

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

MINUTES OF DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT:

V CRAWFORD I MACAULAY S MCHARDY (TREASURER) S MCHARDY G MORTON (APOLOGIES)
P MCDONALD S MCDONALD CLLR DONALD LOTHIAN (IN ATTENDANCE)
F SMITH (IN ATTENDANCE)

SM acted as Chair in Gordon's absence.

Council matters Cllr Lothian was thanked for following up the 3 street lamps in the Wynd which are now operational. No update on traffic calming assessment on Main Street, or Eden footbridge which is on a list for repair by a third sector organisation. The maintenance of the Core Path network was discussed. Other than through the endeavours of local volunteers and farmers, footpath cutting back does not appear to have been undertaken this year. Cllr Lothian will investigate to what extent FCCT are able to maintain the network around Dunshalt. Street cleaning along Main Street (left hand side) between the phone box and Ladybank Road on the left hand side has not been possible due car parking, and a request was made for residents to be alerted to a time and date for this to be undertaken. With the onset of autumn, evidence of blocked drains locally should be reported immediately. Cllr Lothian was thanked for attending.

Grants/Community Council A Local Community Planning Budget application will include funding requests for maintaining planters over winter, spring planning and a feasibility study of interpretive boards in the village. IM will speak to C Cooper regarding another Woodland Trust application for 2022.

Gardening Group Thanks to those who prepared and attended the Gardening 'drop-in' meeting on 3 October. Around 9 volunteers have agreed to undertake maintenance and repair of the different 'zones' around the village. More volunteers are required for 2 areas: the chimney pots and beds at Plains Farm roadend which require tidying and weeding, and the 'Milkmaid' planters at Main Street junction with Ladybank Road. Agreed that volunteers will be invited to a meeting in the hall on Saturday 23 October, 10.30 and invited to form a Whatsapp Gardening Group to take things forward.

Playpark Development Fiona Smith updated the DCA on the outcome of a recent meeting she attended with Alison Morton and Ian Wilson, Fife Council. Previous plans for Dunshalt playpark had 'fallen off the radar', but thanks to Fiona's diligence are now being revisited. Existing equipment is estimated to have no more than 2 years life, a little longer for the roundabout. The recommendation is that it should all be replaced with the positioning being altered, and the addition of something like a trimtrail, and picnic benches. The existing layout favours use of equipment by younger children, with the football park more suitable for older children. The strategy for taking this forward is through community engagement: consulting children and young people on options for design, equipment, layout; and through local fundraising. Ways of reducing costs and making the project achievable are to use existing foundations, and undertaking the work in phases. Regarding timescales, if the consultation and plans for fundraising can be undertaken soon, designs can be drawn up in November, and applications submitted for grants to be awarded in March 2022. The DCA, as a charitable organisation would apply, and if successful, funds channelled to the provider. Successful playpark developments in Methilhill and Lundin Links were mentioned as recent examples of good practice. Fiona was thanked and congratulated for her endeavours in taking the playpark development forward.

Agreed to hold a children and young people consultation 'drop in' after the Garden Volunteer meeting on Saturday 23 September at 11.30pm. Fiona will send photos of equipment for display to assist with the consultation, which will also aim to establish a Playpark development group to share the work in taking this forward. SM will prepare materials and flyers for the event.

Treasurer's report SM circulated the accounts to October 2021. The annual insurance has increased by just under £200 as a result of providing cover for an increasing range of activities.

Hall Reopening Pilates on Tuesdays, and Yoga on Thursdays continue. A booking inquiry has been made by a local Art Club for Wednesday evenings, and an all-day booking made for 27 November by the Dog Club. The Children's Christmas Party will be held on 11- 12 December at times to be decided, by a group of parents. Agreed that DCA will contribute £200 to the cost of parties and gifts. VC reported a light which had fused in the ladies toilet, and the hall door which requires repainting.

Other matters The 100 Club will recommence in November, completing the interrupted cycle of monthly draws from last year. During February and March the DCA will start inviting residents to contribute to the draws commencing in April 2022. VC requested that electricity readings and emergency light checks are conducted at DCA monthly meetings.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8 November 2021, 7pm, in the Hall