

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DERRY HILL & STUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE
COMMITTEE
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 30th MARCH 2026

DERRY HILL & STUDLEY PARISH COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Present (P): Apologies (A): Did Not Attend (X)

John Barnes (Chair)	P	Bruce MacInnes	A	Vaughan Mizon	P
Philippa Todd	P	Andrew Turton	P		

182/26/FC Election of Chair of Committee

Following the resignation Cllr McHale there is a requirement to elect a new chair to the commit.

Cllr Barnes was nominated for the position and seconded.

It was unanimously resolved to appoint Cllr John Barnes to Chair the finance committee.

183/26/FC Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr MacInnes

It was unanimously resolved to approve the apologies and reason for absence.

184/26/FC Public participation/ Correspondence

184.1/26/FC Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

184.2/26/FC Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There were no members of the public in attendance and nothing additional to circulate.

185/26/FC. Declarations of Interest

Declarations from Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest (Standing Orders 13b) or other interest (Standing Orders 13c) in respect of matters being considered by the Council.

There were no declarations made.

186/26/FC. Chairman Announcements

Cllr Barnes thanked Gavin McHale for his service to the committee over the last few meetings.

187/26/FC. Updated Bank Mandate

To ratify the addition of Cllr Turton to the bank mandate following the resignation of Cllr McHale.

It was unanimously resolved to approve Councillor Andrew Turton as signatory on the bank mandate.

188/26/FC. End of Year Accounts and Reserves

A review of the [draft accounts](#) at the end of the financial year.

Recommendation: That the Committee approve draft year end accounts ([Receipts and Payments](#), [Payments over £100](#) and [Grants, explanation of variances](#)),

The draft accounts noted,

The draft year end accounts were approved unanimously.

189/26/FC. To note new reserves for financial year 26/27

To consider the [report](#) and note the creation of a new election reserve and a playground maintenance reserve.

It was unanimously resolved to add to the election reserve a sum of £2113.36.

It was unanimously resolved to transfer the unspent £1500 from the playground maintenance budget into playground reserve.

190/26/FC. Insurance Renewal 2026

To note that we are entering the second year of our three year deal and identify any changes to cover required this year.

Recommendation: That the Committee identify any changes required to the current insurance.

It was noted that there was nothing additional to add to the insurance cover.

191/26/FC. Asset management

Review of [Asset Survey](#) and [asset register](#) and agree any further maintenance required.

Further maintenance required;

- Tile court benches need sanding and oiling, **Action**; to request Greg Fowler to do some maintenance work to them.
- It was noted that the dog waste bin on church road near the golden gates was regularly overflowing. **Action** to look at new bigger bin rather than an extra empty.
- Name header on noticeboards, **Action** obtain quotes to change the name. x3 boards.
- Monitor smell from new dog bins on petty acre during warmer weather to see if they need any retrofitting.
- Petty Acre Goalposts- topsoil and grass seed. Still one dip but a lot of grass, grass seed or turf.- **Action** -purchase turf after Easter break.
- Goalposts have a wobble, **Action** look at how to reduce the wobble.

- Grit bin in Studley gardens, - **Action** Top up before winter,
- Annual noticeboard maintenance, **Action** to speak to Greg Fowler
- Wellhouse- JB to tidy up before BKV will rake out weeds and then will cut back branches after nesting season. **Action** Get quote from Greg for foot of well house to see if little piece of oak can be filled in, using old finial?

192/26/FC. To review the Community Benefit Fund regulations

To consider the draft community benefit fund regulations and discuss any amendments required.

The document was discussed and amendments made and document to be taken to next full council for approval.

193/26/FC. To review the budget request for Best Kept Village competition.

To review and agree the [budget request](#) for best kept village competition requirements. The clerk advised against purchasing anything abrasive to use on other peoples assets. There was also further advice provided regarding planters and the need to fully cost the ongoing maintenance of such equipment prior to approving any spending.

Proposal; buy requested cleaning equipment, (replacing abrasive sponges to sponges,) wildflower seeds, tidying equipment, £50 planter flowers, increase plant budget from taking out the proposed budget for the planters wood.

It was unanimously approved to amend the budget request and liaise with the community committee regarding the changes.

194/26/FC. To agree date and time of the next meeting,

Monday 29th June 2026.

The meeting closed at 21.40