

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

MINUTES OF DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2019

Gordon Morton (Chairperson) Jim McGeorge (Secretary) (Apologies)
Violet Crawford Cllr Donald Lothian
Ian Macaulay
Steve McHardy (Treasurer)
Sue McHardy

The minutes of the meeting of 9 September were approved.

Council matters

1. Potholes in Ladybank and Chapel Road have been noted and 'hot box' solution will be pursued will aim of doing things better.
2. Feedback from Speedwatch sessions indicate 'spikes' in drivers breaking speed limits at the time of school runs.
3. SMcH clarified the criteria for the Ferguson Trust.
4. DL outlined local initiatives following flooding incidents in August 2008 in Falkland and Freuchie. Kettle Flood Group meetings are held regularly to monitor developments. Agreed that DL should inform DCA of future meeting dates so that DCA representatives can attend.
5. Sustaining uniform organisations continues to be a challenge locally. Noted that the Auchtermuchty Guides have recently ceased, while the Cub Scout Group have appointed new leaders ensuring the Group's continuation.
6. A discussion took place on a new Auchtermuchty Community Trust initiative to explore a multi-purpose community facility which could incorporate church, community centre, theatre group and recreational needs.

Grants/Community Council

1. IM outlined the Binn Eco Park Windfarm development meeting he attended on 10 September in Glenfarg Hall. Each of 4 local community councils and their community associations have been invited to express an interest in participating in the shared ownership of 2 of the 4 turbines currently being constructed. The shared community ownership model is relatively new in Scotland; the 2 x 2.5MW are supported by 100% grants, legal and technical advice, and are currently overseen by Community Ownership Glenfarg. The 2 commercial turbines will power a new Binn Farm plastic recycling facility. Most of the discussion was very detailed in terms of technical and financial specifications. The principle of distribution of shared profits to the 4 communities is a core value of this initiative. IM will request an update on developments before the next meeting.
2. No other matters from the Community Council

Treasurer's report

1. SMcH reported that the approved changes submitted to OSCR have now been accepted. Use of the name 'Dunshalt Village Hall' will cease, and all grant applications and bank accounts will use the name 'Dunshalt Community Association'.
2. The constitution now requires review, which we should include for the next AGM.
3. IM will inform Fife Council of this change.
4. SMcH was thanked for his endeavours in resolving this issue.

Ongoing matters

1. SMcH is responding to a Fife Council consultation on playparks which had to be completed by 23 December – to be discussed in November.
2. Agreed that the DCA should invite a group of willing volunteers to plan the Senior's Christmas Lunch in early January 2020. £15 Senior Citizen Christmas vouchers, redeemable only at the new community shop will be distributed in December. SMcH will submit a Ferguson Trust application for both of these initiatives.
3. Hall events planned as follows:

- Katie's World Challenge talk, 7.30, Sat 26 Oct;
- Halloween Party 3-5pm, 27 Oct;
- Craft Fair, 10-12 noon, Sat 9 Nov;
- Author evening, 7pm, Tues 19 Nov;
- Following the success of Dunshalt in Bloom achieving the Gold Award, agreed that a special event be organised for the village as a whole to show its appreciation at 7.30pm, Fri 22 Nov;
- Childrens Xmas Party, 10am Sat 14 December. Plans for 2020 include Burns Night in January; Bus trip which Violet will arrange

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th November 2019, 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.25pm

