

**Odd Down Community Association Executive  
Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
at The Green**

**Those attending:** Peter Perkins (chair), Jo Peters, Liz Vincent, Duncan McGibbon, Steve Hedges & Graham Pearson.

Apologies: Joel Hirst, Ruth Wishart, Andy Stewart, & Jonathan Windsor.

- 1) Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 approved.
- 2) ODCA AGM planning: date proposed Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Possible venue Community Centre. Flyer for all houses, black & white photocopied to reduce costs.
- 3) Raising Funds. Discussion on financial position of ODCA and the potential for grants in 2024 grants. Awaiting information on the Councillor's grant and access to CIL funding in 2024. Spreadsheet to be updated. Autism group has closed and information on grant awarded to be requested.
- 4) Youth work: Peter & Graham had met with Caroline (CEO) and Karen (Finance administrator) from BAPP to consider hall booking costs but regrettably had not been able to reach an agreement on free access for the 4 YouthConnectSW groups held during 2022/3. They had already reduced the fee and did not see that work as a priority in bookings over other groups.
- 5) Odd Down Community Fun Day 2024: items next meeting 16 Jan. Concern expressed over recent Liberal Democrats Focus magazine and the impression given that they were arranging the Fun Day. Jo is collecting for tombolas – one for children and one for Adults. Gazebos need to be higher spec. Duncan has asked Time Bank about activities that can be hired. Groups to be contacted: BMX and History group.
- 6) Facebook page: Ruth is getting help from Sarah Kirby over administration. Meeting felt there was still too much advertising from outside businesses.
- 7) Community News: a) Regret over closure of Sunshine playgroup. b) New Year fireworks very noisy. c) Concerning information from First Bus that no 8 may stop running. d) Christmas lights for Odd Down as Bear Flat had done? e) JHoots pharmacy had replied to our concern over poor decoration advising us that they were looking at other premises. (Later contradicted)
- 8) Future meetings: monthly on second Wednesday @ The Green's Community Room.

**Next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

