

Dunblane Development Trust

Community Facilities Working Group

Meeting held on 24 March 2011

Present : Ann Dickson (Victoria Halls), Steve Mason (DDT), Liz Fitzpatrick (DPPA), Ian Gill (Braeport), Ewan Wallace (Cathedral Halls), Barbara Allan (Stirling Council), Linda Gillespie (DTAS Consultant). **Apologies:** Bill Stewart: Jessica Lindohf, Chris Sawyer

Community Facilities Audit

It was agreed to do a press release about the Community Facilities Audit highlighting the high level of volunteering that takes place in Dunblane

Easier Access to Booking Community Facilities

It was agreed that it would be valuable to have a centralised location where people could find information about all community facilities in Dunblane with contact details including web links. Dunblaneweb already does this to an extent but the information is not sufficiently comprehensive. Each Community Facilities would want to keep control of bookings. It was agreed that a special insert in the Wire describing all Community Facilities would be valuable.

Working Together

There was discussion about the potential value of joint ordering and purchasing. We could cooperate in buying paper towels, toilet rolls, etc saving time and money. We could also examine the possibility of organising repairs, maintenance and cleaning on a co-operative basis.

Future meetings

It was agreed that in future, we would hold quarterly meetings of a Forum which brings together the main 4 community facilities (Braeport, Victoria Hall, Dunblane Centre & Cathedral Halls) and any others that see the value in meeting together

Relationship with Council

The Braeport Centre and the Victoria Hall have common issues to face given that both are owned by the Council and are locally managed.

Charges

There was discussion about charging policies and the recent 8.75% increase in Council charges. There is a need for local charges for community facilities to be economic, particularly in relation to commercial bookings.

Loss of Scottish Churches House

It was noted that bids for taking over Scottish Churches House were due in early April with a decision expected on Wednesday 5th May. A new business operation could begin on 15th August.

Facilities for older people

There was extensive discussion about whether there were adequate facilities in the Town for older people. It was agreed that more research was required.

Date of Next meeting : The next meeting for the Forum will be held on Monday 6 June 2011 at 7.30 in the Braeport Centre