
Douglas Crescent Gardens Association (DCGA) Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 14 September 2026

Time: 19:04 – 22:15

Attendance: Alan Sibbald, Lucas Nightingale, Trevor Fenton, Anne Sibbald, Robin Maclachlan

1. Opening

- Alan opened the meeting with a welcome.
 - With regret, Alan reported that he had accepted Jean Hamilton's resignation earlier this month. The committee expressed their appreciation of Jean's involvement, particularly her constructive and valuable contribution to the Governance Working Group.
 - Acceptance of previous meeting's minutes proposed by RM, seconded by TF.
 - Committee provided updates on actions from the previous meeting.
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2. Governance Working Group

- Anne thanked the committee for their feedback on the revised governance documents in preparation for this meeting. Anne then led the discussion on every update and secured agreement from the committee on those changes +/- revised with further updates.
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3. Finance

- TF provided an update on his meeting with the DCGA bookkeeper. He also presented financial analysis requested by the Governance Working Group at the previous meeting which will inform their work.

4. Infrastructure

- Alan provided an update on his work investigating improvements to railings, gates, garden access, and water. He will collate with the final quotes to present at the next meeting.

5. Garden

- Committee approved Ian's proposal for planting additional bulbs along the top path.
 - Anne and LN to contact Eglinton and Glencairn gardens where an external designer was employed for advice on improving the third-lawn bank (west aspect). At the same time, Alan to connect with Gordon re: improving the path that runs along the top of that bank.
 - LN presented survey of vendors that can supply a permanent notice board/cabinet/welcome sign for the garden. All agreed a metal option, similar to what has been installed recently in Magdala Crescent, would be most the cost effective and easiest maintenance vs. oak. Anne to progress.
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6. Communications

- LN provided an update on the improvements he is making to the DGCA website. His survey of garden users re: a DCGA social media presence suggests that the website is the preferred digital channel for our members for now.

7. Community

- Alan reports that his recent connection with the West End Gardens Group has already been beneficial in terms of general information gathering and community building between gardens.
- LN reports on members' interest in the WEGG event at the Hoxton Hotel in October and anticipates DCGA will have a selection of posters to choose from for the exhibition.

8. Committee Meeting Calendar

- 18 Oct 2026
- 15 Nov 2026
- 20 Dec 2026

9. Adjournment

- Alan Sibbald