

Dunshalt Community Association

Meeting held Tuesday 9th September 2025, 7:15pm

Present: Gordon Simpson, Frances Carlton, Fiona Smith, Mark Beaumont, Daniel Haig, Kirstey Entwistle

Apologies: Ian Macaulay, Sean Flinn

In attendance: Katie Beaumont

Item	Discussion	Action
Matters Arising	• Thanks to Dave Tracey for his help & support as a Trustee. Letter of thanks to be sent. • All Trustees to return forms to Ian as soon as possible please	Ian All
Council update	• No new matters	
Fund Raising	• Successful Fete weekend in August with the Duck Race, Coffee Morning & Fete. £1200 was raised over the weekend. Thanks to the Fund raising Group for their fantastic efforts. Plea from the Fund raising Group for Trustees to help with events particularly set up and take down. • Future Events – Macmillan Coffee Morning & Bake Off Saturday October 4th; Music & Pizza Night with Bruno's Top Nosh possibly Saturday 26th October or 1st November; Ceilidh date tbc; Quiz night end November; Hogmanay Party; Bruach Folk Band January Date tbc • Katie Beaumont attended asking the Trustees to consider holding a pop up pub as a DCA fundraiser. Agreed that this would be worth exploring further. Katie to investigate the licences which would be required. A tentative date of March was agreed.	All Katie
Christmas	• Children's Party – Saturday December 6th 11:00 – 13:00. List of Names to be updated for 2025. Cash required for present for children up to P7; numbers to be confirmed. Amount agreed as £10 • Double checking Santa's availability • Helen's Bakery in Falkland to be asked to provide a finger buffet	Frances Fiona
Ferguson Bequest	• Discussed options for the voucher and agreed it would be good to support local businesses. Fork in the Road and Nethermyres Farm Shop to be asked if they would be willing to accept the vouchers. Voucher agreed as £20 per person. • New Year Buffet – proposed date Sunday January 4th Either Helen's Bakery or Falkland Events to be asked to provide a hot finger buffet.	Frances Frances
Hall rental requests	• Last year we had requests from our regular Yoga & Pilates groups to hold sessions during the Christmas & New Year period. Due to party events taking place and the cleaner being on holiday we did not accept these bookings. This year we agreed to communicate with the user groups in advance to advise that the hall would be available for hire but that the level of cleanliness may not be to the usual high standard.	Frances
Grant Applications	• Binn Wind Farm grants are available – up to £500 and up to £3000. Scottish Government Changing Places Fund. Discussed possible Hall improvements which included replacing south facing gutters, replacement internal doors, sound proofing, new kitchen, improved toilet facilities. Also discussed the possibility of public consultation – New Year, New Ideas. What improvements would hall users and villagers like to see. • Binn Wind Farm grant - agreed to get quotes to replace the gutters as a priority. Fiona to contact Mark Ramsay Roofing. Frances to contact Ian who replaced the Harling. • Gordon to investigate the Changing Places fund which provides funds to create a network of accessible toilet facilities.	Fiona/Frances Gordon

Facebook	• Gordon to create a new Dunshalt Village Hall Facebook page/group which the Association would manage. Will look to link Facebook/Instagram and the Dunshalt website. Fiona will encourage the Playpark group members to like/follow the new page.	Gordon/Fiona
100 Club	• Winners this month – Paul Veenhuizen; Fiona Morrison; Linton Smith	Ian
Any other business	• Flooding Event – useful event highlighting help available. The next event will take place in November at the Rothies Halls, Glenrothes • Gents toilet drainage – no issues since November last year when Scottish Water attended. If a permanent repair is required the hot tub in the garden at 20 Main Street will need to be re-sited. Frances to speak to the homeowners with a view to carry out the work in the Spring 2026. • Games Sessions – Gordon has put together a list of games and will price these up. The cost will be met from the Binn Wind Farm grant awarded earlier this year. Fiona suggested card games for teenagers. Planning to hold these events after Christmas. We may be able to apply for a 'Warm Space' grant to facilitate these events. • Future Fundraising ideas – some suggestions included an Autovac to keep the Hall clean. Also a generator which could be used in the event of flooding to pump water away or in the event of a power cut to provide a warm space. • DCA Meeting Minutes – can these be uploaded to the Village website. There is no reason why they shouldn't be although it may be worth considering uploading redacted minutes. Frances to discuss with Ian. • Phone Rota – September - Gordon	For information Frances Gordon Frances/Ian
Date of next meeting	• Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 7:15pm	