

## Dirleton Village Association

### Minute of Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The meeting was held by video conference due to COVID19.

Present: David Tait (Chairman), D. Carter; T. Drysdale, K. Cornwell, F. McClintock, C. Hamer; J. Macleod; S. Paterson Brown

**1. Apologies: B. Thomson**

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes not available for meeting 19/08/2021. **CH** to issue and **DC** to issue by Mailchimp.

**3. DVA Membership**

Recruitment drive is ongoing. **FMcC** is following up on a potential committee member. Stakeholders Group might generate committee representatives from Fete & Games, DGN, Lunch Hub, Market on the Green etc.

**KC** and **DC** formerly standing down at the AGM.

**TD** introduced **SPB** as his replacement as the ex-officio committee member.

**4. Public Realm – DC provided an update by e-mail 07/09/21**

*Noticeboard* – **DC** hopes it will be repaired by the end of October.

*Vacation Stone* – Meeting to be held on 20/10/21 to discuss repairs.

*Kirk Green* – Wrong lantern installed. Should be complete by 14/11/21.

*Main Green* – lights to be replaced by the end of the year but unlikely in time for Xmas lights. **DC** and **FMcC** to meet to discuss switchover.

The Christmas garlands were PAT tested by B. Nimmo last year. **DT** to check for 2021 certification after **DC** and **FMcC** have met.

**5. Planning**

*BT overhead to Yellowcraig Caravan Park* – These works would normally be undertaken without planning consent under permitted development for statutory undertakers. However, a planning application is required within the Conservation Area and this has been overlooked by BT/Openreach.

[Newmains](#) – The paddock area has been sub-divided for keeping Alpacas. Since Mr Rutherford sought DVA support for the objection to the BT overhead, **DC** may reapproach him regarding the undergrounding of overhead electricity cables.

[Equestrian Development](#) – Outer walls are complete in dark green cladding. White and grey roof panels previously installed have been removed. **TD** raised H&S issues regarding the lack of security fencing and toilet facilities for contractors and proximity to children's play area. The site also has poor drainage issues.

[Castlemains](#) - **CH** update provided from an e-mail provided by M Teague of MNM Developments. Site compound construction works to commence 27/09/21. Pre-commencement conditions to be satisfied prior to commencement of development. **DC** requested that **CH** reminds M Teague of previous agreement to replace the footpath around the bowling club building.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

£4,000 funding received from NBCAP for Christmas lights. F. Dingwall is chasing late membership subscriptions. Payment is due to Heritage Scotland for the castle access. Accounts to be audited and approved by S. Bachelor prior to AGM. Mail drop requesting membership subscriptions is complete.

John Findlay art sale – £715 received to be split between DVA and DGN. No gift aid claim to be made on monies received as it would be too complicated a procedure.

DVA commitment to £2,000 funding for Christmas lights needs to be ringfenced.

## **7. DVA Enhancement Project**

**DT** asked for the committee to come up with 5 words that express the DVA's values that can be used to present a mission statement to the membership.

**KC** reminded the committee that we need to bear in mind the charitable status of the DVA. The constitution would need to be updated and approved by OSCR.

## **8. Christmas Light**

FMcC identified agreed funding as follows: £4,000 NBCAP, £2,000 DVA, £2,000 F&Gs. £4,000 requested from Renaissance. Budget is £12,450 so there is a shortfall. Possibly request small sum for Open Arms and Castle Inn. **TD** identified that an application for £1,000 from GACC priorities fund might be accepted due to considerable funds already secured. Agreed the DVA would underwrite the £4,000 requested from Renaissance.

## **9. Key Stakeholders Group**

**DT** confirmed that there were no attendees at the meeting 30/09/21. **DT** to try one last attempt to engage stakeholders. **JMacL** and **DT** to assess who might be approached to join the DVA committee.

## **10. Village Discussion Forum**

Aberlady's approach is too general. **DC** explained the project to **SPB** and confirmed he has a questionnaire ready to be issued. The village needs to be happy to meet "post Covid" possibly March / April 2022.

## **11. War Memorial Re-Dedication**

Meeting arranged 20/10/21 to agree the ceremony. **TD** suggested early notification via website, Mailchimp, Courier, Noticeboard. Possibly Dirleton Primary School input linking into the curriculum.

**KC** has two wreathes. P. Duvivier to lay one for the village and one for the Lord Lieutenant. Ask H. Dalrymple of appropriate wording for the wreath from the Queen.

## **12. Gullane Area Community Council**

**TD** confirmed that £1,000 has been allocated from the Local Priorities Fund for tree planting by the villages as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project in commemoration of her Platinum Jubilee. Suggested locations for Dirleton are the gap adjacent to the Doo'cot where trees have been lost; **CH** to ask at east end of the village.

The X5 bus service isn't running and attempts are being made to get it reinstated. There are issues with Cala Homes and the temporary closure of the road to West Fenton. A new chairperson is to be elected at the next meeting on 21/10/21.

### **13. AOCB**

- JMacL identified that there is NBCAP funding for community buildings and suggested Wifi for the Kirk Hall. This would enable contactless payment for the Lunch Hub. D. Graham is supportive. There is a landline to the building so the issue is the cost of a router and an ongoing cost for the monthly broadband premium. **DC** to ask **DG** about these costs.
- The landline is meant for emergencies, but the phone needs a power source. **DT** to source an analogue phone to plug in that uses power from the phone line.
- The (Winter) Resilience action plan is in place. A meeting is to be held to agree grit levels. Met office reports to be linked to notification by the website. L. Scott, is coordinator for Gullane area and **DT** is deputy. **DT** to report back at the AGM.
- B. Moody asked about Neighbourhood Watch in the village following recent damage to a greenhouse adjacent to the playground. **FMcC** is the new coordinator. The school grounds including a bike track and basketball are actually a public place and so security is an issue. The suspected culprits are from the village and Archerfield. Approach the Community Development Officer regarding extracurricular activities to keep youths busy and avoid boredom that leads to inconsiderate behaviour. DC suggested out of hours CCTV.

### **14. Date and time of next meeting-**

AGM 7.30pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November in the Kirk Hall.