

# DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

## MINUTES OF DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2021

### PRESENT:

V CRAWFORD    I MACAULAY    S MCHARDY (TREASURER)    S MCHARDY    G MORTON (CHAIR)  
P MCDONALD    H MCCUNN

Phil McDonald was introduced and welcomed to the DCA.

### **Council matters**

IM apologised for not informing Cllr Lothian about this evening's meeting. Issues regarding weeds in the Park will be raised next month.

### **Grants/Community Council**

All grants for 2020/21 have been received. The Recurring Council Grant has been agreed for 2021-2024 at £188 and payable from April 2021, subject to the receipt of Annual Audited Accounts for 2020/21. IM to check with L Leitch whether any further grants are due for this financial year.

**Gardening Group:** Hamish was thanked for coming to the meeting. He outlined the ongoing tasks in each garden zone around the village, normally carried out on a Wednesday morning. Currently there is not enough manpower, so highlighting the need for more volunteers is an important task at the AGM.

The 'zones' are: the beds and plantpots at the bridge – Pauline will continue to maintain these; Main Street tubs – could be replaced with self-watering tubs (£350 each?); Village Hall planters, shoe feature, and barrels at the Blacksmith- the shoe needs to be repainted, VC will maintain the planters; the green behind the Wynd bus stop – the tiered feature is difficult to maintain; Auchtermuchty Road border – raise the entire bed; delineate the field boundary; Milkmaid feature and wall border on Ladybank road; Plains Farm bed – plan to plant logan berries, raspas and brambles; Herb Garden in Ivy Place – sand surround and repaint with varnish, add herb nametags;

Another possibility is a solar powered water feature. Agreed that most of these tasks are winter projects, which will be highlighted at the AGM/ Welcome Back event. The DCA recorded their thanks and admiration for the incredible achievements of Arthur, Hamish, Elizabeth, Jean and Pauline, in sustaining and further enhancing floral displays this year.

### **Treasurer's report**

SM circulated the accounts to August 2021. IM has submitted an invoice for £227 for a replacement Defibrillator battery. Noted that this could be purchased cheaper when next due for replacement in 4 years.

### **Hall Reopening**

Pilates on Tuesdays, and Yoga on Thursdays continue Also agreed to accept bookings for other permitted indoor activities eg meetings. Details will be posted on the website. No other bookings at present.

Agreed to hold the AGM on Friday 24 September as a 'Welcome Back' event to which all residents and hall users (ie Choir; After School Clubs) will be invited to come and have their say. SM will design a poster. The event will hope to get folk to sign up to coordinating recurring events: Children's Christmas Parties, Senior's Christmas meal, Senior's outing, Summer Fete, Hogmany event, Christmas Craft Fair, social events and ceilidhs.

### **Other matters**

Details of 'Herts and Heids' festival event from Ken Laurie circulated. This will be discussed at the next meeting. IM mentioned Cycling UK campaign to improve safety 'Five Laws; Failing Laws'. A Parliamentary Bill aims to stop drivers routinely avoiding driving bans after accruing 12 penalty points by claiming it would cause them 'exceptional hardship'. A new offense is proposed for serious hit and run incidents. Agreed to put the link on the village website.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 13 September 2021, 7pm, in the Hall