

DENHOLM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN INAUGURAL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022

Present:

Councillor S Marshall
Community Councillor G Crew
Community Councillor L Ferguson
Community Councillor D Hutchings
Community Councillor C Nicol
Community Councillor S Passmore
Community Councillor D Ploughman
Community Councillor W Roberts
Community Councillor J Somerville

Chair

Item	Subject/Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome. Cllr Marshall (Returning Officer) welcomed the newly elected and re-elected members of the D&DCC, and expressed his sincere thanks to William Mohieddeen of SBC for his excellent work in setting up the recent election and handling the resulting correspondence.	
2.	Apologies for Absence. Cllrs Ramage and Richards.	
3.	Order of Business. Chair indicated that there would be no changes to the order of business, which would follow the distributed agenda.	
4.	Declaration of Interest. Chair called for any declaration of interest, either in general or when related to a specific item under discussion.	
5.	Membership of the Community Council. Cllr Marshall announced that there had been eight nominees for election and thus a ballot had not been required. The membership of the new D&DCC comprised: Re-elected: CCs Gwendoline Crew, Christine Nicol, Shirley Passmore, Dale Ploughman and William Roberts. Newly elected: Mrs Lynn Ferguson, Mr Dominic Hutchings and Mr Joe Somerville.	
6.	Appointment of Chairman. CC Crew nominated. Proposed by CC Roberts, seconded by CC Nicol. Agreed unanimously.	
7.	Appointment of Vice-Chairman. CC Ploughman nominated. Proposed by CC Passmore, seconded by CC Roberts. Agreed unanimously.	
8.	Appointment of Secretary. CC Roberts nominated. Proposed by CC Ploughman, seconded by CC Hutchings. Agreed unanimously.	
9.	Appointment of Treasurer. CC Passmore nominated. Proposed by CC Ferguson, seconded by CC Ploughman. Agreed unanimously.	
10.	Any Other Urgent Business. None.	

Chair of the meeting was then handed over to the elected Chair CC Crew.

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In attendance:

Councillor S Marshall	SBC
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Chair thanked Councillor Marshall for his diligence as the Returning Officer for the election, and welcomed the new members of the D&DCC.

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held 19 Oct 22.** The minutes were proposed and agreed.
2. **Matters Arising.** Chair proposed that, in the interest of brevity, most routine items would be discussed at the next routine meeting. However, Chair explained that updates were required for a few items in view of recent developments. **Agreed.**
3. **Treasurer's Report and Foundation Scotland Update.** Treasurer presented her report.

Sec

The Current Account had a balance of £2549.94. £263.57 remained in the COVID Fund, £1,000 was reserved for the resilience boxes upgrade, and £361.76 remained in the Jubilee Fund. This left a working balance of £9245.61 in the Current Account.

The Project Fund balance was £552.21. Treasurer had received a cash donation of £272.50 from the Feuars from last year's car boot sales, and this was used to make a donation to the Denholm Brownies, enabling them to attend the Panto in Hawick. A donation was also made to fund Christmas treats for the village children.

The Community Fund had a balance of £10,125.35, some of which would be used to support the Denholm Folk Festival. There remained two years' funding (£8,000 each) with Foundation Scotland (FS) – the CC was not permitted to hold more than two years' funding at any time.

There were no outstanding invoices.

- a. **Defibrillators.** It was proposed that money be allocated from the FS funds to pay for new pads for the Minto defibrillator.
- b. **Christmas Grants.** Chair proposed the following grants for the Christmas season: £100 to the Brownies & Rainbows (see above); £50 to the Cubs and Beavers; £50 to the Bairns Christmas party.

Treasurer

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4. **Petanque on The Green.** Following submission of photos of sample holes dug to show no danger to exposed tree roots, SBC had given planning permission for the petanque to go ahead using a mechanical digger, but again with conditions. Specifically, a temporary fence was to be installed so as to protect the trees and tree roots from accidental damage. CC Hutchings kindly offered to investigate sourcing and erecting a suitable temporary fence.

Hutchings

Wind Farms Update. Chair gave a summary of the latest variations in planning applications relating to Pinesburn, Teviot, Fawside, Millmoor wind farm projects, plus early notification of a further proposal for a “Borders Wind Farm”, due for scoping in the new year.

AOB.

- a. **Pavement Repairs.** Chair asked whether there was any progress on addressing the pavement and kerb damage at the “butcher’s Corner” on Main Street. Cllr Marshall would investigate.
- b. **3rd House at Minto.** Minto residents had expressed thire bitter disappointment that permission had been granted on appeal for the erection of a third dwelling house on the plot south-west of West Lodge.
- c. **Constituency Boundary Review.** Chair noted that a new review of constituency boundaries throughout Scotland was to take place in 2023, but also noted that no boundary changes in the local area were under consideration.
- d. **Christmas Visit.** Chair reported that she had found a replacement horse and carriage for Santa’s tour of the village. She understood from the elves that Santa he would be with us on 22 Dec 23.
- e. **Code of Conduct.** Chair reminded members that they were required to sign their agreement to abide by the SBC Code of Conduct for Community Councillors. Sec would distribute copies of the Code by email, and CCs would be asked to sign as agreeing at the next meeting.
- f. **Register of Interests.** Sec would approach SBC for a copy of the form to register members’ interests and distribute it to members.

Marshall

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Date of Next Meeting. The next D&DCC meeting would be on **18th January 2023** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

ALL

Chair closed the meeting at 8 pm with thanks to all who had participated.

W A B Roberts
Sec D&DCC

4 Dec 22

Membership of D&DCC:

Mrs G Crew (Chair)
Mrs L Ferguson
Mr D Hutchings
Mrs C Nicol
Mrs S Passmore (Treasurer)
Mr D Ploughman (Vice Chair)
Mr W Roberts (Secretary)
Mr J Somerville

Information:

Mr S Marshall (Councillor, SBC)
Mrs C Ramage (Councillor, SBC)
Mr N Richards (Councillor, SBC)
Democratic Services Team, SBC
PC A Patterson (Police Scotland)
Ms J Wilkinson (Clerk to SBC)
Mr J Marshall (The Hawick Paper)

