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

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2026 were approved.

1 Matters arising -

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

1.2 Both the Our Locality issue and the Saughton Prison Display Board opportunity were considered to be closed.

2 Co-ordinator's report

2.1 The report had been circulated prior to the meeting

2.2 There was a discussion about the group turnover, dynamics and needs

2.3 The safeguarding issue around any members who are themselves now diagnosed with dementia will be risk assessed in the context of their attendance at group meetings. It is for the family concerned to determine whether general activities should be limited. DDN can provide much needed comfort and support to such people and we need to continue to do so for as long as the situation remains safe at our meetings.

2.4 Our volunteers are becoming older and health issues are more prevalent. Their contributions are greatly appreciated and they are much loved by our members. However, there is an awareness that physically they are able to do less, and their ability to support activities and outings is increasingly limited.

2.5 The Moving Forward group continues to do well. It was noted that this group is not geared up to include those suffering from dementia.

2.6 The Group session on First Aid awareness was completed today by the British Red Cross. Because of issues mentioned in 2.4 above it was agreed that getting volunteers certified in First Aid was pointless. The co-ordinator will be our qualified first aider when she is in attendance. It was noted that here are other qualified First Aiders in Bleachingfield; it is not clear whether they would be willing to help in an emergency.

2.7 There have been recent visits to The Backlands, Amisfield Gardens and Lauderdale Park (Petanque & Picnic), as well as Afternoon Tea at Winterfield Golf Club to celebrate National Carers Week. There was a lovely get-together with the DGS team and teacher, Where the girls received a gift voucher each as a 'thank you' for their efforts in the YPI project. Once again, DDN was fortunate enough to have the BeGreen window to showcase the work of DDN and our Carers Group. National Volunteers Week was celebrated in June, when each volunteer and volunteer helper was presented with flowers and chocolates, and all enjoyed cupcakes with a cuppa. Everyone is looking forward to another outing on a barge trip at Ratho.

3 Succession planning

3.1 Here was a discussion as to how to best manage succession planning which will be progressed at our next meeting. **DG**

3.2 After a review of the Constitution, it was confirmed that the maximum number of trustees is six and the minimum number is three. **AS**

4 Financial update

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

4.2 Recent grants have been received from

- the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative
- Tarmac
- Co-op

4.3 Generous donations were acknowledged.

- Calum Fairbairn
- Norah Anderson
- The late Dorothy Denholm

Letters of thanks to be issued **AS**

4.4 The Social fund balance at the time of the meeting stood at £189.16 Contributions to the fund are falling.

4.5 The application to Asda will be used to help to fund the activities of the Moving Forward Group, if successful

5 **Date of next meeting**

81 Countess Road
Thursday 22 October at 4.15 p.m.