

**Odd Down Community Association Executive**  
**Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**at The Green**

**Those attending:** Peter Perkins (chair), Jo Peters, Joel Hirst, Ruth Wishart, Liz Vincent & Graham Pearson. Apologies: Andy Stewart, Steve Hedges, Duncan McGibbon & Jonathan Windsor

- 1) Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> July - planning for Fun Day approved.
- 2) Youth services – Graham gave a progress report on the groups being managed at the Youth Centre by Youth Connect SW. With the new autumn term the fourth and final group would be run by Youth Connect team led by Natalie for 6 weeks. The last group had gone well but was still only working with a small group of specially selected young people. YCSW reported the continuity of working with several young people had been a bonus. Only some came from Odd Down. The layout of the centre had been helpful for that particular group. ODCA were contributing £200 per session. Members expressed concern that such an activity needed funding at our Youth Centre. Overall costs for 2022/23 would be £800. ODCA had set aside £1,000. *(The report from YCSW is attached).*
- 3) Odd Down Community Fun Day 2 July. Meeting looked through the report previously circulated that had initially been prepared for CURO, but now included all the financial details and prospective allocations as a record of the day and funds raised. £1287.42 was raised on the day with a further £182.50 by ODCA team. ODCA agreed proposed allocations of third i.e. £430 to the other 2 charities proposed by Better.GLL. (ODCA total £612.50). ODCA and Better.GLL had formed a planning team Meeting then looked at the notes from that meeting (attached), discussed options and considered actions for 2024. Suggestions to next meeting. Joel is seeking sponsorship for next year's event and has drawn up a draft letter. Need marquee. Graham to contact local schools. *(see attached for all the actions agreed)*
- 4) Grants 2023/4. A summary of the grants over the years awarded was circulated. Graham reported that sadly one of those projects Autism had closed due to lack of volunteers. They had asked about unused funds. ODCA agreed they would go with some of the toys to the Thursday Toddler group that meets at the centre as they used to. Suggestions for grants included a Christmas Party, a special One2One Christmas event, Shoeboxes, extras for foodbanks – all to help families over the 'cost of living crisis'. Please bring ideas to next meeting.
- 5) Community News: a) new group 'Friends of the Tumps'. b) Sulis Meadows – developers keep updating their plans and we need to keep up the objections as it may be a tactic to exhaust feedback. c) recycling operators strike 18 to 24 September.

Future meetings: monthly on second Wednesday @ The Green's Community Room.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023. AGM to be held in the spring.**