

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024

Scottish Charity SC003253

PRESENT: GORDON SIMPSON, IAN MACAULAY, STEVE MCHARDY, FIONA SMITH, CAROLINE WILKIE, RONA DUNN, JEAN MARIE MENY, ALISTAIR MORRISON, MARILYN MORRISON, VIOLET CRAWFORD

APOLOGIES: G MORTON, DAVID TRACEY, FRANCES CARLTON

The meeting started at 7pm with a discussion on this year's Village Fete. After discussion of the challenges and opportunities for promoting and bringing the village together, as well as raising much needed funds, it was agreed that a sub-committee will take forward planning for the event this year. Caroline Wilkie will coordinate a group comprising Violet, Fiona, Lenka, Rona, Jean Marie, and Viv.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Present: As above

Chair's Report: Noted with regret that after 10 years on the DCA, 5 years as chair, Gordon Morton has stepped down. Gordon was thanked for his contribution as Chair to notable achievements over the years; family events, fetes, overseeing numerous hall improvements, and the challenges of Covid and sustaining the Hall during lockdown. Ian Macaulay chaired the AGM in Gordon's absence.

The past year's achievements included the Hall being well used by a number of regular groups including the Guides, Yoga Classes, Pilates Class, Tap Dancing Group, Choir and Massage Clinic. A successful Whist Drive, Quiz Night, Live Music Night, Coffee Morning and Hogmany Ceilidh have taken place, plus a number of individual party and event bookings.

Finance Report: Hall bookings remain strong, in turn resulting in a strong rental income. The Village 100 Club was once again fully subscribed. Despite very significant energy price increases close monitoring of energy efficiency measures has kept costs to a manageable level. Maintenance costs have been in line with previous years.

The Fife Council Recurring Grant was used to offset Insurance costs, which have increased significantly. The Community Council grant was used for administration requirements, including the maintenance of the village website. The Fife Council Floral Grant covered the cost of Dunshalt in Bloom. Maintenance of the Defibrillator is a significant ongoing expense. The Ferguson Bequest covered the costs of senior citizens 'Xmas vouchers which were distributed as usual.

The Accounts for 2023/4 were approved as presented, subject to audit.

Constitution: Given that the constitution dates from 1977, discussions have taken place on updating and renewal. Dave McGrath, Fife Voluntary Action has assisted with the process, providing excellent guidance. The new constitution brings greater clarity to roles and responsibilities of trustees, as well as providing legal protection. A new draft constitution was put in place on 20 March 2024. Those present voted in favour of adopting this, so we move to Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC053211. The previous Scottish Charity SC003253 will be dissolved.

The following Association members present agreed to continue as trustees of the new organisation: Steve McHardy, Gordon Simpson, Fiona Smith, Ian Macaulay.

Current Association members not present but who wish to continue as Trustees can be co-opted at the first Association meeting after the AGM. In addition, Caroline Wilkie agreed to become a trustee. Hopefully more will volunteer to become trustees.

Appointment of Auditor: Agreed that Bill Robertson will again be appointed auditor for 2024 – 2025.

AOCB Agreed that pre-checks will be held with private hirers to ensure that any additional equipment or resources required is noted. Plans for a refreshing the Hall, including resurfacing the floor, and redecoration were discussed.

Date of next DCA meeting: Tuesday 11 June, 7pm