

Dirleton Village Association

Minute of Committee Meeting of 19th May 2022

The meeting was held at the Kirk Hall.

Present: Committee - D. Tait (Chairman), C. Hamer; J. Macleod; T. Drysdale, A. Orr; D. Carter; B. Thomson

Apologies: S. Paterson Brown; F. McClintock

1. **Complaint** – It has been suggested that a formal complaint is to be raised regarding the organisation of the DVA and legal issues. A special committee meeting is to be held to address this.
2. **DT** has resigned as Secretary of the Bowling Club and will not be putting himself forward for the role of Chairman at the next AGM on 17th November 2022. During his remaining chairmanship he would like to:
 - a. Bring the committee in line with OSCR policy;
 - b. Change the membership scheme to free with an option for a donation;
 - c. Progress the DVA enhancement project.
3. **Update of Actions Carried forward from 21st April**
 - a) **DC** grass seeding is now complete on the church green.
 - b) **DC** has submitted a formal request for planning enforcement regarding the blue tourism board.
 - c) Doug Haig is to get back to **DC** regarding DVA offer to replace the fingerposts. This was included in the NBCAP On the Move group meeting minutes.
 - d) **DC** to issue before and after photos of the Bowling Club House to Mike Howarth for the website.
 - e) **DC** to ask MNM Developments to contribute to the cost of rotten boards around the Bowling Club rather than upgrading the path as initially discussed.
 - f) **DT** the survey of grit bins will be completed when DART prepares for winter.
 - g) Neil Jones requested that the DVA issue a letter to HES regarding the payment for DVA membership access and programme for their surveys. A sub-group meeting is proposed for w/c 6th June – Neil Jones, SPB and Carol Tweedy.
 - h) Leuchie House has agreed to write to Caledonian Heritable regarding rerouting of the o/head telephone line. **DC** issued a plan to the committee.
 - i) **TD** made a FOI request to ELC for BW drawings for the equestrian stable block, which was rejected and has been resubmitted by D Scott, neighbour to the development.
 - j) Public Liability insurance for the Jubilee Tea Party is covered by DGN.
 - k) Constitution review and financial management procedures are ongoing.
4. **Approval of Minutes of 21st April** – proposed by **JM** and seconded by **DC**.
5. **Accounts** - **BT** confirmed DVA accounts 2021/22 have been forwarded to OSCR for approval.

6. Recruitment

DT to issue a plea to members via Mailchimp for volunteers to become committee members and take on the roles of treasurer and secretary. Community's Day to be used as an opportunity to recruit as a DVA stand at the Fete & Games.

7. Communities Day

Date set for 27th August, time and programme tbc. Hilary Smith chair of NBCAP will be attending as an interested party. All other local groups to be invited.

8. Enhancement Project

Aim to align DVA with modern practices. Suggested leaflet drop for feedback from members/residents. Suggested printing cost of £16 for 400.

9. Public Realm

- Lamp post painting is on ELC's programme.
- CH contacted Elly Douglas Hamilton regarding enhancement of the curling pond

10. Queen's Jubilee

- DGN providing afternoon tea 2.30-4.30pm Sat 4th June. Volunteers wanted for erection of gazebos.
- Planting dedicated tree 2.30 -3pm 2nd June with Dirleton Primary School involvement.

11. GACC

Fete & Games application for £800 from LPF has been approved for the balance of the cost of Festive Lights.

Beverley White of Dirleton Play Group has approached GACC for funds to purchase play equipment. They have charitable status. **JM** may be able to provide pointers for other sources of funding.

12. Website

Meeting to be arranged with Mike Howarth to understand how the website can be maintained. CH would like to attend.

13. NBCAP

JM to inform Hilary Smith that she is to take over from **DC** as DVA representative. **SPB** to represent GACC at NBCAP meetings. Gordon McLelland represents GACC at NBCAP. **DT** to check with CC on Thursday 26th May.

14. AOCB

- Peter Kimber has suggested that an ash tree opposite Amalfi is dying. **DC** to check for potential ash die back but may be that ash are just late to come into leaf. **DC** to report to ELC tree officer if concerned.
- DC would like to meet with the committee to close out the funds for the kirk green project, which included the potential replacement of the kirk wall railings. Monday 6th June at Castle Inn was suggested. Need to understand whether it is necessary to contact all contributors.

- Right of Way- ELC has now accepted that there was a public RoW through the New Mains Steading farm yard and therefore Mr Rutherford will need to formerly apply for a diversion that is deliverable within his own landownership.
- A notice should be issued to members to provide 14 days' notice to include items on AOCB.

15. Date and time of next meeting-

7.30pm 23rd June 2022

ACTIONS

- a) **DC** to liaise with Doug Haig regarding renewal of finger posts.
- b) **DC** to liaise with ELC planning enforcement regarding the blue tourism board.
- c) **SPB** to update committee on liaison with HES and need for support letter from DVA.
- d) **TD** to liaise with **DS** and update DVA committee on planning enforcement for the equestrian stable block.
- e) **DT** to check when Zoom subscription is due for renewal.
- e) **CH** to liaise with **MH** to get website administration access.
- f) **DT** to confirm committee e-mail addresses.
- g) **CH** to review DC's overview of the actions completed, ongoing or not prioritised from the previous Community's Day.
- h) **DC** to check for potential ash die back on tree opposite Amalfi
- i) **JM** to inform Hilary Smith that she is to take over from **DC** as DVA representative