

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

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

IN ATTENDANCE: CLLR DONALD LOTHIAN. ELAINE COLLINS, RONA DUNN, JEAN MARIE MENY, LISA DUNCAN, FIONA PETRIE

APOLOGIES: G SIMPSON

1.Council Matters: Nethermyres road bridge parapet has been repaired. Proposed locations for 3 flood pods were agreed: left hand verge on Auchtermuchty Road; behind bus shelter on Ladybank Road; on right hand verge south of the Eden Bridge. 'Resilience' rather than 'flood' has been adopted by the group tasked to explore mitigation and protective measures in order to avoid negative impact on property prices. Donald is monitoring the progress of agreed speed restriction measures through the village involving painting 'signs and lines', and will continue to lobby for traffic islands. Noted that the average traffic speed is 25mph southbound and 26mph northbound on Main Street, well above the legislation for 20mph limit in all built up areas which is currently progressing through the Scottish Parliament Information will be passed to a resident on how to progress a request to Fife council for a kerb to be restored, which currently is causing water encroachment.

2.Playpark Fundraising: Introductions were made for the 5 residents attending. Planning for events has progressed with great energy as follows:

Tickets for a raffle to be drawn on Sunday 7 April will arrive this week – 600 books of 5 tickets at £5/book. As well as selling at events, selling door-to-door was also agreed. Around 24 prizes have been donated so far.

Quiz night, Saturday 25 Feb, 7.30pm – all tickets sold. Agreed to hold a raffle and make the mic and sound system available to the quiz leader to ensure all can hear the questions!

Bruach Folk Band, Saturday 15 March, 7 – 10.30pm; tickets now on sale;

Easter coffee morning and Park Fun event; Sunday 7 April, 11-1pm/2 – 4pm; Raffle tickets will be sold at the coffee morning. Guides will assist with the games. Shop is exploring the sale of picnic bags for the Park event. Ice cream from Luvians to be requested. Car washing at the Park event also included,

'Dunshalt Destach' sale, Sunday 21 April, 12-3pm; aim to 'sell' 10 sales tables @£15 for the event. Prior publicity of stall holders to a large social network should guarantee good attendance.

SM will prepare a flier to update on raffles and bottle slides being held at each of the above events, and Fiona on Facebook.

Matters arising: Noted with appreciation that N Brand has removed the fallen tree over the River Eden at the bridge. The fund raising barometer is now in place outside the Hall. The new draft constitution has been completed and submitted to OSCR by D McGrath, Fife Voluntary Action, for approval.

Regarding the recent community resilience discussion, an exhibition of flood mitigation devices for private households will be held in Falkland early in 2024 with details notified in advance. Ian agreed to liaise with the Hall Cleaner to ensure supplies are replaced when necessary

Finance: A Smartmeter is due to be fitted. SM was asked to project additional cleaner costs, and a proportionate increase in hall fees to cover this, for the AGM

Dibbers Group: Rona and Jean Marie to be introduced to the Group. IM to respond to H McCrum's concerns about maintenance of the hedge plugs at the Park and other floral display issues. Advice on maintenance of hedge and tree plugs planted over the past few years is that eventually the surrounding grass and weeds will die as the plants become established. Once they achieve the height of the desired hedge/scrub corridor, they can be pruned annually to maintain this. Liz Henderson will be consulted on replacing the 'train' floral display.

Hall issues: G Morton has asked D Ritchie to assess the Hall roof leak. Improvements to hall curtains agreed – they will be replaced with roller blinds. The public entertainment licence is now in place with a 60 person maximum to the Hall, subject to the toilets remaining designated Gents/Ladies. All photos have been prepared for digital recording by Sam Stills, with a view to being incorporated in interpretive boards outlining village history and development. The photo frames are no longer fit for display and will be disposed of. Given an increase in hall bookings, additional hall cleaning was proposed.

Community Council/ Local Place Plan update: Noted that with the current Monday booking Dunshalt Hall will be unable to host Community Council meetings. IM will circulate comments on the draft LPP with updates as they become available. A consultation period will commence once the final draft has been agreed by the Steering Group, and further engagement meetings will follow. D Tracey attended a River Eden conservation meeting where farming practice which helped and hindered water drainage was discussed. The practice of river dredging is no longer considered to be of benefit, and will be discontinued.

100 Club: A Gray (£20); A Morrison (£10); G Morton (£5)

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 March, 7pm

NB The AGM was held on 15 May 2023