

## Dirleton Village Association

### Minute of Committee/Sub-Group Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The meeting was held at The Castle Inn.

**Present: S. Paterson-Brown; C. Hamer; J. Macleod; T. Lonie; S. Low; F. McClintock; Z. Trendell; D. Carter**

**Apologies: None**

#### **1. Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)**

SL – We have enough information to progress.

JM – Raised concern that the DVA has previously been viewed as overbearing and involvement should be distanced from the SCIO so as not to affect village support.

DC – The SCIO should also include representatives from Dirleton Primary School, Fete & Games, Market on the Green; Dirleton Area Resilience Team.

The AGM should include a special meeting to review the SCIO draft consultation.

#### **2. Village Hall**

DC – John Finlay has been looking at costs for refurbishment. Jamie Wood, a Dirleton resident who is a joiner, has offered assistance. They require access to assess the works required but ELC Estates will not provide the key for an inspection, as Bob Simpson has expressed an interest in the building. If BS was to make an offer to ELC, it is likely they would have to put it on the open market. BS previously submitted the site for consideration in the LDP. HES were not supportive, and the site was not selected. SL to approach BS and ask him to confirm his intentions so that ELC will take action one way or another.

GADD CC has included the village hall asset transfer on their meeting agenda.

The use of the village hall should be included within the ELC's Local Place Plan consultation in April 2024.

DART required storage of materials for winter resilience (grit, snow shovels etc). FM to circulate DART plan to the committee to see what needs updating. JM to speak with David Tait about resources.

#### **3. Heritage Lights - DC**

The replacement of the remaining streetlights on the village green is with Doug Haig. They were on the Roads Dept. maintenance plan and require £20k of the £50k budget available to NBCAP. The On the Move subgroup meets on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

#### **4. Funding Opportunities**

Grant applications are open for groups for £5k to £40k through [Scottish Landfill Communities Fund](#). Craig Hoy also notified the DVA of other funding opportunities.

Erin Fulton Community Development Manager for Planning Aid Scotland may consult with the village regarding Sustainable Transport. Discussion might include accidents on Dirleton Ave (A198) at Dirleton Toll, Castlemains, Station Road, Cycle path to Drem/Fenton Barns. NB Trust has funds available, but Dirleton isn't eligible.

**5. Village Communication Responses**

JM – Mailchimp and General  
CH – Planning  
SPB – Treasurer and GADD CC

**6. DVA Meetings**

SL unable to attend the AGM  
AGM is at The Castle Inn. Agreed funding for mulled wine

**7. Festive Lights**

To be switched on 6pm 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Date and time of next meeting-**

The next meeting is a public meeting at 7.00pm 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Castle Inn. CH will take the role of chairperson.