
Douglas Crescent Gardens Association (DCGA) Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 23 August 2026

Time: 19:10 – 22:25

Attendance: Alan Sibbald, Lucas Nightingale, Trevor Fenton, Jean Hamilton, Robin Maclachlan

Regrets: Anne Sibbald

1. Opening

- Alan opened the meeting with a welcome.
- Acceptance of previous meeting's minutes proposed by JH, seconded by RM.
- Committee provided updates on actions from the previous meeting.

2. Committee Transition Update

- Alan confirmed handover tasks with the outgoing committee are now largely complete.
- TF reported receiving a substantial amount of valuable archival material from the outgoing Chair.

3. Governance Working Group

- TF presented a summary of his research performed at the Central Library (City of Edinburgh Council) and the Historic Environment Scotland archive. As well, he

shared a plain English summary of key clauses from a selection of title deeds around the neighbourhood.

- JH thanked the committee for their feedback on the draft governance documents in preparation for this meeting. JH then led the discussion on every update and secured agreement from the committee on those changes +/- revise with further updates.
- *Note: Due to its significance, Agenda Item 3 took up all of the remaining time during this meeting. As such, the committee agreed to delay discussing the remaining agenda items to the next meeting, bar action points regarding payments and reimbursements.*

4. Committee Meeting Calendar

- Alan proposed to schedule committee meetings on a more defined basis. All agreed to the 3rd Sunday of every month.
 - 18 Oct 2026
 - 15 Nov 2026
 - 20 Dec 2026

5. Adjournment

- Alan Sibbald
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