

**DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**(Scottish Charity SC003253)**

**MINUTES OF DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2022**

**PRESENT:** V CRAWFORD I MACAULAY G MORTON S MCDONALD SUE MCHARDY  
STEVE MCHARDY  
CLLR DONALD LOTHIAN, BRIAN SLATTERY (IN ATTENDANCE)

**Local Place Planning** Brian Slattery led a presentation on LPP. This provides a community led approach to local planning, where a steering group representing all community organisations consider the 'best development and use of land in the place where they live'. LPP are community led, and sit alongside Local Authority plans for the area. They provide a focus for local priorities, must acknowledge existing plans, and must lead to improvement. Brian recommended that we look at some examples of LPP within and close to Fife. The LPP is intended to serve the Community Council/Parish area (ie Gateside, Strathmiglo, Auchtermuchty and Dunshalt), with a steering group hopefully in place by May - with a DCA representative - and a Plan drawn up by summer 2023. Points raised included the hope that the process would avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and resources, of Community Associations working closer together, and that gaps in provision will be highlighted.

**Council Matters** Cllr Lothian will remind Employability Team about repair to Eden footbridge. The Police Community Team will be asked to respond to requests about restarting the Speedwatch volunteer programme. Speeding remains an issue across all communities. Repairs to broken fence posts on the Auchtermuchty road, and traffic calming issues on Main Street are in awaiting action. IM to liaise with Ross Walker, Operations Officer regarding gutter cleaning on Main Street. Cllr Lothian was thanked for attending.

**Grants/Community Council** The Woodland Trust fruit trees plugs have arrived and were planted on Sunday 13 March by around 30 young folk, leaders, parents and other volunteers. The location at the community woodland could be further enhanced with benches.

**Hall Roof Repair** Water ingress will continue until repairs are completed. Agreed to ask R Carstairs for an estimate for the full repair, and 3 quotes for the job sought from contractors who are authorised to install single-ply roofing. From April 2022 applications to funding bodies will be made, phased over 2 or more years. Suggested we should make the roof situation public prior to the plans for Platinum Jubilee weekend 3-5 June, and include fundraising events.

**Treasurer's report** SM circulated the accounts to March 2022. Given the challenges of an almost doubling in estimated energy bills, new hall rental charges are now available to users. Energy conservation measures will include resetting the heating controls, keeping the fridge off unless requested by user, and consideration of additional charges for specific requests which require additional energy use.

Agreed to commence collection for the 100 Club from April and by June at the latest, and to return lists of participants with any amendments to Steve.

**New projects:** The Easter Egg Hunt to be held on 16/17 April, organised by Alison and Rachel, in and around the Park. Agreed to hold April meeting on Monday 18, 7.30pm for a public meeting on ideas for a Platinum Jubilee Village fete on weekend 3-5 June. SMcHardy will prepare a flyer. The aim is to form a working group who can coordinate the event. Possible ideas: children's games from the 1950s; flower display involving blue for flax; ceilidh.

GM and SM will purchase a shed for storage of the donated mower, fete items currently stored in the hall and gardening equipment. A keybox will be placed on the front door. Cupboards and stored items will be sorted to see if additional storage space can be freed up. The hall lights will be replaced at cost of £45 each for the 4 main lights. S McDonald offered to repaint the main door.

No further discussion on interpretive boards covering the history, development and events around the village.

Violet Crawford submitted a letter saying that after 14 years as Hall Caretaker, she will step down with immediate effect. It was with regret that DCA received this news. Violet's work and commitment to the Hall and community has been greatly appreciated over the years. She will be missed.

***Date of Next Meeting:*** Monday 18 April 2022, 7pm in the Hall (and following the public meeting on the Platinum Jubilee weekend Fete at 7.30pm if necessary)