

**Odd Down Community Association Executive meeting**  
**Minutes 13<sup>h</sup> March 2024**  
**at The Green**

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

Apologies: Andy Stewart, & Jonathan Windsor.

- 1) **Minutes** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 approved. Typo para 7(d) – Bloomfield Road .
- 2) **Youth work in Odd Down:** The meeting received a report from Graham, and Steve (later added to by Joel) about the situation regarding Youth Work at the Community Centre following the meeting Graham and Joel (by Zoom) had held with Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children's services at the Guildhall. Graham had described the Centre and the opportunities it offered to the Council, but also the challenge of the funding of repairs and the lease with BAPP. He described the previous useful services that had been supported by ODCA, BAPP, BYFC & YCSW since 2008 and the need for Youth work in Odd Down. Graham had previously circulated a summary of his proposal involving YCSW and BAPP for the next 3 years to develop youth activities in Odd Down which was well received. Sadly no response had yet been made other than at the meeting. Steve and Joel explained the financial challenges facing the Council at this time that made it difficult to get a favourable response.
- 3) **Odd Down Community Fun Day 2024:** Update on the work of the planning team. Peter was keeping in touch with CURO over potential grant to help fund costs. Next planning meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March. Suggestions were made about publicity, children's activities, tickets.
- 4) **ODCA AGM 16<sup>th</sup> April planning.** The draft agenda circulated was agreed. Flyer to be delivered to each home. Welcome to others seeking support for their projects affecting Odd Down residents.
- 5) **Burial Ground** request over Gift Aid. Graham explained the difficulties he had experienced in what seemed a simple request to help the Burial ground Project claim Gift Aid.. He passed his report and information to Liz for John Payne to consider.
- 6) **Facebook page - update.** Ruth had been able to change the front sheet which was welcomed. Ruth explained some of the difficulties she had experienced in trying to manage what was a useful community sharing tool. Businesses from outside the area were taking advantage of the site. She was planning to revise the process how people were able to access the site but this needed action by

closing the current Facebook page down and launching a new one with better controls. In this she was receiving help from Sarah, Sofia, Debbie and Joel.

- 7) Community News:** Previous item 7(d) Flats at Bloomfield Road has been withdrawn. (a) Bloomfield Road Residents Association have been able to get support from the Council for various improvements including crossings, controlled parking slowing traffic and cycle lanes covering Bear Flat to Bloomfield Drive junction. .Other suggestions were made by ODCA for crossings higher up the hill and by the Co-Op where there had been n accident previously .

- 8)** Future meetings: monthly on second Wednesday Community Room @ The Green.

**Next meeting: AGM Tuesday 16<sup>h</sup> April 2024**