

DUNSHALT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Scottish Charity SC003253)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2019

Jim McGeorge (Secretary)

Gordon Morton (Chairperson)

Ian Macaulay

Donald Lothian (In attendance)

Steve McHardy (Treasurer)

PC Phil Parker (Apologies)

1. Chair's opening

Sue McHardy

19 residents of the village

remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those involved in activities throughout the village over the last year.

2. Apologies for absence

Members noted apologies from Committee member Violet Crawford and asked that their thoughts and best wishes be passed on to her, her husband Willie and their family.

3. Minutes of the AGM held in May 2018

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Presentation of the annual report

The Chair presented his annual report for the year, highlighting a wide range of activities undertaken by the Association including:

- Events such as the Christmas and New Year parties, pensioners' bus trip and Burn's night;
- The Summer fete and park open day;
- The Hub, held in the Hall on Tuesdays throughout the Winter;
- A variety of fitness clubs held in the Hall;
- The use of the Hall by the Choir every second Monday;
- The tremendous work done by Dunshalt in Bloom to enhance the attractiveness of the Village;
- Issues raised by the Association with the Council on behalf of the Village, for example in relation to speeding, dog fouling, upgrading the park and improving the condition of local roads;
- The considerable support given to the Group working to re-open the Village Shop;
- Fundraising activities such as the summer fete, bingo teas, grant applications and the 100 Club;
- Work establishing a Community Speedwatch group in the Village;
- Work to continually upgrade the Hall, including roof repairs and insulation.

In closing his report, the Chair indicated that the Association would greatly welcome additional volunteers to participate in meetings and spread the burden associated with the wide range of activities undertaken, which was currently carried by a relatively small number of people. Meetings were held on the second Monday of every month.

6. Adoption of the annual report

The annual report was proposed, seconded and adopted.

7. Presentation of accounts for the year 2018/2019

The Treasurer presented the Association's annual accounts for the year 2018/2019. He indicated that it had been a positive year, generating a surplus on activities of £706.24, despite a reduction in income from rentals and fundraising. These had been balanced by lower costs associated with repairs and maintenance, savings achieved on insurance, Dunshalt in Bloom managing to deliver outstanding results despite a lower budget and a number of 'one-off' spends from the previous year such as the defibrillator and the Shop which had not been required in 2018/2019. Going forward he highlighted the work being undertaken to further insulate the Hall and the need for a replacement boiler to be installed, which was likely to cost in excess of £2,000 and for which grant support would be sought.

8. Adoption of the accounts

The accounts were proposed, seconded and approved.

9. Appointment of the auditors/independent examiner

Mr William Robertson was re-appointed as auditor and independent examiner for the 2019/2020 financial year.

10. Election of the Management Committee and Office Bearers

The Management Committee and Office Bearers were re-appointed for a further year.

11. Any other competent business

(a) Police matters

PC Parker and PC Gowrie attended the meeting and gave a presentation highlighting: (a) the very low levels of crime reported in Dunshalt; (b) the leading role Dunshalt had played in establishing the Community Speedwatch scheme across NE Fife; and (c) other issues of concern such as off-road motorbikes and hare coursing. Discussions focused on speeding, with members noting the value of the Community Speedwatch campaign, the deployment of Police speed checks and the low likelihood that permanent speed cameras would be erected in the Village. The Police indicated that their ability to detect offenders was greatly enhanced by any intelligence that could be provided by residents. In response to a question regarding vibration from tractors, the Police advised that this was a Fife Council matter, but that action was more likely to be able to be taken if intelligence was available in relation to offending vehicles and farms.

(b) Overhanging trees/hedges

It was noted that reports of overhanging trees that impacted on access to pavements should be made to Fife Council or a member of the Committee.

(c) Waste collection

An issue was raised regarding the way that Council workmen replaced bins outside properties once emptied. The Committee undertook to raise this matter with Councillor Lothian at its next meeting.

(d) Solar panels

A suggestion was made that the Hall could be fitted with solar panels to promote environmental responsibility. The Committee agreed to consider this at a future meeting.

(e) Engaging villagers

It was suggested that the turn-out for Committee meetings might be increased if a particular topic of relevance to villagers was circulated in advance to provide a focus for consultation (such as the Ferguson Bequest being considered later). One idea proposed was the upgrading of the park.

12. Vote of thanks

A villager proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Committee in recognition of all their work on Dunshalt's behalf over the last year. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

13. Closing remarks

The meeting closed at 8.20pm and was followed by a consultation with villagers on the future use of the Ferguson Bequest monies.