

DFHC (SC042692)
Business Meeting 29/1/2026

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

1. Chair welcomed those in attendance.
2. **Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising** - Chair reported that the Chair of Dean Sub Committee had thanked her for the amendments to the previous minutes regarding his input at the meeting. MFMAC have contacted BBL on 3 separate occasions to progress the land transfer with Rubersvale but as yet have not had a response from them. Chair has emailed OSCR re the concerns that were raised about the changes to the accounts but has not had a reply to date.
3. **Treasurers Report** - total funds available - £13,977.43 - this includes £6,301.44 for the Dean of which £5,018.59 in a savings account and £1,282.85 as restricted funds leaving £7,657.99 as unrestricted funds for DFHC use. The annual audited accounts for the year to 31/8/25 have been submitted to OSCR.
4. **Governance** - document on the change to a SCIO was circulated for discussion, this was well received and there was recognition in the value of using the framework as per OSCR. The paperwork for the Village Hall was a useful comparison and the council will consider the proposed document section by section for relevance to DFHC.
5. **Xmas Tree lights** - this was a successful event and was well attended despite the weather. Unfortunately there was an incident at the end of the evening that caused some damage to a car, however the Community Council (this was a joint event) have contacted their insurers and have been in communication with the affected individual.
6. **Monument and railings** - G Campbell has had a survey done to upgrade the lights to LED which will be on a timer during the Winter months, work will commence on this in March and will include a socket which will improve services available on the Green. Chair will email planning at SBC re painting the railings.
7. **Denholm Rideout** - 30th May 2026 - Chair advised the Rideout committee that there needs to be more volunteers to help with the cleanup at the end of the event, they have agreed to look for helpers. A request for help with payment for the loos was also made by the Chair, in the meantime she will apply to SBC and Windfarms for monies towards the event.
8. **Quoiting Haugh** - Dean Sub Committee have offered to help with the management of the Quoiting Haugh area which was welcomed by the Council however it was noted that it may be a protected area and it was suggested that the area is surveyed prior to any work starting. Vice Chair (DR) will liaise with the sub committee and Chair will ask C Ryde (Dean sub committee) to contact Nature Scot/ Tweed Forum re surveying the area. The discussion highlighted the need to clarify boundaries going forward especially as it will be required for the transition to a SCIO.
9. **AOB** - Community Council were informed of a survey by Active Travel for a route from Hawick to Denholm and this highlighted the need for improved parking in the village. The pavement at the front of the Green is NOT included in the Deeds of the Main Street residents so there was a suggestion that it could be turned into parking to help ease congestion and that a walkway could be placed on the Green, DFHC would canvass village opinion if this is a viable option. There has been damage and loss to the wooden fencing surrounding the bottlebank area so SBC have been asked to check and repair. The vandalism in the Dean to the railings was reported to the Police and repairs will be made to ensure the safety of all. The Dean Sub Committee were asked by a villager about placing a beehive in the Dean, which raised concerns for the

Council in light of the recent vandalism and general health and safety of the community who use the woodland, these will be discussed with the sub committee.

- 10. Next meeting** - this will be a Business Meeting and will be held on Thursday 26th Feb, 6.30pm.