

Dirleton Village Association

Minute of Meeting of 13th October 2022

The meeting was held at the Kirk Hall.

Present: C. Hamer; J. Macleod; F. McClintock; S. Paterson Brown; B. Ford; D. Carter

Apologies: D. Tait

1. Minutes of Meetings

CH to issue draft and approved minutes of previous meetings.

2. Traffic Calming

A vote wasn't held at the September meeting for approval of the suggested traffic calming measures as there were only 23 attendees and this wasn't considered representative of the village residents.

BF suggested that a pedestrian crossing might be considered but didn't think that the village as a whole were interested.

FMc and DC suggested we represent to the village for their views. FMc went on to indicate that the proposals are future proofing for quieter electric vehicles and self-driving vehicles.

SPB doesn't think we need to represent to the village.

JMac indicated that there needs to be consultation with the village once the Council have reviewed the proposals.

DC and John Findlay were thanked for their efforts in preparing the documents.

It was noted that there has been road surface colour change as part of the road realignments made in Longniddry.

CH to reply to Sheila Davidson's post on Dirleton News and Views Facebook page.

3. Kirk Railings

The vote was 14 to 13 against replacement but there is concern that the poor number of responses was because the voting procedure wasn't well publicised. The voting period should be extended and readvertised using all available channels including Facebook and Mailchimp and responses directed to DVA@DirletonVillage.org.

4. Festive Lights

No connection has been made to the new lighting column. FMc has requested this through ELC lighting Dept. and will try and peak to them. FMc and BF to leave the cable available for ELC to connect up.

5. Painting New Lampposts

The columns are galvanised with the top section matt black. DVA are chasing the ELC lighting Dept. to get them painted but as yet Glen Kane has not set a date. SPB to chase up.

6. Queen's Green Canopy

The trees have been ordered. DVA to pay and recoup the cost from the Tree Council. Mike Foy (ELC tree officer) will arrange for digging holes. SPB and other volunteers to mark out

positions with canes on 2nd November. For excavation 4/5th November. Planting, staking, deer protection etc on 3/4th, 7/10th and 13/14th November. Brian Moody (Head of Dirleton Primary School) to meet **SPB** after half-term to discuss pupil involvement. It was suggested that pupils could adopt a tree and be provided with a watering can. **SPB** to look into labelling of watering cans. DVA to issue a message to DPS Parent Teacher's Association.

[Treeline](#) has been paid for providing and planting the trees at Castlemains Place.

7. Planning

New Mains Steading - **TD** dealing with the RoW.

Castlemains – **CH** following up on compliance with planning conditions. **CH** to e-mail MNM Developments to follow up on the use of the Heritage Lighting.

Speedwell Gardens – Local Planning Appeal Board rejected the appeal against the decision to turn down the application.

17 & 18 Castlemains Place – **CH** to review the new application.

8. Finance

The accounts have been submitted to the new Independent Examiner (IE), Mke MacPhee, his limited comments have been addressed and agreed. **SPB** to issue a note to **BT** acknowledging this.

c.50% of membership subscriptions have been received. Felicity Dingwall suggested these are not chased up until January 2023. **JMac** to issue **SPB** cash, cheques and BACS records. The Open Arms have requested a membership form.

9. Kirk Hall

TD has not progressed the registration of a right to buy. He has informed David Graham of the DVA's intentions.

JMac confirmed that the Kirk Session need to decide if they want the projector screen agreed to be funded by VVVC. **BF** offered a free-standing screen.

JMac to arrange hall bookings for 3rd Thursday of each month excl. December.

SPB to check the insurance policy which should be posted in the hall.

10. AGM Agenda

Agenda needs to be advertised 14 days beforehand.

- Minutes of previous AGM. **CH** to send **JMac**
- Possibly discuss previous DVA achievements.
- Chairman's report. In **DT**'s absence **DC** to draft based on previous structure.
- Accounts presented by **SPB**
- Nominations for office bearers. If there are no nominations for chairperson then it was agreed that a rolling chair arrangement has worked in the past and could be adopted again. **DC** to send the nomination form to **JMac**.

11. Resilience Co-ordinator

In the absence of **DT** this was passed over until next meeting.

12. AOCB

Doug Haig (ELC) has been approached with an enquiry about buying the Village Hall. **SPB** to lodge an expression of interest with ELC.

Questionnaire response to the community discussion day survey is being prepared by **DC**.

BF agreed to mount the garlands on the lampposts. Need to test electrical connection.

13. Date and time of next meeting-

7.00pm 17th November 2022 AGM at the Kirk Hall

ACTIONS

Carried over

- a) **DC** awaiting feedback from Doug Haig regarding renewal of finger posts.
- b) **DC** awaiting feedback from ELC planning enforcement regarding the blue tourism board.
- c) **TD** to liaise with **D Scott** and update DVA committee on planning enforcement for the equestrian stable block.
- d) **DT** to check when Zoom subscription is due for renewal.
- e) **CH** undertaking training by **MH** for website administration.
- f) **DC** to check for potential ash die back on tree opposite Amalfi.
- g) **JM** to inform Hilary Smith and Doug Haig that she is to take over from **DC** as DVA representative on the Area Partnership.

New

- h) **FMc** and **BF** to arrange electrical connections for festive lighting /garlands
- i) **CH** to review new application for 18 & 18 Castlemains Place.
- j) **CH** to forward 2021/22 AGM minutes to **JMac**
- k) **DC** to forward nominations for to **JMac**
- l) **CH** to respond to **SD's** facebook post
- m) **SPB** to chase ELC Lighting on painting
- n) **JMac** to liaise with Kirk Session re screen
- o) **SPB** to lodge an expression of interest to purchase the Village Hall.
- p) **JMac** to book Kirk Hall for 2023 meetings
- q) **SPB** and other volunteers to mark out new trees.
- r) **SPB** to post DVA insurance policy in the Kirk Hall