 15-20 on the list. He was further questioned about GDPR regarding the details held and was told by Chair and T Sellar that the list was held securely, risk assessments carried out as and when necessary and that they were legally covered.
5. The Public returned to Chairs report noting the inference that a Trustee resigning had resulted in delays to the land transfer and the EV Chargers, the individual in question challenged this, stating he felt it wrongly represented him as the reason for the delays. He stated while on the Council he felt that he was not listened to and that the current council were taking an unreasonable length of time to to resolve both the Land Transfer and the EV chargers. He asked for a copy of the TOR document that was agreed with the Dean sub committee citing this as another area of difficulty. He asked if the Council had received a response from OSCAR following their request for information after the concern that was raised. Chair stated she had not heard but had been advised (by MFMAC) to follow this up after the AGM. Another member of the Public noted that everyone on the Council was there in a voluntary capacity and while there was a broad spectrum of skills and experience, none had specific skills or experience in managing a charity and he thanked them for their hard work and effort to improve the organisation.

6. At this point Chair indicated that the present Council would be standing down to facilitate the election of a new council. All current members indicated they were willing to continue in position, which the Public accepted. Chair advised she had offered her resignation however Council noted the work she had done and cited the importance of continuity with the land transfer and move to SCIO, she agreed to remain in position. D Rollo will remain as Vice Chair, W Roberts agreed to stay on as Treasurer and L Telford agreed to Secretary role. I Cranston will continue to record minutes, J Wilson, J Currie and D Crew also remain as Council members.
7. **AOB** - Chair noted that going forward the land transfer and move to SCIO would be a priority for the new Council
8. CC Chair noted they had difficulties with members and asked ahead of the event for cooperation with the Xmas Tree lights switch on. She also asked if the lighting around the monument could be reinstated and that the Council could explore and pursue funding through them for this. A member of the public offered to help with the application to Foundation Scotland for an electrical survey of the Green. Council noted that there was evidence in the "Kist" that the monument was adopted by the then Roxburgh Council and further reminded those present that none of the land was properly registered and that this should happen before anything else was considered.
9. The next meeting will be a public one on Wednesday 26th Nov, 7pm, Village Hall.