

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th APRIL 2024

Scottish Charity SC003253

PRESENT: GORDON SIMPSON, DAVID TRACEY, IAN MACAULAY, STEVE MCHARDY, FIONA SMITH, FRANCIS CARLTON, CAROLINE WILKIE

IN ATTENDANCE: CLLR DONALD LOTHIAN

APOLOGIES: G MORTON

1. Council Matters:

Speeding – Cllr Lothian reported that the road relining programme was scheduled for May. A general discussion followed, particularly focused on the south end of Main Street and the lack of effectiveness of existing speed reduction measures.

Flooding – Cllr Lothian reported on a potential difference of opinion on flood pod placing between DCA and the Resilience Group.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved

3. Playpark Fundraising: It was reported that the current total was £8,090 net, with one event still to take place. A general discussion took place on how the additional funds raised should be deployed, including the possibility of setting the fund aside for future use. It would be difficult to 'ring fence' funds. Decision to be made following consultation with Fife Council on what is possible / permissible.

4. Dunshalt in Bloom There was no support for additional plantings in the Playpark due to the difficulty recruiting sufficient volunteers to maintain existing flower beds / planters. It was reported that the small group looking after the planters at the north end of Main Street would not be continuing.

5. Finance: The Treasurer circulated the end of year accounts. These were approved for presentation to our Auditor. A discussion followed on the format of Finance Reports and general finance policy.

A feeling was expressed that the monthly report did not give a true picture of recent income / expenditure. The Treasurer clarified that all our accounts are presented in the format required by OSCAR, and have been so since at least 2002. Any change that would provide additional details of monthly income / expenditure would be an additional workload and difficult to do with the current spreadsheet.

It was suggested that recent financial policy had prioritised a strong bank reserve over the fabric of the village Hall. It was noted that almost £20,000 had been spent on improvements in the past six years and the previous meeting had approved a grant application for further improvements to hall floor, insulated blinds, hall security, chair cleaning and re-decoration.

6. Hall issues: No progress yet on the Hall roof leak. D Ritchie has indicated that he cannot undertake the work. It was agreed that F Smith should ask her roofer to investigate and quote for repairs. S McHardy advised that he would submit a grant application to Fife Council to cover the cost of upgrade works agreed at the last meeting

7. Constitution: Our change of status to SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) has now been approved. I Macaulay to submit our application to formally wind up the existing organisation on 30th June.. S McHardy to prepare the accounts for the transfer.

AGM Date: Friday 10 May, 7.30pm. It was agreed that a Fete planning meeting be attached to the AGM. Suitable fliers and posters to be distributed in advance

Date of next meeting: AGM, Friday 10th May, 7.30pm