

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2023

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

PRESENT: IAN MACAULAY, STEVE MCHARDY, MARK BEAUMONT, GORDON SIMPSON, FIONA SMITH, FRANCES CARLETON

APOLOGIES: GORDON MORTON, DONALD LOTHIAN

1. Welcome and introductions were made among those present.

2. **Matters arising:** Neil Keillor, has checked the Hall electrics, replacing the switchboard due to a fault, PAT tested all equipment, and provided a 10 year installation certificate. The cost is £370.

3. **Council Matters:** School transport issue has been resolved with a safe taxi stop on Auchtermuchty Road. Cllr Lothian reported by email that 'build outs' on Auchtermuchty Road and speed indicator on Main Street road safety improvements are awaiting implementation. The bridge parapet repair at the Junction of the B936/U099 is on the Council schedule out for tender as part of a programme of 15 wall repairs which it is hoped will be repaired by winter. Clarification was made that from now on Cllr Lothian will email any updates on Council matters for DCA meetings, and only attend meetings when specific issues of concern arise.

3. **Vunteer Groups:** Noted that floral displays around the village are looking great. Since Fife Council's withdrawal from maintaining parts of the Core Footpath network, local volunteers continue to clear the footpath to Cashmill on an occasional basis. A longer term solution for training volunteers and providing access to equipment, through Fife Coast and Countryside Trust is now required and will be raised with the FCCT. The Senior's Bus trip to Stirling, with high tea in Kirkcaldy, was enjoyed by all 26 who attended, and the organisers were thanked for this. Clarification on the operation of the Freguson Trust will be discussed at a future meeting. To meet deadlines for applications required by the Trust, applications for any Christmas/New Year events must be made by the end of September

4. **Playpark Grant:** F Smith was thanked for drafting the grant application forms for the playpark. Steve, Gordon and Ian will provide information to complete the Fife Environmental Trust application, and explore application to Lottery, Fife Council and Binn Wind Farm funds. Agreed to provide DCA funds with target for matched community fundraising which is achievable, eg £2k.

5. **Local Place Plan Survey:** Community engagement events are now scheduled in the 4 communities. Monday 21 August, 7-30 -9pm is in Dunshalt Hall with residents encouraged to attend the meeting led by Lynda Johnstone, and to complete the survey. G Simpson will add flood mitigation to the community survey as a priority.

6. **New Residents Pack:** M Beaumont suggest this as a welcome to the community which could include a small card with key contacts, a free coffee in the Shop, and other items. Katie Beaumont is happy to design the pack. Mark was thanked, and agreed to proceed with this.

7. **Finance Report:** S McHardy outlined the finances, which generally remain healthy.

8. **Other Business:** F Carleton spoke to a petition of complaint which has been raised relating to the fortnightly African Drumming session on Saturday afternoons. Frances and other residents find the noise from the drumming sessions have raised strong feelings, and are seeking solutions to this. Adaptations to drums, closing doors and windows, and limiting noise within an enclosed space were

suggested as possible ways forward. I Macaulay will discuss these with the hirer and report back at the next meeting.

Noted that Openreach fibre infrastructure are now complete in Dunshalt. What remains unclear is whether all households will receive this under the FFTP programme by 2025. Currently it is available on subscription to Broadband packages. Request made that the Hall windows are cleaned.

9. Date of next meeting Monday 11 September, 7pm, with D McGrath, Fife Voluntary Action to review the Constitution.