

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

MINUTES OF DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT:

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

Shirley McDonald was introduced and welcomed to the DCA.

Council matters

Cllr Lothian provided an update on his request for a traffic calming assessment on Main Street. The outcome of the assessment will provide options for traffic calming. The experience of other communities where such measures have been implemented suggest this could be tricky, and meet with local opposition. *Plans for the playpark improvements and replacement of equipment seem to have stalled. With Council capacity unable to address such issues, the community will have to seek funding.* Cllr Lothian will check damage reported to the Eden footbridge. He was thanked for attending.

Grants/Community Council

With grants for Floral Enhancement transferred to the Local Community Planning Budget, an application will be submitted for around £500. Eligibility for applying for Action Earth Grants will be checked. 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. The Community Council is monitoring applications for a housing development on High Road Auchtermuchty and road safety issues concerning the new Coop store on Low Road. Face to face meetings will recommence this month.

Gardening Group: Sue M has been very active in seeking new volunteers. Noted that repairs to the floral train are underway. GM suggested further improvements and has wood to donate for the task.

While Covid cases continue to rise, those present agreed to postpone the 'Welcome Back' event planned for late September. In its place an 'Drop-in' open event will be held to coordinate volunteers for Dunshalt in Bloom – maintaining displays and undertaking a number of maintenance tasks which have been identified. The event will take place on Sunday 3 October in the Hall. SM will circulate flyers to advertise, and prepare maps with the garden 'zones' indicated. Previously these were noted as:

the beds and plantpots at the bridge	Main Street tubs
Hall planters, shoe feature,	barrels at the Blacksmith
the green behind the Wynd bus stop	tiered feature
Auchtermuchty Road border	Milkmaid feature and wall border on Ladybank road;
Plains Farm bed	Herb garden in Ivy Place

Treasurer's report

SM circulated the accounts to September 2021. Apart from 2 lets, the lack of income continues to reduce current reserves, so applying for external funding becomes more important.

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.

Other matters

IM to include VC's phone number in future 'Muchty Matters' contributions. VC requested that electricity readings and emergency light checks are conducted at DCA monthly meetings.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 11 October 2021, 7pm, in the Hall

