

DDCC AGM, 1 April 2019

Present: Neil Johnston, David Newbould, Natalie Frankish, Grant McPherson, Janice Milne, Ian Milne, Kate Marshall, Gillian McLeod, Ailsa Carlisle, Helen McKay, Stuart Clark, Constance Newbould, Jo Gillies, Duncan McAuslan, Julian Holbrook, Iggy Campos

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies: Catherine Duns

2. Ratification of minutes, AGM April 2018

The minutes were proposed by Duncan McAuslan and seconded by David Newbould

3. Chair's report (Constance Newbould)

The full report is appended. In summary, the focus in 2018-19 had been to retain green space and access paths and also improve the condition and safety of the roads within Damhead and District. We have been active in responding to development proposals, e.g. at the Ski Centre, Calderstones, and the mountain bike centre. Successes include the withdrawal of the film studio application and our own social events.

4. Treasurer's report (Helen McKay) (report appended)

DDCC started 2018-19 with a balance of £1226. We received a Midlothian Small Grant of £680 and had spent £825. The major items were warning signs to use during litter picks and an aerial survey of the Bing. Expenditure for the current year will be discussed in detail and suggestions for the following year's grant application will be agreed in September.

5. Secretary's report (Jo Gillies)

The rationale for the community council is to give a voice to residents and also to inform residents. We do this in various ways and it is important to get in touch quickly with new residents. Site visits were often more effective in engaging with officials than emails, letters or invitations to meetings. Community councillors must uphold and demonstrate the principles set out in the Midlothian Community Council Code of Conduct.

6. Stand down of community councillors/election of new community councillors

Residents who had been nominated included Stuart Clark, Jo Gillies, Helen McKay, Duncan McAuslan and Constance Newbould. There were no objections to any nominee. DDCC required a maximum of 7 community councillors so no election was needed.

7. Election of office bearers

Constance Newbould was proposed as Chair by Jo Gillies and seconded by Helen McKay. Helen McKay was proposed as Treasurer by Constance Newbould and seconded by Gill McLeod. Jo Gillies was proposed as Secretary by Constance Newbould and seconded by David Newbould. Stuart Clark and Duncan McAuslan were willing to attend meetings of the Midlothian Federation. Neil Johnston was willing to be co-opted to help as required for concerns about roads.

8. Date of next AGM

Monday 6th April 2020