

Minutes of the DDN Trustees Meeting held on Thursday 30 April 2026

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2026 were approved.

1 Matters arising -

- 1.1 The minutes are to be posted on the website. **AS**
It has been challenging getting access to administer the Our Locality website, and the matter will be communicated to Sustaining Dunbar. **DG**
- 1.2 The decision to purchase a Fuzzy Board has been cancelled because of price. Following the implementation of a temporary solution, it is hoped that Saughton Prison might re-felt a board for us.

2 Co-ordinator's report

- 2.1 The report had been circulated prior to the meeting, together with a couple of informative videos.
- 2.2 New members are settling in well
Music-related sessions are popular with those with sight disabilities.
The RNIB has arranged for its Community Engagement Officer to attend our meeting on 6th August, when he will carry out a number of exercises which will assist our group in understanding just what the challenges are that visually impaired folks have to deal with on a daily basis.
A seating issue has been sorted out with the help of the Library.
- 2.3 A former volunteer Amy has returned and has proved to be a welcome asset.
There is still a need for more volunteers and for younger volunteers who can become part of a succession plan.
- 2.4 Liaison meetings have been held with Alzheimer Scotland and Carers of East Lothian Linkworkers.
- 2.5 There are no pressures from the waiting list at the moment
- 2.6 The Young Persons Initiative Ceremony takes place in Perth on 10 June. If possible, we will identify a representative to attend. **LB**
- 2.7 There is a sponsored walk planned for June organised by Calum Fairbairn. We will set up a Just Giving page to see whether it can be up and running in time. **AS**

2.8 The teams from Dunbar Grammar School who put the charity forward for the school's annual award have been invited to meet the members and will be presented with an appropriate gift from them.

LB

2.9 Recent activities have included

1. A visit from Singer/Songwriter Alex Hodgeson.
2. A visit once again from Dunbar's own 'Herbour Mooths'.
3. Our Easter fund-raising afternoon tea party, as well as being an occasion in itself, complete with china, flowers and tables laden with treats, raised £170 for Beth's Project Linus Community Group (quilts made for terminally ill and sick children/young adults).
4. Guest speakers from National Galleries of Scotland and also from The Royal Collection Trust - both Holyrood House and Windsor Castle.

There are lovely events to look forward to over the coming months, including-

1. Celebrations for National Volunteers' Week.
2. National Carers' Week - Afternoon Tea at Winterfield.
3. Zoom sessions
4. Guest speakers.

The Moving Forward Group (MFG) has been a great success and will no doubt increase in numbers over time. We continue to have some nice monthly outings, with lots to look forward to –

1. DADADA performance at the Harbour Chapel (May);
2. National Gallery of Scotland (June);
3. day out to Eyemouth (July).

2.10 Age Scotland is currently working through its financial difficulties and will not be a source of immediate financial support to the charity.

2.11 Since 2015, 129 individuals have benefitted directly from our Carers Group activities; around a further 22 families have sought advice/have been unable to take up places/have been signposted to other sources of help. We have had 8 volunteers on our books - 5 still with us (2 since 2015, one a Carer in 2015 then became a Volunteer in 2019, one since 2018 and one started in 2019, leaving when both groups combined in 2021but rejoining in 2026); one moved away, one passed away and the other left after volunteering with us for 6 years.

3 Financial update

3.1 The management accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- 3.2 Recent grants have strengthened the charity's financial position.
- 3.3 Generous donations were acknowledged.
There is a donation (not yet included in the accounts) from Norah Anderson of the Dunbar Craft Group.
- 3.4 The Social fund balance at the time of the meeting stood at £809.16
Contributions to the fund are falling.
- 3.5 The application to the National Lottery will be aimed at getting funds for the Moving Forward Group. **AS**

4 **Date of next meeting**
81 Countess Road
Thursday 30 July at 4.15 p.m.