

## MINUTES Dementia Action Group Meeting Wednesday 4 January 2023 1600-1745 at Alton Community Centre



Item		Action
1	Present - Karen Murrell (KM), Anne Heath (AH), Keith Snelling (KS), Diane Bizley (DB), Janet Dunkley (JD)  Apologies – from Deb Grant (DG) from Australia who has attended a pre meeting via zoom with KM, Geoff Goodall (GG)  Welcome to new volunteer Diane Bizley	
2	Notes of last meeting Matters arising: Our rescheduled DFA Queens Award Ceremony took place on 1 December and was a most successful event with profile raising networking opportunities and follow-up good relationships - in particular with Shalden Village Church who donated the Retiring Collection from their Church Service this year.  Correction to Facebook post of 4th Sept. Please accept apologies re incorrect post, as former DFA volunteers Josie and Mick Neeve did	
	not resign, as suggested by a Facebook post. For clarification purposes: some of the current collaborative events held with The Allen Gallery are supported / delivered by Josie and Mick in their roles as Allen Gallery volunteers.	
3	Finance Report (Expenditure/Petty Cash/Bids)  Verbal update on grant situation / grants received / outstanding:  Currently £29,250.71 in the bank account with most of this already committed to projects. Full and comprehensive details available tabled for consideration.	
	Ongoing grants/projects:  EHDC x 2 – some still left to spend: Sensory garden grant by March 2023 / Friday session development – being introduced more slowly than originally planned.  No Wrong Door (past and new) – Past grant finishes March 2023 / applying for £8k for Men's Health in partnership with Men's Shed Allen Foundation – Horticultural support £2.1k received - this will be used to continue horti from April 2023  Haskins – presentation of £11K cheque due 18th January at Alice	JD and AH to attend.
	Holt. DG preparing press release re this event.  Hall & Woodhouse - grant awarded – amount TBC on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb at brewery meeting  Postcode Lottery – recently unsuccessful with grant application in	KM and GG to attend KM and DG to check
555	Oct 2022, opportunities to apply from Postcode society trust will reopen with a post in Feb 2023 - to reapply then	post code website in Feb 2023





National Lottery – Meeting Centre Funding for one manager and 2 KM to chase feedback from the staff/home service support applied for last May – awaiting Panel panel rep decision this month. Tesco - £1k received for horticulture Beer Festival - £1k being spent on Friday activities **SW Trains** – awaiting result of our bid **Donations** – RoundTable contributions covered our Christmas activities. Sponsored Walk £l.5k now in account and can be used for general running costs, and 'In loving memory' donations have also been received. Huge thanks to the families of Judy Snelling and June Peach (former members) for the donation in their memory. ATC - £10k of furniture applied for Edgar Hall – awaiting decision in Feb 2023 **Neighbourhood CIL** - 10k applied for improved sensory garden flooring – awaiting decision in ? Feb 2023 Community District Infrastructure Levy – bid currently being prepared to support proposed redevelopment of Edgar Hall – to be submitted in Feb 2023 – along with planning permission for the new project Update on Edgar Hall development with Alton Men's Shed - CIL 4 grant Following our successful 'Expression of Interest' in partnership with KM liaising with Men's Shed and Men's Shed, we are currently negotiating the final terms for the lease. Some initial remedial works will be necessary prior to using builders the building, followed by a plan for redevelopment prior to official opening later in 2023. Dates will be confirmed by Feb 2023. Registration for Charity status / Appointment of Trustees 5 With the ongoing success of so many new projects and the associated funding involved, the time has come to register as a Charity. Initial drafts of constitution and proposal of Trustees KM / KS to (without financial liability) currently being reviewed. explore further Keith highlighted that perhaps we should have a working committee and? look at in addition to Trustees, as it is more appropriate for not all Trustees Kingsley to have direct responsibility / involvement in the day to day running. Jane Ward from DFH, Karen Murrell from DFA and Dione Watson KM to explore (independent volunteer Treasurer) already happy to stand as with those put Trustees. In addition, Debs Grant and possibly Tom Floyd (TF) from forward and Shalden Church. approach TF Haskins Grant - Feedback on FLOURISH and Planning for 6 Flourish 2 - Alice Holt Forest events and photo opportunity start 4 March 2023. Pet Therapy. Flourish 1 – this has gone to plan and is on target – to prepare report KM to do for NHS for end of March Flourish 2 – Debs Grant is spearheading this grant along with Helen at Alice Holt for project running March '23 onwards. Friendly Hampshire **Friends** 

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	18 January – cheque presentation at Alice Holt when we officially	
	receive our £11k Haskins grant.	
	Registered pet therapy dog (Ellie) has been offered as an addition	
	resource (FOC) and may attend.	
7	Events Held -	
	Christmas events Yuletide / Cracker – went well with new members	
	recruited	
	Events to Plan -	
	Carer support afternoon (Carer Resilience) afternoon of 24th Feb and	KM liaising with
	a full Carer support day - scheduled for early 2 March 2023 - both	Kate from DCC
	supported by Dementia Carers Count - details to follow	
	Spring town park event – 10-2 on Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – who can	ALL
	attend to support this?	
	Demfest at Petersfield on 10 March – DFA to plan a 1.5 hr session.	
	Agreed to deliver this in addition with keeping usual Friday music	
	session going. Volunteers asked to indicate if they can attend to	ALL
	support either event	
	Dementia Awards at Winchester Cathedral - 13 July 2023 – Who is	ALL
	available to attend?	
8	Volunteer strategy:	
	Recruitment, Induction, Training, Coordination – review of volunteer	Volunteers to
	workload / responsibilities (paperwork previously circulated).	complete form
	Changes to introduce from Jan 2023	
	Volunteers please to complete and return form with areas interested	ALL who have
	in helping with ASAP to Karen	not yet done so
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10	Marketing - Newsletter & distribution / contact Phone Number / Website / Facebook - newsletter for March onwards ready for end-Feb	
	Ann has kindly agreed to take on the Newsletter distribution and suggested further extending this to include all estate agents and new housing developments/independent living developments/churches. (Usual print run 500-1000.)	AH to liaise with JD
11	Agree photo policy / storage / GDPR – for April 2023 (for Meeting Centre)  Needs to maintain transparency, awareness and best practice in relation to all data / photos kept. To be revisited once Meeting Centre in force with associated Charity registration. Agreed that we are currently doing all we can to ensure best practice / data security.	ALL to agree
12	AOB – None identified	
13	Date for next meeting:  Next meeting Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 1600-1730 – venue  Alton Community Centre (TBC).	



