

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
DENHOLM FEUARS & HOUSEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION
DENHOLM VILLAGE HALL – WEDNESDAY 30 OCT 24**

Present:	Lynn Ferguson (LF)	Chair
	Lee Baines (LB)	Vice Chair
	Dougie Crew (DC)	
	Jane Currie (JC),	
	Will Roberts (WR)	Treasurer
	Ducan Rollo (DR)	
	Lisa Telford (LT)	
	Jim Wilson (JW)	

In Attendance: Approximately 17 members of the DF&HA

Item	Subject/Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome. Chair welcomed members of the Council and the Association members present ,and thanked them for coming. In view of the current lack of a Secretary, Chair asked Will Roberts to take the minutes.	WR
2.	Apologies. Shirley Passmore (Treasurer D&DCC).	
3.	Minutes of the AGM of 11 Nov 23. Chair observed that none of the present Council had been in attendance at the last AGM, and asked members of the Association present if anyone was prepared to propose the minutes as accurate. There ensued an argument over which minutes should be being considered and where these were available; however, the Chair ruled that, as this was the AGM, it was the 2023 AGM minutes that were under consideration. No one present was prepared to confirm these as accurate, and the matter was left unresolved.	
4.	Chair's Report. Chair delivered her report for the past 12 months, and this is attached to these minutes. The report was well received by all present and the Chair was applauded. Vice-chair Lee Baines had chaired the last meeting in September and had listed his perception of the achievements of the committee. He had intimated to the Chair by email that he felt these should be included at the AGM and chair agreed to attach them as an appendix to the Chair's report. George Thom raised the issue of whether all meetings, including the planned "business meetings" should be open to all members of the Association. Chair explained that, in order for the Council to plan and organize events effectively, it was essential that some meetings be held as the Council without wider members of the Association. George queried why this committee could hold business meetings in private and the previous committee could not. Chair responded that it had been agreed at a previous public meeting that this would be acceptable and that we would agree to publish notes/minutes of these meetings online.	

John Miller expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Council and the wider community over the last several months.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer reported that he had submitted the Financial Report for the year to 31 Aug 24 to OSCR and that this had also been posted on the Denholm Village website in the last two days. He gave details of the current financial position, including that of the Restricted Fund associated with the Dean Project. His brief summary of the current position is attached to these minutes.

Following the resignation of the previous Secretary, the Treasurer stressed the need for a third signatory for the bank account. The matter would be considered at the next Council meeting.

Chair

There followed a discussion regarding the need to provide paper copies of the Financial Report for everyone present, but Treasurer argued that, in the modern era, it was reasonable to expect that members of the Association could access the report online. If necessary, an amendment to the constitution could be made to reflect this position.

Chair

At this point, Chair indicated that the present Council was standing down to facilitate the election of a new Council.

6. **Election of The Council.** LF called for nominations for members of the new Council. The results were:

Proposed:	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Jim Wilson	Lisa Telford	Jane Currie
Jane Currie	Gordie Campbell	Lee Baines
Dougie Crew	Iona Cranston	Michelle Richardson
Lisa Telford	Helen Imrie	Angie Scott
Lee Baines (Declined)		
Lynn Ferguson	William Roberts	Michelle Richardson
Duncan Rollo	Jim Wilson	Lynn Ferguson
Lee Baines	Lisa Telford	John Miller
William Roberts	Lynn Ferguson	Dougie Crew
Chris Ryde (Declined)		
Iona Cranston	Lee Baines	Lisa Telford
John Miller	Lynn Ferguson	Doreen Biggar

7. **Election of Office Bearers.** LF called for nominations for Office Bearers in the new Council. The results were:

- a. **Chair.** WR proposed **Lynn Ferguson**, seconded by LB. Accepted. **LF**
- b. **Vice-Chair.** LF proposed **Duncan Rollo**, seconded by LT. Accepted. **DR**
- c. **Treasurer.** LF proposed **Will Roberts**, seconded by DC. Accepted. **WR**
- d. **Secretary.** LT proposed **Lee Baines**, seconded by DR. Accepted with a proviso that a separate minute taker be found. **LB**

- e. **Minute Taker.** Chair reported that **Muriel Wilson** had kindly offered to act as a minute taker at Association and Council meetings. All expressed their appreciation for this offer which was formally accepted. JW was asked to notify Muriel.

JW

8. **Any Other Business.**

- a. **The Way Ahead.** Chair said that the matter of whether the Association should become a SCIO was still under consideration. There were legal and financial hurdles still to be addressed, and the Council would continue to pursue the matter. Chair thanked Fiona Benton for her valuable assistance.
- b. **Record of Attendees.** Gwen Crew raised the matter of whether names of attendees should be recorded for all Association meetings. John Miller had raised the matter earlier in the meeting, and there ensued a discussion but the matter remained unresolved. Chair said that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Association. John also pointed out that we may be in breach of OSCR regulations, as the constitution stated that all attendees should be recorded in the Minutes. Chair agreed to contact OSCR for clarification.

Chair

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Chair closed the meeting at 8:05 pm and thanked all present for their contributions.

Will Roberts
Treasurer
DF&HC

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