



**Dementia Action Group Meeting  
Wednesday 1 December 2021  
1600 – 1730 at Alton Community Centre**

Item	Content	Action
1	Present - Karen Murrell (KM), Anne Heath (AH), Janet Dunkley (JD), Sylvie Stamp (SS), Judy Aiken (JA) <b>Apologies from</b> – Maxine Ford (MF),	
2	<b>Notes of last meeting and Matters arising</b> – were agreed and will be revisited as relevant going forward.	
3	<b>Dementia Friends update</b> – KM has been approached by a new Alton solicitor regarding staff training. <b>Champions update</b> – Nothing to report	
4	<b>Finance report</b> (Expenditure/Petty Cash/Bids) – Accounts / £6514.14 in account at present, £2500 still earmarked for Sensory Garden related items (Screwfix). So £4k in hand for activity running costs (which should last around 4 months). All looking good to keep us going for the next few months. Grants received / bid for: £8k No Wrong Door funding applied for – Horticulture Therapy. £2k Postcode Lottery funding to be applied for after Christmas £9,800k ATC specific project grant (Butterfly Walk as part of Sensory Garden) applied for. Aim to include pop-up gallery to display artwork/outreach post. Other funding opportunities: National Garden Scheme (community gardens) & Allen Foundation – grant for smooth surface to provide better access for wheelchair users Allen Foundation (garden related) McCarthy Stone £5k to apply for (in January 2022) Waitrose 2022 – to contact store to see if they are considering more than child poverty next year EHDC x 4 (Feb/March for April 2022) Screwfix – revisit for further funds Tesco – explore opportunities We now have a Reserves Policy in force, whereby we hold 3-6 months financing in hand. To be published on our website in due course	Quotes to be sought  KM to liaise KM  KM/JD KM KM
5	<b>Events 2021/ 2022</b> <b>Events 2021:</b> Yuletide Festival 4 <sup>th</sup> December 10-2pm with contactless Raffle DFA Panto as part of Memory Lane Café in place of Love to Move-22 Dec; Councillors, Mayor etc to be invited to attend. <b>Events 2022:</b> Demfest, Petersfield – 8 <sup>th</sup> April – minibuses to be available to support interested members. Committee members welcome. All about Plants event – Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May in Town Park - DFA asked to speak about Horticulture Therapy Platinum Jubilee - 2-5 June - ? we <b>MAY</b> be showcasing Butterfly Walk and reporting back on Queens award – TBC in New Year once we know what ATC has planned	KM & AH



	Forget-me-not Church Service – August 2022 – TBA with new Chaplain once in post	
<b>6</b>	<b>Newsletter Draft / Website / Facebook -</b> Current newsletter in print, now with Data Print. Will be ready for Yuletide Festival. Newsletters to be left at Tree Festival ? with Day Centre tree or Brendoncare	
<b>7</b>	<b>Development of Meeting point on a Wednesday at ACC –</b> Wednesdays are working well with plans in force for forward planning sessions (concerning Scrapbooks / Wishing Well Choir / Love to Move / Gardening / Intergenerational sensory session). KM attending Meeting Centres across UK webinar next week to check we are fulfilling requirements for Meeting Centre and explore opportunities for funding of Wednesdays – Zoom meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 1600	KM
<b>8</b>	<b>Review / plans for –</b> Memory Lane Singing – continue in NY, including Love to Move at Orchard House every Friday Legions Legends – to continue Friendship Cafe @ Brendoncare – to review in NY Tea Dances to continue to meet once a month on Tuesdays – with great support from Bluebird Care	
<b>9</b>	<b>Gardening / Outdoor events</b> Gardening activities going really well, with a successful move effected across to the Allen Gallery throughout winter. Good interaction and relationship now established. In NY look towards an Allotment group. McCarthy & Stone to advise when can help with renovations. We have been approached by somebody with a horse with a view to offering Equine therapy, which we will plan for in 2022	KM to liaise
<b>10</b>	<b>Activities – Activities resource book &amp; developments</b> We are now in Local Guide for newly diagnosed from DFA in Hampshire Guide, now in ACC Reception – do take and share. All members should have one.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Calendar for 2022</b> A combination of staffing issues at Treloars printers, the Covid situation and time available, are not going to allow this to happen this year. Agreed to leave out calendar for 2022.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Events / forward planning / meeting dates (2022)</b> Meeting dates for 2022: March 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> September 7 <sup>th</sup> November 30 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>13</b>	<b>AOB</b> Volunteer recruitment drive: Tom still at school. Liam helped with lyrics writing but not able to attend in person at the moment – he has offered to help with any admin / IT matters – so has asked to be sent some things to do online. Alton College students could volunteer – from Health & Social Care courses – possibility for volunteering but with Covid situation not timely to approach them – to revisit in Spring 2022 Facebook and Website campaign for volunteering updated and attached to training opportunity, but no responses so far. Possible breakthrough with local radio with interview planned.	KM to follow up help from Tom. KM to send some work to Liam. KM



	<p>Possibly we could provide a voluntary placement position for ie student nurses, which between us we could help and mentor. Being nominated and accepted for the Queens Award has been a good experience and helped us realise what a good job we are doing. Thanks go to everybody for stepping up last minute to make sure we showed ourselves to the best. The process has reinforced that we fulfil wonderful achievements on very small budget. KM to continue to liaise with Annabelle Boyes MBE as we remain in the process for consideration.</p> <p>Sylvie noted that Memory Café is working really well with Kat and Yasmin. When Social Prescribers visited, they took on board our need for volunteering opportunities, especially on a one-to-one basis. They were overwhelmed by how friendly and welcoming we were.</p> <p>No Christmas gathering for volunteers / committee members this year but all welcome to come along on the Panto afternoon from 2-3 pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at the Community Centre.</p> <p><b>STOP PRESS</b> – item to add – there is a possibility that we will have an extra Memory Lane Café – by opening on the Wednesday between Christmas and New Year – (29<sup>th</sup> Dec) – with usual memory lane in the morning and a ‘Twixmas Tea Dance’ in the afternoon – WATCH THIS SPACE - would be a good time for us all to catch up !!</p>	<p>KM liaise with Hamps Hospitals</p> <p>KM</p>
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>Date for next meeting</b> 2 March 2022 4-5.30pm at ACC</p>	

