

## **Odd Down Community Association Executive meeting**

### **9<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Those attending:** Peter Perkins (chair), Liz Vincent, Jo Peters, Joel Hirst, Ruth Wishart & Graham Pearson. Also Julia Goode (garden project). Apologies: Steve Hedges. Peter has received an email from Deb Cutler resigning as an Executive member.

**1) Minutes Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – summary below.**

Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 were approved. They included a debrief over **Fun Day** which again had been very successful. Attendance had been higher. Estimated attendance 2,000 plus. Spreadsheet ££ circulated. Agreement to plan for another in 2027 on July 4<sup>th</sup>. An update on the **ODCA finance** since the AGM was shared. **Publicity and Media** information. Picture of litter picking team in action. More pictures needed. Liz is continuing to gather information **Youth work**. The Friday club is about to complete its first year, which had now established itself and was planning a range of activities for the summer including use of the Sports Ground. **Community News**. Burial Ground information Interpretation Board was missing. New notice board opposite Co-op being strengthened. Minutes approved. Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**2) Matters arising: Code of Conduct:** Graham to arrange individual copies for signature following the approval at May meeting. **Burial Ground** – people are looking for where interpretation board might have been dumped. The Board was produced by the Council with ODCA funding so they should have a copy of the design. Ideas shared about potential for Volunteers to be recruited. Including special open day/event?

**3) Fun Day** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 follow up and our next 4<sup>th</sup> July 2027. Approval for Grants to be paid to Peggy Dodd Day Centre & St Martin's School food pantry. Midford Care Home as sponsors has offered £400 donation for Fun Day with ODCA. New poster from Peter promoting 2027 Fun Day. Graham to copy and circulate. Joel outlined the expectations of the so-called Martyn's Law. There were contacts he and Jenni had who could advise us and even act for us next year.

**4) Finance and Grants.** An updated table was circulated. The St Philip's school new playground equipment was being installed. With £500 from ODCA and advice about other possible grants. **Garden project** Julia spoke about her plans for the garden area next to the Co-op including bulbs for the Spring which received support from the Executive. £100 grant approved. Support also for the Christmas tree and lights to be arranged soon.

**5) Publicity and Media** – update. Ruth gave the latest news about Facebook and how the monitoring was being applied. Notice Board strengthened.

**6) Youth Work:** update Graham reported from the latest quarterly report drawn up by the YCSW staff. The new school year has seen good numbers continue. Plans for a 12 week programme which the young people will help

draw up. The Centre's Astro turf had been damaged by e-bikes burning with their spinning tyres on part of the new laid surface which was very disappointing. The Police and Council had been informed. Damage also included to the guttering and graffiti which had led to closure of the pitch, but that had now reopened at the request of local people. Joel advised Graham to send him an email describing the damage in detail and asking what steps the Council are ,or might take. Also reminding the Council the roof was leaking. Joel will then take that forward.

**7) Community News:** i) Local Plan for B&NES now with Council. Includes plans for employment at site near P&R. Restricting 3 bed roomed homes being HMOs and kept for families. ii) Zebra crossing still planned for Co-op. iii) St Philip's school safe street now in action. iv) Sports ground – new facilities being built soon. v) Sulis Down expected new plans to Council Oct/Nov. vi) Salvation Army coffee Friday morning.

**8) AoB.** The Executive Committee wished their thanks to be passed to our Trustee Deb Cutler for her contribution and support to the work of ODCA and the Fun Day.

**9)** Next meeting 14th October.