

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2024

Scottish Charity SC003253

PRESENT: I MACAULAY, S MCHARDY, F SMITH, C WILKIE, V HARRIS, F CARLTON

APOLOGIES: D TRACEY, G SIMPSON

Council Matters/Speedwatch: Cllr Donald Lothian to be invited to the next meeting for an update on the agreed road safety road sign repainting on Main Street, and on monitoring speeding at the north end of the village. Ian to circulate details of a Fife Council public transport survey. Noted that the 36 Glenrothes-Perth service will discontinue from 19 August. The replacement M36 from Glenrothes -Newburgh, will connect with the 65 St Andrew - Perth, involving a 5-10minute wait in Newburgh. The service will run every hour from 6am - 7pm on weekdays.

Hall refresh: Very positive feedback on the hall redecoration. Purchase of a chair trolley was agreed. The window blind replacement has been delayed. Ian to send note of thanks to volunteers who assisted with the work. Thanks also to Richard who cleaned the chairs. Agreed to store the WRI items for now. An additional photo board is proposed for the former school, with photos and significant school log extracts. Agreed to plan for hall floor resealing every 6 years. A request was made for the entrance hall cupboard doors to be redecorated. Given that varnished wood is notoriously difficult to paint successfully, this will require planning.

Playpark Update: Noted that the work on the playpark has commenced, with a 4 week completion expected. Great news! The contractor will be asked to replace the grass verge following completion.

Summer Fete: Plans in place for the duck race on Friday 16 August at 7pm, at the bridge, and Saturday 17 August, 11-12.30 for the coffee morning, and 2pm for the fete at the football field, starting with the fancy dress competition. Access has been arranged, and plans for stalls, transport, and games are in place thanks to the fantastic community support.

Seniors Bus Trip: Frances submitted a costed proposal for a trip to Blanketyside Farm on September 26 for a minibus with a capacity of 16 passengers. Applying to the Ferguson Trust for funding was discussed. From our 9 October 2023 meeting the following considerations regarding applications to the Trust were noted:

- ensuring a fair and equitable distribution of funds to all 115 residents currently over 60
- recognising that the Ferguson Trust funds available for the current year are £9k to be shared between the communities of Dunshalt and Auchtermuchty, whose population ratio is approximately 1:7.

Discussion followed on updating the list of those eligible, and reviewing the criteria for eligibility. A decision on the way forward was postponed to the next meeting, given the need for planning the forthcoming fete weekend.

Roof repairs: Following the lottery grant approval, work on the roof replacement is scheduled to start on 24 September.

Hall Cleaner: Agreed to set up a Whatsapp group for DCA trustees to share cleaning top-up on a Thursday/Friday each week. Noted that a replacement cleaner will be required from October as the Cleaner will commence maternity leave.

Other Business: No further discussion on a proposal for a book exchange box to be placed at the Park or Herb Garden. Noted that following the AGM, further trustees are required, and appointment of a

chairperson.

100 Club: Reminder that annual £10 contributions should be collected by the end of August, making use of the card reader to collect payments.

Date of next DCA meeting: Tuesday 10 September, 7pm