

## **DAMHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2016-17**

Helen McKay, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

#### **Starting balance: £1661.33**

The starting balance for 16-17 was £1661.33.

#### **Income: £2038.02**

In 16-17, we received £767 at the start of the year in grant funding from Midlothian Council and third party insurance was covered centrally. Midlothian Council also lodged £700 at the end of March 2017 which is funding for 2017-18. Thus the accounts include two years' grant income and we will have no additional grant funding in 2017-18. The other major lodgement was reimbursement of £570 towards the cost of the notice board. Bank interest totalled just over £1 (£1.02).

#### **Expenditure: £1244.58**

The major expenditure (£984) was to the Grassmarket Community Company for the DDCC noticeboard. We expect that the DDCC will be given a second cheque so that eventually the noticeboard will be reimbursed in full.

Most of the other expenditure related to well established community events such as the big lunch and the litter pick. There were also two more unusual items of expenditure, both approved by the DDCC: a plaque to commemorate Lorna Goudie (£58.27) and historical documents relating to the Gibsone estate (£52.09). All expenditure has receipts.

#### **Balance at year end: £2455.77**

#### **Other activities**

An application for 17-18 funding was submitted to the Small Grant Award Fund - DDCC was awarded £700 of which £300 is for core funding and £400 is for building community cohesion and improving resilience.

Core funding covers the following running costs:

- a. Web site costs. The web site covers items of interest, minutes of meetings and notices of future meetings
- b. Postage for hard copies where residents do not have email
- c. Printer cartridges
- d. Paper for hard copy newsletters and updated maps of house names

Additional funding will be used to:

- build community cohesion by:
  - a. implementing the actions of the Neighbourhood Action Plan
  - b. holding a 'Big Lunch' and pre-Christmas gathering
  - c. organising meetings of residents with particular concerns over planning applications and development plans
  - d. holding 6-8 meetings to discuss items of local relevance
  - e. improving residents' safety by discussion with planning, transport, police and roads authorities
  - f. maintaining rights of way and other paths
- improve resilience by identifying key issues, and circulating contact details of both appropriate official services and local people willing and able to help.

The 16-17 monitoring statement required by Midlothian Council has still to be submitted.

Helen McKay, Treasurer. 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017