

Minutes DDN Trustees Meeting Wednesday 23rd March 2022

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2022 were approved.

1 Matters arising -

- 1.1 The minutes will be published on the website.

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2 Co-ordinator's report

- 2.1 The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 2.2 There is a very exciting programme in store over the next few months.
- 2.3 Lorna has been keeping the website fresh with recent news and the current activities schedule.
- 2.4 The activities have displayed ways of staying connected in spite of everything that is going on round about us.
- 2.5 Covid 19 is widespread in the town at the moment, and care is being taken not to endanger the health of members of the group.
- 2.6 The bereavement group has emerged naturally from the Carers' Group and is proving to be a useful support to those who engage. An individual approach is often taken with the bereaved, and the co-ordinator's extra hours are proving to be very beneficial in this regard
- 2.7 The waiting list is short at the moment – one daughter and her father – but the ability to be fluid with members of the Group is an on-going strength of the group.
- 2.8 The Carers' Group is keen to do something to help those in need in Ukraine and a first donation has already been made to the Red Cross from funds raised by the group.
- 2.9 Plans for the art therapy sessions should proceed for this autumn. Funds have kindly been donated and received from the Co-op for this purpose.

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- 2.10 The volunteer team is well organised to cover for Lorna's holiday in April. The supply of volunteers and demand for their services is in good balance at the moment.
- 2.11 There are plans for outings to:
1. Botanic Gardens
 2. Ratho Canal trip on the Seagull Trust barge
 3. Community Garden
 4. Dunbar's backlands
 5. Amisfield walled garden
- 2.12 The Raw Energy Dance Studio has proved to be highly popular and is returning on a regular basis.
- 2.13 Pull-up banners will be procured from Wendy at ELC who has been very helpful. **LB**
If the invoice can be emailed to Alasdair this can be paid at any time. **AS**
They will be used in the Be Green display in May
- 2.14 The National Carers' Week Afternoon Tea will be funded out of the Social Fund which is sufficient to cover the cost. The generosity of the Library Craft Group was acknowledged, as they have contributed significantly recently to the Social Fund.

3 Networking

- 3.1 DFEL is keep in the ball rolling with regard to meeting centres. There is no tangible progress to report at this stage. Early plans had been built round using the school as a hub, but Covid restrictions have frustrated these plans.
- 3.2 DFEL has asked for input from those experiencing dementia.
- 3.3 Alzheimer Scotland is up and running with its Dementia café, which provides a helpful contrast to the service provided by the Carers' Group.

4 Finance

- 4.1 The February financial report was circulated before the meeting

- 4.2 The Life Changes Trust interim report and budget has been submitted. The final report in early July (for the six months ended 30th June 2022) will tell a fuller story.
- 4.3 The Bank of Scotland matched funding has been received, thanks to the generosity of Grant Hepburn.
- 4.4 The annual accounts will be due to be submitted to G Spratt for independent examination at the end of March.

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7 Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th May 2022 17:00

Zoom