

Minutes of the DDN Trustees Meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2022

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

Apology: Jo McNamara,

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2022 were approved.

1 Matters arising -

1.1 The minutes will be published on the website. **AS**

1.2 Diana gave a briefing on Sue Northrop's initiative to form an intergenerational Meeting Centre at the Grammar School, with the support of Rotary. This plan is progressing but leaves matters raised in the gap analysis still outstanding and unsolved.

2 Co-ordinator's report

2.1 The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2.2 The full and active programme of events has been a great success.

2.3 There was an enjoyable tea party (with Quiz) today at BeGreen and the support provided by BeGreen's Anouska Woods was acknowledged. She has been hugely helpful.

2.4 The new banners are on display in the BeGreen shop on the High Street. These have had an instant impact, generating two new members and considerable interest. The plan is now to move the banners from public building to public building on a rotational basis.

2.5 The flyers are now out of date, but they serve a useful purpose. A reprint can be discussed at the next meeting.

2.6 The group is promoted on ourdunbar.com which will shortly receive considerable publicity in the town. DDN features under Your Town/ 'Community Groups' and 'Charities and Volunteering'. The directors were recommended to familiarise themselves with this website.

2.7 There is no waiting list at the moment, so no immediate need for a second group. Attendance levels are usually c. 20 members

- 2.8 There has been an unfortunate level of illness in the group. There is a post-pandemic loss of confidence in joining groups.
- 2.9 There was a detailed risk assessment of the trip to the Botanical Gardens in July. The North Gate can no longer be used for access and the walk from the West Gate may be challenging for some. Although the members are reluctant to use wheel chairs, these are available in an emergency at the Botanic. There will also be five volunteers plus Rod & Lorna to marshal the group and deal with any emergencies. Lorna is to visit the site, time the walk, and take a video of the path from the West to the North gate. This will help the members to get a better understanding of what is involved. It was considered that the risks would by these means be reduced to a level that is as low as reasonably possible, and that the outing could proceed.
- 2.10 The proposal to have a “thank you” session at one of the regular meetings during National Volunteers’ Week, to recognise the work of our volunteers, was approved and will now be actioned. Lorna and the volunteers have been recognised by Dunbar Community Council as the winners of this year’s Stephen Bunyan Award.
- 2.11 The group has raised £217 for the Maggie’s Centre. The next fundraiser will be for the RNLI.

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3 Finance

- 3.1 The April financial report was circulated before the meeting.
- 3.2 The annual accounts were approved and will now be submitted for independent examination prior to being submitted to OSCR.

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4 Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th August 2022 17:00
Zoom