

Minutes of the DDN Trustees Meeting held on Thursday 19 February 2026

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025 were approved.

1 Matters arising -

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

1.2 Preliminary discussions with the National Lottery have been requested. The organisation meets the key criteria and the Lottery will fund staff costs. **AS**

2 Co-ordinator's report

2.1 The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2.2 It has been a sad time with recent winter bereavements and severe ill health. Some members have been moved into care homes.

2.3 9 new members have been welcomed since the start of the year.

2.4 Death cafes (Sharon Morgan) or Grief cafes (St Columba's) are acknowledged as being options we can offer.

2.5 There are five potential new members on the waiting list.

2.6 The Alzheimer Society has referred people to the charity. They have all received a warm letter of welcome, but, as yet, no-one has taken up the offer. Maybe the timing was not right for them.

2.7 The group has enjoyed a nice mix of activities so far: Burns' Night, Zoom and Chair exercise session, plus a very informative visit from Rachel Davison of Age Scotland. We raised £255 for Lammermuir House at last week's Afternoon Tea Party. Zoom meetings have been well attended, and we were joined recently by Amy Stocker of the Royal Collection Trust, Windsor Castle, who gave a really nice talk on 'Royal Dining'. The Moving Forward Group enjoyed lunch out at Winterfield last month, and this month's planned afternoon tea at the Wishing Tree Cafe, Lauderdale Park has been postponed due to a funeral service now happening on the same day.

- 2.8 Two teams from Dunbar Grammar School have put the charity forward for the school's annual award.
- 2.9 The Moving Forward Group is growing with the recent bereavements. Most members of this group have gracefully given up their Thursday afternoon places.
- 2.10 Safeguarding and First Aid training is up-to-date and will be refreshed in the autumn.

3 Financial update

- 3.1 The management accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 3.2 It was noted that the charity is still running at a substantial deficit for the second year in succession.
- 3.3 There have been generous donations from the community over the last few months, confirming the value that the town places on the support given to dementia carers.
- 3.4 Bank charges from the Bank of Scotland are beginning to be charged.
- 3.5 The possibility of grants will be explored with –
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| 1. National Lottery (Feb) | AS |
| 2. Bank of Scotland (Mar) | AS |
| 3. Age Scotland | LB |
- 3.6 Payroll refresher training will take place at 81 Countess Road on 10 March at 2pm **AS/DG**
- 3.7 The following expenditure was approved –
1. Fuzzy felt boards for BeGreen window in May
 2. Seagull Trust barges for Ratho trip in September
 3. Coach hire for external outings this year.
 4. Miniature books for bereaved members

4 Date of next meeting

81 Countess Road
Thursday 30 April at 4.15 p.m.