

DENHOLM FEUARS & HOUSEHOLDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER 2024

Present: Lynn Ferguson, Will Roberts, Lee Baines, Duncan Rollo, Iona Cranston, John Millar, Jim Wilson, Dougie Crew, Lisa Telford

Apologies: Jane Currie

A response had been received from Morton, Fraser & McRoberts which included a Letter of Engagement and Terms of Business. In this response, it was highlighted that in order to transfer land to Two Hoots and Larach Dene, the correct approach would be to canvass the community or hold an EGM. At this point it was agreed to present a case to get rid of all the small pockets of land and to concentrate on the large public spaces. It is essential that as much evidence is made available as possible to highlight previous sale of land to Council. Duncan agreed to seek out information from the Land Registry.

In order to transition towards a SCIO further information would be required to be discussed within the Council and to be made available to all residents. A meeting with Frances and Vicky would be advisable at some point in December. Lynn to contact and request some suitable dates.

John agreed to read some of the documents contained in the Kist and suggested that they should all be made available on line for other interested parties to read. He was informed that Jane Currie was attempting to do this.

After further discussion it was agreed to plan for an EGM on 30th January. There will be 2 items on the agenda

1. To dispose of all small pockets of land in the village gifted by Mary Palmer Douglas and currently under management of DFHC.
2. To propose that the current Council take further steps to inform the membership of moving to a SCIO.

Xmas Light Switch-On - Chair advised that she was still looking for evidence of an MPAN certificate to send to SBC. All arrangements are in hand apart from this detail.

Denholm Dean Sub-Committee – Treasurer advised of restricted funds held for the sub-committee. Lee was concerned of the lack of respect given to himself at previous sub-committee meeting he attended. Other members of the committee also felt that there was a lack of respect to the Council and it was hoped that future meetings would be more respectful and a harmonious working relationship would be established. He asked questions regarding the proficiency and expertise of contractors being used for work carried out in the Dean. As pointed out, the liability would land with the current 3 Trustees of the Feuars Council and not the sub-committee members. He felt that any member of the Council should be able to attend a sub committee meeting. Whilst the committee were eager to support the sub committee it was pointed out that their remit was to have the Sitka removed and replanted and following this work there was a feeling that there would be no need for the sub-committee to continue.

Sausage Sizzle was discussed and plans for next year were agreed in principle. John pointed out that no photographs were taken on the night and should have been displayed on

the village FB page the following day. It was a missed opportunity for advertising for next year. Lesson learned.

John asked who was responsible for the lights round the monument and suggested that we follow other towns/villages and had the lighting changed to red for Remembrance Sunday/Day. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea and should be looked at for the future.

Jim asked if OSCAR had been consulted regarding the previous AGM Minutes for 2023. They had not been approved at the 2024 AGM despite previous Council members being present. Iona said that she had contacted OSCAR and they were happy that we had posted our accounts and a chair's report for 2023/24 and that the current Council were able to proceed with business for the coming year.