

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

MINUTE OF DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

PRESENT: I MACAULAY G MORTON SUE MCHARDY STEVE MCHARDY P MACDONALD
IN ATTENDANCE: CLLR D LOTHIAN

Council Matters: Fife Council is considering options for repair of the fence alongside the pavement to Auchtermuchty. The re-formed Employability Team have repairs to the River Eden footbridge on their schedule. Noted that the footpath to Cash Mill is very overgrown. Ian to explore cutting back with C Cooper. Cllr Lothian will take forward concerns about the poor condition of the footpath to Falkland. No discussion of invitation to the Community Safety Officer to attend a future 'drop in' event on dog fouling and other issues.

Community Council: Sgt Helen Manual attended the last meeting. Firearms checks are a key priority for the Howe Community Team, and feedback on the number of completed checks will be included in future Police updates. The Speedwatch programme has been restarted and Helen will circulate application forms for volunteers. Details on the programme and poster for volunteers will be placed on the noticeboard and the website. Speeding continues to be an issue across all communities and Helen will write a piece on this in the next Muchty Matters. Noted that the mobile Post Office service to Dunshalt ceased in August.

Playpark Re-development: Progress noted with the Group taking this forward having publicised the plans and starting fundraising with a 'toy-swap' event. The overall costed plan is £130k, with the target of £50k to be raised by the community through grants and direct fundraising. However, this figure could be reduced by options which we understand are under consideration; retaining some of the existing equipment; replacing some of the existing equipment; postponing installation of some equipment. Further discussions with Fife Council will take place on these options. As a sub-committee of DCA, agreed to support the Group with their plans regarding community consultation, and with their fundraising endeavours.

Hall Roof Repair: Costings to be prepared for the hall roof repairs, with the flat roof priority for attention. Ian will contact P Smith to request an assessment of repairs.

Treasurer's report: 100 Club collection is almost complete. Next year collection should be made easier with the use of a card reader now at DCA disposal. Noted that an upturn in bookings is increasing Hall income. S McHardy provided an update on the new Wifi/Smart heating controls which now regulate all radiators via the phone. The hub is securely located, and the system working at 95% efficiency. The cost of installing the WiFi/Smart heating is 4G Wifi router - £168.71; Tado starter kit - £342.55; Tado Smart TRV - £149.94, £64.97 – Total £726.17. Steve was thanked for undertaking this work, and reimbursement of the cost agreed. Topping up SIM cards, and recurring purchases in general as a result of online banking, is complex. Agreed to apply for a Debit Card, and to amend authorised signatories as follows for online banking: any 2 of the following 3 signatories - Eleanor Porter, Steve McHardy, Ian Macaulay. In addition to controlling the hall heating, agreed that with the anticipated increased in hall use this winter for social events, the SIM card will also cover Wifi use for hall users up to 15 Gb/month, costing around £7. Once installed, users will be informed. Floral Grant application will be submitted for the current financial year.

Jubilee picnic and Annual Fete: Feedback on both events has been very positive. A number of suggestions were made for future events.

Hall Bookings: M Beaumont would like to organise a social event on Saturday 8 October, and Ceilidh on Saturday 12 November. Mark will provide Steve with details for publicity. The bookings calendar can now be updated and printed via the website and hall phone. Steve will arrange a training event for DCA members on this, the new wifi hub, heating control and other technical matters. Agreed to postpone resealing of the hall floor until next summer. The replacement floral train will be installed by E Henderson and Miller engineers. A community weeding around the new tree plugs will be planned for the Park later in September, probably on a Sunday early afternoon. No further discussion on interpretive boards covering the history, development and events around the village.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 26 October 2022, 7pm in the Hall