Minutes DDN Trustees Meeting Wednesday 27th January 2022

Present (on Zoom) Lorna Bunney, Diana Greene, Alasdair Swan
Apology: Jo McNamara

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021 were approved, subject to the correction of the date at the top of the minutes.

1   Matters arising -
1.1   The minutes will be published on the website.   **AS**

2   Co-ordinator's report
2.1   The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2.2   Lorna was congratulated on the wonderful performance that was
        so well summarised in her report

2.3   The Gibb Room is now back in active use which makes a very
        positive difference to the feel of the meetings.

2.4   The Christmas activities had all proved to be a great success.

2.5   The waiting list is back in operation. There will always be a tension
        between retaining the dynamics of a group that is working well
        and welcoming new members who are in need of support. The
        capacity of the group will be continuously assessed in an
        endeavour to meet all of the needs without destroying positive
        dynamics.

2.6   The charity is finding that it can provide useful support for the
        bereaved. Fortunately, this is a two way valve as the ereaved, with
        all their experience, have s much to offer back to the group.

2.7   It was agreed that there was a continuing need to support the
        Meeting Centre initiative, a subject that was considered at more
        length later on at the meeting.

2.8   The extra working hours have proved to be beneficial allowing,
        amongst other things, the co-ordinator to go out for walks with
        members in good weather, and to devote more attention to the
        bereaved and those whose loved ones had been moved into care.

2.9 In the Autumn the group worked on some 'hand' poems with Lorna Hill of Sharing a Story CIC. As a surprise, Lorna very kindly organised for these to be printed It was agreed that frames should **LB** be procured to finish these off before handing them over to our poets.

2.10 The programme for forthcoming events is based on the requirement for outings and fun activities that will provide lasting memories for the group's members.

3 Networking

3.1 DDN attended the latest DFEL meeting on Meeting Centres. It was agreed that the charity should continue to give on-going support to this initiative.

3.2 The output of that meeting provided a useful gap analysis as to what is not yet being provided for those living with dementia.

3.3 One such important gap is the support, or lack of it, given to the independent who are living with dementia. However, it is not immediately obvious what support this group would welcome.

3.4 It was felt that the Meeting Centre should not replicate the Dementia Carers' Group or the Dunbar Day Centre. However, as yet, there are no concrete proposals as to what the Meeting Centre should look like in Dunbar, and which of the "gaps" it will aim to fill.

4 Finance

4.1 The December financial report was circulated before the meeting

4.2 The CAF platform for donations has been activated and we can now run specific, as well as general campaigns, with Gift Aid as an automatic option.

4.3 The latest instalment of the Amos Trust grant has been received and a thank you letter will be sent out to acknowledge the **AS** generosity of the trustees. This provides continued financial certainty into the future of the charity.

4.4 There is a £70/£80 Social Fund contribution due shortly. Although contributions from members are always greatly appreciated, the

amount in the Social Fund should not limit the social activities of the group at any time.

5   Web-site

5.1   A meeting with Philip Immirzi will review the current quality of the website.   **LB**

5.2   Fresh content will be sought.

5.3   Regularly refreshed photos of Dunbar, or particular aspects of Dunbar life, might prove to be stimulating for members.

6   Training

6.1   Age Scotland run some Zoom workshops which may prove helpful.   **LB**

6.2   There are no other immediate training requirements

7   Date of next meeting
Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 4:30
Zoom