

Minute of meeting DDN 24th January 2020

Present – Diana Greene, Alasdair Swan, Jo McNamara, Lorna Bunney.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2019 were approved.

1 Matters arising –

PVG checks:

There is no need to undertake such checks on volunteers

DDN will register as an organisation at mygov.scot

LB/AS

DDN will then request a check on LB

LB/AS

DFEL gathering review:

The meeting on 26th November had been jolly with about 60 people in attendance and numerous workshops. There was no mention of meeting sessions at this gathering but this subject does need to be followed up with Sue Northrop.

Lorna's role as a trustee and employee:

There was nothing to add to the minute of the last meeting.

2 Re-print of the DDN leaflet –

Great progress has been made with the re-draft. It has been well received. The narrative on the front will be changed to refer to “living with dementia and their carers”.

The work of the Community Shed and the Craft Studio may be best promoted at a high level, encouraging anyone interested to meet the very friendly and open people on Spott Road to find out what suits them best.

It was agreed that DDN will review this leaflet on a six-monthly basis.

The current run will be for 100 copies.

JMc

Distribution and collection of old leaflets –

- Surgery **DG**
- Library and East Linton **LB**
- Alzheimer's Support Workers **LB**
- Carers of East Lothian/ Sue Northrop **LB**

The “6 ways to help” leaflet produced by the Alzheimer's Society met with approval and DDN may choose to do something similar in due course

3 Finances –

December accounts have been circulated.

Co-op grant:

It was agreed that the Co-op grant will be accounted for as a restricted fund to be used for art therapy workshops. It was also agreed that it would be appropriate to charge part of LB's salary to reflect the true time

involved in organising such workshops, but in the first instance only non-salary costs will be charged against this fund which will be monitored through the monthly management accounts.

Future grants:

Only the Lottery grant application is pending at the moment.

Facebook donate button:

Action carried forward for the previous meeting. **AS**

Vacuum pack flasks:

It was agreed that a recent donation should be put towards the procurement of two vacuum flasks. **LB**

4 Co-ordinator's report –

The melding of the two groups is working well.

There are opportunities for carers to support one another, and a chance to forget their worries for a time.

The BOLD (Building our largest dementia infrastructure) meeting was very good.

The challenge of including people living with more advanced dementia within the group –

This issue was the subject of discussion.

We will confirm who is the dementia lead at the Medical Centre in Dunbar **DG**

Response from Community Psychiatric Nurses has been conspicuous by its absence.

We need to establish whether a Carer's Review takes place as a matter of course in Scotland. **DG**

5 DDN Future intentions –

Stirling University is running two workshops in Dunbar on 13th February for the Thursday Group and the 22nd April for the Wednesday Group.

A meeting with Jane Robertson who is in charge of the Stirling programme will be arranged prior to the sessions. **LB**

6 Charities Fayre –

JMc will attend on 6th February at Dunbar Grammar School.

7 Date of next meeting –

Thursday 12th March 2020. 4.00pm, 81 Countess Road.

AS submitted his apology for absence for this meeting.