

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2024

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

PRESENT: GORDON MORTON, GORDON SIMPSON, IAN MACAULAY, STEVE MCHARDY, FIONA SMITH, FRANCES CARLETON, RACHEL PENDRIE

APOLOGIES: DAVID TRACEY, CLLR DONALD LOTHIAN

1. Matters arising: Rachel Pendrie attended to express an interest in being part of a group to support seniors' events. Agreed that the DCA will publicise that volunteers are invited to join the group. Rachel will explore possible activities, including joint activities with an established Seniors Group in Auchtermuchty.

Hall leak noted above left hand window facing the Main Street following the recent storm. A temporary fix was recommended, with a more permanent solution to be completed in the new financial year, when the weather improves. D Ritchie to be invited to look at this.

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.

2. Council Matters: A request for the deployment of flood pods at northern approach to village on lefthand side of the and on grass area behind the bus shelter on Ladybank Road has been sent to Cllr Donald Lothian.

3. Review of DCA Constitution: Information on DCA objectives and actions has been sent to Dave McGrath who will work on the draft this month.

4. Volunteer Groups: Playpark: The application has been submitted and acknowledged. Fundraising towards the £3k target has made a good start with 27 Seniors' vouchers realising £540. A flier will be circulated to all residents for the public meeting on Friday 19 January, 6.30pm to establish a team of volunteers and plan events. Plan for the event will include:

- agreeing a communication platform for volunteers
- a large poster of the playpark design along with photographs will be on display
- paper and drawing materials for children and young people provided by Ian
- an invitation for volunteers to refurbish the Park bench will be made

A barometer banner to record progress towards the £3k target will be ordered. Fife Properties and the Coop Community Funds will be approached for possible contributions towards the target. Noted that Newburgh printers are a valued local provider of banners.

5. Local Place Plan Draft Report: Phase 3 of the LPP has commenced with a first draft of the report to the Steering Group due this month. Ian asked whether a DCA contribution towards the continuing cost of the LPP process was reasonable to propose. This was agreed in principle, pro-rata along with the 3 other communities up to around £200.

7. Other Business: Fiona gave feedback on the Children's Christmas Party. The 12 children who attended represented around 50% of those invited. The children enjoyed the event, and Santa's arrival was a delight to witness. For next year, planning will begin around October, where a team to coordinate the event will be established. Food, games and gifts will be budgeted and DCA support for this planned in advance. Communication among those involved will be key to making this happen.

Noted that every effort is made to ensure information is posted on the village website and on the village Facebook page. However this is subject to the curators, Steve and Wendy, receiving the information, and being available to post it.

8. 100 Club draw:

9. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13 February, 7pm