

Dunblane Development Trust

Dunblane Community Facilities Forum

Note of Meeting held on 6 June 2011

Present : Angela Seaton (Dunblane Library) Ann Dickson (Victoria Halls), Steve Mason (DDT), Ian Gill (Braeport), Jessica Lindohf (DDT), Steve Birnie (Dunblane Centre), Walter Abbot (St Mary's Church Hall) **Apologies:** Bill Stewart (DDT), Chris Sawyer (St Mary's Church Hall), Ewan Wallace (Cathedral Halls), Barbara Allan (Stirling Council),

The Library, Dunblane Centre & St Mary's Church Hall : Angela, Steve B and Walter were welcomed to the meeting. There was a lengthy discussion on what facilities they provided and the challenges that were faced.

Library : Angela has recently taken over as community librarian and is keen to engage with the local community. Since recent reforms, issues of books etc are up 60%. They team up with Forth Valley College to run courses. 20% of people use libraries.

Dunblane Centre : Steve described the usage of the centre which needs to raise £160/180k per annum. They have cleaners who also do reception work. They employ instructors (for exercise classes etc). Steve raised the problem of cheques not being used in future and the issues that might raise for getting money in - pay pal?

St Mary's tends to have lots of children's parties, mother and toddler groups, karate and ballroom/Latin American dancing. They have a p/t cleaner. Just Chris and Walter do everything else.

Web site

A draft funding proposal had been circulated about the development of a website for community facilities in the town. As the discussion developed it became clear that what was needed was a new Dunblane website which covered all the community facilities, local groups, the traders, etc. The existing Dunblaneweb was seen to be no longer up to the job. It was agreed to host a special meeting to discuss this issue further (suggest inviting Fiona Jones, the Hub, Terence O'Byrne, Chris Sawyer, Bernie Beattie). The Library has a role in providing community information (they have a community diary) and any local initiative should take that into account. An upgrade of the Council website was planned. It was mentioned that S1 had a website devoted to Dunblane although it was obviously underdeveloped as yet <http://www.s1dunblane.com/>

Special meeting to discuss website - Tuesday 21 June at 7.30 in the Braeport.

Scottish Churches House

Steve advised that he had heard that two bids had been received to operate SCH. A decision is due to be taken on June 15th.

Facilities for older people

Steve updated the group on the work that DDT was doing with the Dunblane Senior Citizens Group in order to provide better facilities for older people in the town.

Date of Next meeting : The next meeting for the Forum will be held on Monday 12 September 2011 at 7.30 in the Victoria Halls.

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