

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2018

Jim McGeorge (Apologies)	Sue McHardy
Violet Crawford	Gordon Morton (Chairperson)
Ian Macaulay	Donald Lothian (In attendance)
Steve McHardy (Treasurer)	Elizabeth Henderson
	Pauline Tracey
	Jean Allan
	Hamish McCrum

The minutes of the meeting of 12 November 2018 were approved.

Police report

1. Mobile speed checks were taking place in the area and 'pop-up Bob' was being deployed.
2. Community speed-watch volunteers were being vetted, with training in February and a launch in March.

Council Matters

1. *Traffic calming*: DL will seek an update from Colin Stirling.
2. *Park*: Lead Officer will pass report to Secretary. Fife Council are developing a new Play strategy.
3. *Redundant signage*: Metal 'A-frame' signs have been removed.
4. *School Transport*: GM has requested clarity regarding the current School Transport review which will affect provision for children attending Auchtermuchty Primary.
5. *Road Gritting*: Noted that 2 accidents had occurred locally on 26 November due to icy roads
6. *Overhanging tree in Ladybank Road*: Considered in the public interest to remove this tree

Village Shop (report from Group to the Association)

Shares had now been issued to investors and a meeting held to discuss the possibility of incorporating a Post Office. A £25k grant had been received from the Prince's Countryside Trust, with news of the Leader Grant still awaited. Building Warrant had been granted.

Treasurer's report

1. The Treasurer's report (previously circulated) was noted, with income and expenditure tracking as expected.

Grants report/Community Council report

1. *Recurrent grant*: received.
2. *Ferguson grant*: applied for. Members noted that the timing meant that DCA was incurring cost 'at risk'.
3. *Community Council*: Members reminded to use the Fife Council portal to report urgent road repairs and fly tipping.

Ongoing matters

1. *Roof insulation*: GM to obtain a quote for insulation.
2. *Defibrillator*: John/Nicola Henderson have agreed to deputise for IM in maintaining the Defib and box. Neil Keillor has replaced the internal light fitting with an LCD unit.
3. *Hogmany Party*: M Beaumont will organise, print tickets and advertise the event, 8.30 – 1am on 31 December. Tickets £5/£10 family.
4. *Older children*: A film night would take place on 15 December at 7.30; SMc and Wendy will organise.
5. *Seniors Meal*: VC has spoken to helpers team who will prepare food, set up hall and serve on Sunday 13 January, 2-5pm. Musicians to be confirmed. SMc will liaise with VC to distribute the Seniors £10
6. *Author night*: Held on 20 November, this was a great success. The hall hire has been settled.

New matters

1. *Events*: Survey to be undertaken in the New Year to ask villagers about the kinds of events they would like to see in the village and preferred days/times.
2. *Dunshalt in Bloom*: Jean, Elizabeth, Pauline and Hamish were congratulated on another highly successful year of outstanding floral displays, and sustaining the standard of the Silver Gilt Award. Plans for 2019 include:

Winter planting of the beds at the Plains Farm junction; Sustainable planting on the ground opposite the bus shelter; seeking plant donations from neighbours (perhaps 'plant swap' events at Hall Hub or the shop); work at the herb garden: replacing decking; engaging children and community in repotting herbs, labelling; community engagement in growing sunflowers, perhaps with prizes awarded for the tallest, most colourful etc at the Summer Fete; litter-pick around the village and park. Exploring opportunities for linking with the developing Fife Pilgrims Way routes being planned from Auchtermuchty, with content for local history interpretive display boards.

Noted that the Silver Gilt Award score was 165 points with year, which at 82.5% was just short of the 85% threshold for the Gold Award.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14 January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Hall. The meeting ended at 9pm.