

Odd Down Community Association Executive
Minutes 8th November 2023
at The Green

Those attending: Peter Perkins (chair), Jo Peters, Joel Hirst, Liz Vincent, Ruth Wishart, Duncan McGibbon, Steve Hedges & Graham Pearson. Debbie joined meeting for item 3.
Apologies: Andy Stewart, & Jonathan Windsor.

- 1) Minutes 11th October 2023 approved.
- 2) Grants planning 2023/4. Continuing discussions from last meeting and sharing other ideas that might help particular projects eg (St Philips Light Party). It was decided not to advertise for grant applications as initially suggested due to amount of funding currently available. No news yet on Council allocations for this year. Postponed to New Year.
- 3) Youth funding. Debbie from Youth Cricket at Hampset Cricket Club joined the meeting to brief us on the needs for young people at the Club. She explained how the teams and involvement is growing (now 5 teams in various age bands), includes girls and how it is funded. A major expense is the Coaches who have to be funded. Youth joining fee is £60 for season with training starting early in the year. Committee decided to allocate £250 for Youth cricket at Hampset.
- 4) Odd Down Community Fun Day 2024: update- the planning group continues to meet monthly and plan for July 2024 (next meeting 21 November). The grants from this year's Fun Day have yet to be allocated. Peter and Graham to continue to follow up. Sponsorship letter being drawn up by Joel to attract funding. Primary schools contacted to design logo. Fun Fair booked. Letter going out to stall holders and businesses who participated in July inviting them to sign up. Good response so far.
- 5) Community News: a) Tumps – walk around for about 20 people with advice from Parks staff about work needed. b) Corston View Trees 2 ash trees have die-back and will need to be removed. In future whips will be planted as they take root better. c) Sulis Downs Planning meeting next week. d) Sports centre developments still awaiting response from neighbours over potential noise. e) Tarmac track laid to BMX track. f) Local police joining Sat surgery with PC Wesley McFarland, PC Milly Matthews, PCSO Kieron. g) ongoing concern over preservation of the Wansdyke as neighbours not recognising significance. h) 2 local Bus shelters glass shattered i) Burial Ground planning to spend funds replacing lime trees and erecting metal fence in part. j) Facebook now up to 6,100 users. Ruth asked meeting asked about approving so many businesses, focussing on local? Needs time to supervise. Debbie offered to help Ruth. Meeting agreed Ruth could exercise tighter control.

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

Next meeting: 10th January 2024