

Minutes of the DDN Trustees Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Present: Lorna Bunney, Diana Greene, Jo McNamara, Alasdair Swan

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were approved.

**1 Matters arising -**

1.1 The insurance company admitted its own mistake, confirmed that cover has been continuous, and has started to direct debit the charity again on a monthly basis

1.2 The minutes are to be posted on the website

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**2 Re-appointment of trustee**

Having resigned by rotation, Jo McNamara was unanimously re-elected as a trustee.

**3 Co-ordinator's report**

3.1 The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

3.2 All has gone well with the group over the last few months with many events and activities. Highlights were the outings to the Great Tapestry of Scotland in Galashiels and to Paxton House in Berwickshire. The Fancy Dress Halloween Party was a great success.

3.3 Asda has very kindly donated £500 towards the group's crafting activities.

3.4 Oldhamstocks SWI has recently held a fundraising campaign for the benefit of the charity, raising a further £500.

3.5 The work of the volunteers is greatly appreciated, and they are willing to continue to give of their time to the work of the charity.

3.6 A new photobook is planned as a record of the group's activities and members.

3.7 Two couples have left for very different reasons, and their places on the group have been quickly taken by people on the waiting list. Referrals are usually found to be appropriate. Occasionally someone misinterprets what is on offer as being care for the sufferer rather than the carer, and they are passed on to the Day Care Centre which provides such a wonderful service in this area.

- 3.8 There is good visibility of the group's activities on dunbaronline.
- 3.9 Several Carers have benefited from respite care provided by a nursing home in Haddington, allowing them the opportunity to go on holiday, enjoy days out or spend valuable time in the home.
- 3.10 There is no-one obvious to lead the 'Moving Forward' group, so it is unlikely to be self-directed in the foreseeable future. Many of its members are elderly.
- 3.11 It was agreed that the 'Moving Forward' group would continue next year. It relieves pressure on the main group and, at the same time, it frequently answers a need to combat loneliness after a bereavement and a long period caring for someone living with dementia.
- 3.12 It is the tenth anniversary of the Dunbar Carer's Group on the (15<sup>th</sup>?) March 2025. It was agreed that there would be a party in the Gibb Room to celebrate with guests who had been associated with the group over the decade.

#### **4 Financial update**

- 4.1 The management accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 4.2 The deficit is growing for the current year, and it was agreed that grant applications will now be submitted.

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#### **4 Date of next meeting**

81 Countess Road  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4.15 p.m.