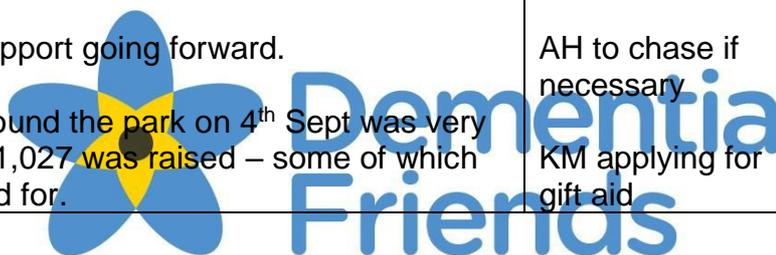




**Dementia Action Group Meeting
Wednesday 6 October 2021
1600 – 1730 at Alton Community Centre**

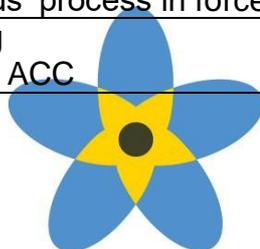
Item	Content	Action
1	Present - Karen Murrell (KM), Anne Heath (AH), Janet Dunkley (JD) Apologies from – Judy Aiken (JA) Sarah Westbrooke (SW), Sylvie Stamp (SS) , Maxine Ford (MF),	
2	Notes of last meeting – were agreed and will be revisited as relevant going forward. Matters arising – Exciting news - since previous Minutes sent out, we have received a nomination by Gillian Neeve putting DFA forward for the Queens Award for Voluntary Service! This has been supported in writing by the Mayor and by Kate Dando. Alan Titchmarsh is part of the County Assessment Panel. The outcome will be known in May 2022, and in June 2023 the Award would be in the form of tea at Buckingham Palace should we be selected.	
3	Dementia Friends update – KM recently gave a Dementia Awareness presentation at Austen Place which was well received. They wanted further information on signs and symptoms and what to look for. Champions update – nothing to report	KM to drop in further info to Austen Place
4	Finance report (Expenditure/Petty Cash/Bids) £7101.14 funds at present; recent expenditure being on Memory Café, Sensory Garden and gardening related items. KM shared the accounting summaries and reported a healthy balance at present. Graham Hill has indicated a further £200.00 may be available before end of this year- ? use this to install wheelchair ramp for access to the Courtyard garden at ACC. McCarthy & Stone will be assisting with the allotment site and will be providing some carpentry help when available. KM planning to approach the Allen Lane Foundation to extend our work in the Town Park in the form of a Butterfly Walk to encourage our members to move around the park. We are putting together a bid for 'No Wrong Door', a mental health transformation across the NHS in Hampshire & Isle of White which looks to improve access. We would like to increase our Wednesday café capability to help further in the community. Further bids will be applied for from the Council next April. Specsavers keen to support going forward. Forget-me-not walk around the park on 4 th Sept was very successful, a total of £1,027 was raised – some of which we can apply for gift aid for.	KM liaising KM KM KM meeting with ACC & Altonian staff to discuss further on 20/10 JD to assist KM AH to chase if necessary KM applying for gift aid



5	Events 2021/ 2022 4.12.21 Yuletide Festival, 10-4pm with Raffle 11.3.22 Demfest at Festival Hall, Petersfield. ?.8.22 Forget-me-not Church Service	Volunteers? KM attending
6	Newsletter Draft / Website / Facebook Singing event dates incorrect on current Newsletter, ie should be 5 and 19 November. Next Newsletter scheduled for December. Website looking good. Aim to link Facebook to Website with weekly updates.	KM JD
7	Development of Meeting point on a Wednesday at ACC – Update – to include: Scrapbooks / Wishing Well Choir / Love to Move / Gardening / Intergenerational sensory session Aim to make Wednesday a full Dementia focused day, with range of activities in the morning, additional horticultural support/interest, volunteer assistance from SW with ie a Quiz. After lunch KM to do Love to Move. Soon hope to extend afternoon to include gardening option for the later risers. Reintroduce Choir, bringing in singing in the mornings and alternative week afternoons. Tots Play have contacted us re a sensory Intergenerational session. Possibly to start in new year. Possibly 10.30-11am before Memory Café.	All involved on Wednesdays to try and attend meeting with KM, ACC & Altonian to agree plan going forward KM liaising
8	Review / plans for –Memory Lane Singing / Tea Dances / New - ? Friendship Cafe @ Brendoncare” / Lounges at the Lawns Memory Lane singing continuing on 1 st and 3 rd Fridays, this is being well attended and now held indoors. SW & KM looking to introduce a Love to Move session on the other alternative weeks for Orchard House residents from Jan 2022. Tea dances re-established, on Tuesdays. All pleased to be back.	KM to do poster
9	Gardening / Outdoor events – Update from Sensory garden team / town park & plans for the Allotment group. Regular attendees now visit and engage each week as do some of the children and members of public using the park on Sunday afternoons – so a very positive message has been given. Will not have sessions Dec-Jan to avoid worst of winter weather – plan to restart Feb 2022 Gardening related activities going really well but a lot more planning to be done going forward – to link up the activities between the Community Centre, Sensory Garden and also the Allotment when it comes into play in Spring 2022. Activities – Activities resource book & developments ? support for Altonian Memory Café at Home / Local	KM to meet with garden adviser Josie re a plan



	<p>Guide for newly diagnosed from DFA ? in Hampshire Guide</p> <p>Need to take opportunity to further develop resources we have, ie in Memory Café, box contents, ready-to-go kits, resource books and materials.</p> <p>SS wants to develop Memory Café activities in the home for when attendees cannot come to ACC. Looking at little packs that Carers could take to homes.</p> <p>We are also looking to introduce a MC scrap book for individual books to help both here and at home sharing photos, activities, etc. Craft paper to be sourced</p> <p>Looking for financial support for a DFA Community Outreach Project, developing resources for ie Altonian Care to effect this project.</p>	<p>KM SS to discuss</p> <p>KM</p>
11	<p>Calendar for 2022</p> <p>The possibility of having a Calendar was revisited and may well go ahead.</p> <p>Considering Specsavers as a Sponsor, or an Estate Agent, or local Solicitor.</p>	<p>Check cost / lead time with Treloars to print - KM</p> <p>KM to contact Solicitor - Kelly for support.</p> <p>AH to visit Estate Agents & SpecSavers for sponsorship.</p>
12	<p>Events / forward planning / meeting dates (Dec 2021/2022)</p> <p>20.10.21 meeting with ACC agreed regarding forthcoming Wednesdays.</p> <p>Hampshire Guide where we feature, to be printed and circulated shortly.</p> <p>DFA are no longer part of the HHH, who following successful CQC registration are focusing their Happy at Home activity in Farnham and Southampton and running Dementia-friendly Aldershot. We are therefore reverting to our Community Group status as before. Our insurance with Zurich remains in force. Many of our volunteers have current DBS due to their work roles – if any other volunteers wish to complete DBS this can be achieved via government website – and cost reimbursed by DFA</p> <p>KM shared our new planner slip for attendees to take home with reminders of what is happening in the future and details of what to bring next week (ie bring scrap books back/bring poppies/ etc). Blue Bus fridge magnets also to be provided. Sample sheet shared with committee.</p>	<p>KM to attend</p> <p>Volunteers to speak to KM</p>
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>We have developed lovely ‘Thank You’ cards for our new ‘thank you for helping us’ process in force after events.</p>	<p>KM/JD</p>
14	<p>Date for next meeting</p> <p>1.12.2021 4-5.30pm at ACC</p>	



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