



Extra-ordinary Dementia Action Group Meeting
Wednesday 27 April 2022
1630 – 1730 at Alton Community Centre

Item	Content	Action
1	<p>Present - Karen Murrell (KM), Anne Heath (AH), Judy Aiken (JA), Maxine Ford (MF)</p> <p>In attendance for meeting – Josie representing Horticulture projects</p> <p>Apologies from – Janet Dunkley (JD), Sarah Westbrooke (SW), Sylvie Stamp (SS), Janet Graham JG)</p> <p>KM introduced need for extraordinary meeting in order to plan for events on 14th May and 5th June occurring before the next scheduled meeting on 8th June</p>	
2	<p>Notes of last meeting and the Interim Horticulture Planning meeting – were agreed and will be revisited as relevant going forward at the next meeting on 8th June</p>	
3	<p>Dementia Friends update / Dementia Action Week (DAW) – KM will offer to deliver an awareness session on 16th May at the Community Centre after the Dementia-friendly Walk. Plan for other activities during DAW 2022 to be circulated to all shortly and shared at the event on 14th May 2022.</p> <p>Champions update – process for Dementia Champions is changing – KM to update all in June 2022</p>	<p>KM to book room for awareness session on 16th May</p>
4	<p>Finance report / Treasurer / Grants</p> <p>KM updated all on the arrival of Dione Watson (DW), as new volunteer treasurer. KM and DW to sort out DW having access to online account asap. Once this is sorted – volunteers and other will be able to send invoices / finance matters to Dione directly for accounting purposes. Email address circulated in last minutes.</p> <p>KM pointed out that lots of grants are currently being pursued to support new plans – most of these were outlined in minutes from interim meeting. In addition to this two other bids are currently being prepared:</p> <p>Allen Gallery – Josie looking at this for 15k to provide safer surface for sensory garden and provide funds for Horti Therapy at the community centre – from Allen Lane</p> <p>Bid for Heritage Lottery funding for large scale project in town park to include intergenerational horticulture therapy and pop – up art / poetry over a three year period currently being worked on by KM and Josie – it is likely to be costed at around 250K for a 3 year project and start April 2023</p> <p>Finance report will be circulated for June meeting. £1000.00 now received from Alton Town Council for work in Town Park – Josie will include this in bid from Allen Lane</p>	<p>KM & DW</p> <p>KM / advised by Josie</p> <p>KM advised by Josie</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>Immediate Events May / June 2022</p> <p>8th April 2022 – Demfest was a huge success raising awareness of the variety of events delivered in Alton. The crafts showcased will be shared with members soon – now we have made up some very useful craft boxes. A very useful resource book for newly diagnosed people to use to start planning care / finances was shared at the event – we have copies of this to share with members in future support sessions. Tea for Two – the very popular music act have been booked to come to our group on 27th May.</p> <p>14th May 2022 – Plants Event in Town Park – 10-4pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) KM to deliver talk in main marquee re Horticulture therapy 2) To have stall in main park to: share current news, sell some crafts, 10-4pm with Raffle (KM/AH/MF) 3) To have demonstration session at Sensory gardens re making of seed bombs (Josie / Mick to lead) <p>5th June 2022 – Forget me not walk and the Big Picnic 1100 – 1300 – Forget me not walk – at Town Park – repeat of last route – to be kept simple – to give our supporters chance to undertake the sponsored work. Paperwork currently being completed. Sponsor packs ready for 14th May.</p> <p>Rota of volunteers to be agreed for managing walk and marshalling.</p> <p>High Vis tabards to be purchased for this and subsequent walking sessions (KM)</p> <p>1300 – 1500 encourage members to attend the Big Picnic – some snacks made from allotment produce will be showcased / shared – herb scones / fruit granola bars</p>	<p>KM/MF/AH Josie and Mick to support</p> <p>KM</p> <p>KM/AH/JA/Josie & Mick to help KM to get at least two people to marshal</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Newsletter Draft / Website / Facebook All updated with details of the FLOURISH project</p>	<p>KM</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Development of Meeting point on a Wednesday & Friday at ACC – KM has prepared briefing paper re this – to be discussed with Jane (Dementia-friendly Hampshire) and Barbara from Dementia UK next week – group to be updated in June 2022</p>	<p>KM</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Love to Move at Orchard House MF confirmed that this has been going well and will hopefully not need to be cancelled again due to lockdown and government rules re what constitutes an outbreak have been reviewed to allow for more cases in the facility before declaring outbreak.</p>	<p>KM to do poster for dates</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Date for next meeting 06/06/2022 - 4-5.30pm at ACC – depending on weather and bookings at ACC ? to have a team BBQ</p>	