

Minutes of the DDN Trustees Meeting held on Thursday 27 November 2025

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2025 were approved.

1 Matters arising -

1.1 The minutes are to be posted on the website **AS**

1.2 Grant awards have been received over the autumn, but we are still well behind target. An application to the Big Lottery has yet to be made. **AS**

2 Co-ordinator's report

2.1 The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2.2 There are currently 9 on the waiting list

2.3 There has been an increase in the number of members of the Moving Forward group which now stands at 12 members

2.4 There is likely to be a couple of admissions to care homes in the next few weeks or months

2.5 The outing to the canal basin at Ratho in September was once again a great success. Members enjoyed a relaxing cruise courtesy of the Seagull Trust.

2.6 October was lively with entertainment from the Dunbar Ukulele Band. There was a great Halloween party with some special guests in attendance. National Poetry Day was celebrated with some fantastic input from all group members.

2.7 Christmas workshops were held in November, and we also had an author, Fiona Valpy, visit to celebrate Book Week Scotland, kindly organised once again by Lorna Hill of Sharing a Story CIC

2.8 It was noted that none of our volunteers are able to drive now.

2.9 All volunteers have reviewed the safeguarding policy. Training next year will include online safeguarding training and further first aid training which is required every three years

3 Financial update

- 3.1 The management accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 3.2 Grant funding is getting no easier with many of the funds being heavily oversubscribed.
- 3.3 It was agreed that we need to continue to be positive about our programme of outings and events, this being critical to the well-being of our members
- 3.4 There may be financial implications when we finalise a succession plan and it was agreed that this will be discussed in more detail at our next annual general meeting.
- 3.5 The proposed salary increase for the coordinator was unanimously approved and would have taken effect from first January 2026. Lorna most generously offered to waive this increase.

4 Date of next meeting

81 Countess Road
Thursday 19th February at 4.15 p.m.