

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

PRESENT: GORDON MORTON, DAVID TRACEY, IAN MACAULAY, STEVE MCHARDY, FIONA SMITH

APOLOGIES: GORDON SIMPSON, FRANCES CARLTON

1. Matters arising: Andy Heer attended as the new Community Council Chair and to introduce the Local Flood Forum. Andy is involved with a similar group in Falkland, and aims to engage with SEPA, FCCT, and Scottish Flood Forum to look at mitigating flood risk on the River Eden and its tributaries between Gateside and Dunshalt. By taking a '4communities approach' recognition is made of the interdependence of each community on the other eg the key to reducing risk in Dunshalt could be slowing the flow of flood waters west of Gateside. Noted that a strong community spirit of support for the most affected by flood risk exists in Dunshalt. Agreed that N Brand, Landowner, and L Smith, Resident, should be approached to represent Dunshalt. If neither can attend a meeting of the Flood Group the DCA will endeavour to send another representative.

An exhibition of flood mitigation devices for private households will be held in Falkland early in 2024 with details notified in advance.

Children's Christmas Party: Arrangements have been made for Saturday 16 December with Santa asked to attend at around 12.25pm.

2. Council Matters: Deployment of flood pods agreed as follows: to be sited

- at northern approach to village on lefthand side of the road
- on grass area behind the bus shelter on Ladybank Road

IM will send details to Cllr D Lothian.

3. Review of DCA Constitution: Dave McGrath will continue the discussion on the new constitution with those who can attend tomorrow at 7pm.

4. Volunteer Groups: Playpark: The application is ready for submission. This includes provision for £3k to be raised by the community which be the focus for our activities during January – June 2024. Possible Carol Singing, and a Hogmany Party will be the first events to contribute funds. Suggestions for raising funds included: a raffle, quiz nights, duck race, Easter Fun Day in the park with stalls. Young people should be encouraged to participate. Agreed to hold a public meeting on Friday 19 January, 6.30pm to establish a team of volunteers and plan events. Proposed to design a barometer to record progress towards the £3k target. S Mch will prepare a flyer for circulation.

Only 3 people requested a Seniors' Lunch for the Christmas vouchers. They have been contacted to say this will not now go ahead, and to invite them to make an alternative choice.

5. Local Place Plan Draft Report: Following the Steering Group meeting tomorrow, work on the draft report will start phase 3 of the LPP.

6. New Residents Welcome Flyer: S Mch was thanked for creating a flyer for new residents which includes a QR code link to the village website.

7. Other Business: Sam Stills has generously agreed to digitise all the photographs around the Hall for incorporation into interpretive panels recording village heritage.

SMcH has requested that someone liaise with the Hall Cleaner to ensure supplies are replaced when necessary. Noted that Newburgh printers are a valued local provider of banners.

8. 100 Club draw: November – A Irvine (£20) G Bowen (£10) J Leitch (£5); December - N Wilkie, M Cooper, N Young

9. Date of next meeting: Monday 12 January, 7pm.

Meeting with Dave McGrath, Fife Voluntary Action, held on Tuesday 12 December, 7pm

Attending: D Tracey, F Smith, S McHardy, I Macaulay

The draft model constitution was agreed subject to a reference to ‘financial procedures in place’ which will be detailed separately. Dave will send advice on this.

IM will send details on DCA on charitable purposes, activities, and how activities help to meet charitable purposes, website details and key contact.

S McHardy will send financial statements and accounts, and DCA members will complete and return declaration forms.

D McGrath will incorporate this content in the draft constitution and circulate for comment. Once the text is agreed, Dave will submit the document to OSCR, hopefully early in 2024.