

## DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 JULY 2023

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

**PRESENT:** IAN MACAULAY, STEVE MCHARDY, SUE MCHARDY, GORDON MORTON, GORDON SIMPSON, FIONA SMITH, FINDLAY SMITH

**APOLOGIES:** DAVE TRACEY, FRANCES CARLETON

1. Welcome and introductions were made among those present.

**2. Volunteer Groups:** Planning for a Senior's Bus Trip to Stirling, with high tea in Kirkcaldy on Tuesday 8 August, is underway. Noted that an application to the Fergusson Trust would probably be required to subsidise this trip, which may have to be made retrospectively. IM to liaise with Ian Kennedy on grant funding.

Floral displays around the village are looking grand. The Gardens Volunteer Group keep in touch via a Whatsapp group.

Fiona representing the Playpark group updated the meeting on progress with the Fife Environmental Trust application. Fiona will complete the parts she can, and share this with Steve and Gordon who'll assist with preparing the application for submission. Fiona has set up a Playpark Facebook page to keep folk informed of developments, and in the future, for fundraising events.

No volunteer group so far to coordinate a Village Fete this year.

Noted that while there is no specific allocation of funds available annually from the Fergusson Trust, that any application for funds now, may affect further applications this year, for example for a Senior's Christmas lunch. Agreed to post requests for further volunteers on the website and Facebook pages.

**3. Hall Matters:** IM to contact an electrician to request routine electrical check for the Hall, including PAT equipment testing.

Agreed to renew the public entertainment licence which is now due, with those present as named persons on the application.

Collection for the 100 Club is due. Request for volunteers to collect £10/person donations door to door will be circulated.

A lot of items are stored in the entrance cupboard that need to be re-located. Further discussion about this at the next meeting.

**4. Local Place Plan Survey:** The LPP survey, covering Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo, Gateside and Dunshalt, will begin next week and close on 4 September. The survey can be completed online, or on paper copies. The Hall will be a distribution and collection point for paper copies, from the front lobby between 10am – noon every day. Community Enterprise may request Dunshalt focus group meetings, which could be arranged in the Hall on Tuesday or Thursdays between 10 – 12 noon.

In addition to publicity in the local press, we will circulate survey details on the Dunshalt and Dunshalt Playpark Facebook pages, and the Dunshalt website.

**5. Muchty Heritage Exhibition:** This is being planned to be held in Edenshead Church (Auchtermuchty) for the 4 weekends in August, Agreed to offer the framed photos from the Hall to the exhibition, hopefully with captions to accompany them. As a longer term design project,

suggested that laminated panels of the photos – then and now - could be planned for a permanent display.

**6. Other Matters:** Representatives are required to ensure we have a voice on the Community Council – to be posted on website and village Facebook page.

Noted with gratitude that the footpath to Cash Mill has been cleared on the community woodland side.

G Simpson reported on a Fife Voluntary Action training event he'd attended which covered forming a constitution, compliance and operational issues. Gordon was thanked for attending. Agreed that now the DCA is in a position to move forward, we invite Dave McGrath, FVA, to lead us in designing a constitution that meets our needs. Agreed to invite Dave on Monday 11 September.

100 Club winners this month are: J Collins, M Morrison, V Davis.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 14 August, 7pm