

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

PRESENT: IAN MACAULAY, STEVE MCHARDY, GORDON SIMPSON, FIONA SMITH, FRANCES CARLTON, DAVID TRACEY

APOLOGIES: GORDON MORTON

1. Matters arising: The draft minute of 9 September incorrectly noted that Hall windows and doors have been closed since concerns were raised about the African Drumming hall let. The stress of noise on those living in the immediate Hall vicinity remains. Having requested the Drumming Group try to find ways to further reduce the volume without success, the decision was taken to inform the Group that regrettably, the let will be terminated.

2. Council Matters: Flooding on Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 October raised the following issues: concern about the visible outflow of raw sewage from local treatment works into the floodwaters along the Eden; requirement for storage facility for sandbags along Auchtermuchty/Ladybank Road; discussion with Police to improve effective communication of road closures – noted that many vehicles continued to attempt to pass through floodwater, ignoring signs at Auchtermuchty and Falkland. Two people were carried by local residents from a stranded vehicle in floodwater to dry ground in The Wynd.

A potentially serious incident has been reported, involving a local young person stepping off a parapet into a flooded water course, and then sucked into fast flowing water through a culvert pipe. Urgent action is required to make the location safe, and to ensure that the risk of recurrence is minimised.

Noted that any future flood mitigation work on the River Eden, Calsay Burn and other water courses must be authorised by Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA). The DCA will liaise with existing flood mitigation groups thought to be in Freuchie, Falkland and Strathmiglo.

Fly-tipping noted on the U099 near the junction with the A912 which will be reported via the Fife Council portal. (The road numbers must be wrong, the A912 is Gateside to Bridge of Earn)

Speed Reduction proposals for road build-outs on Auchtermuchty Road and Main Street have now been dropped in favour of repainting road markings and cleaning road signs. Concern was expressed about this, and a request to restore the traffic buildout proposal will be made by Ian and Gordon at the next Community Council meeting. Advice on this will also be sought from Cllr Lothian. Noted that the Speedwatch campaign has been suspended for the winter months by the Police.

3. Review of DCA Constitution: Following the meeting with Dave McGrath last month, the model constitution was adopted with the following amendments:

- financial procedures to cover purchasing and digital banking
- reference to required policies on Equality and Diversity, Environmental, Vulnerable Groups and GDPR.

Dave McGrath will be invited to the November meeting to conclude the new discussion on the new constitution.

4. Volunteer Groups: Playpark: To comply with the application to the Fife Environmental Trust, an Environmental and Equality and Diversity Policy were proposed and adopted with immediate effect.

Noted that National Lottery funding is no longer available for projects which will become Fife Council assets. However, the grant position looks positive with the current forecast for funding as follows: £2k Local Planning grant application; £50k Fife Environmental Trust application; £70k Fife Council funding; £2k DCA funding; £2k local fundraising target. Ian was asked for an update on the Binn Wind Farm community grant to probe when the next funding round is due. Suggestions for local fundraising are; Hogmany Party; community playpark newsletter inviting donations. Noted that the Guides are also planning a fundraising event for the playpark. Noted that provision is possible for adult exercise facilities to be included through additional fundraising.

Seniors Christmas Lunch and Vouchers: The Seniors Lunch budget was noted, and gratitude expressed to I Kennedy for preparing this. Key considerations in deciding on the Ferguson Trust application are

- ensuring a fair and equitable distribution of funds to all 115 residents currently over 60
- recognising that the Ferguson Trust funds available for the current year are £9k to be shared between the communities of Dunshalt and Auchtermuchty, whose population ratio is approximately 1:7.

The application will be submitted for an increase to £20 /head, to be spent as follows: EITHER on attending a Senior's Lunch; or for a £20 voucher to be spent either at Dunshalt Shop OR as a donation to the Playpark Fund. Agreed to discuss this with I Kennedy as soon as possible.

5. Local Place Plan Draft Report: The first draft of the LPP survey report has been circulated and will be posted on the village website. The responses from the survey and community engagement events seem to have gone well, with familiar themes emerging: improving access to health and wellbeing opportunities, public transport, with paths, active travel and the potential as a visitor destination scoring highly. The steering group have been asked to consider ways of connecting and creating goals from the 15 topics listed under the 5 themes on P21. Any suggestions would be most welcome!

7. New Residents Pack: Discussion carried over to November meeting.

8. Other Business: Proposed that the children's Christmas Party should be for all primary aged children, with presents from Santa for P1 -4, with older children assisting. Proposed date is Saturday 16th December for the Kids Christmas Party from 10-2 with an hour either side included for preparation and clearing up. Funding, food and refreshments to be discussed at November's meeting. Agreed to respond to a request from Falkland Foxes Parent and Toddlers group for play equipment with what is currently stored in the Hall entrance cupboard.

9. 100 Club draw: August: £20 S Carmichael; £10 C McLean; £5 R Pendrey

September: £20 D Hanlon, £10 J McKay, £5 F Crofts

October: £20 C Forrester; £10 R Pendrey; £5 V Davies

10. Date of next meeting Monday 13 November, 7pm, with D McGrath, Fife Voluntary Action to continue review of the Constitution.