**Dechmont Community Council**

**Approved Minutes of Meeting, 24 April 2019**

**Present:** Gillian Anderson, Liz Swarbrick, Vikki Kennedy, Amy Waterston, Sarah Macdonald, Julia Barnes, Lynda Mcgivern, Ian Ferrel, Siân Williams

**Also in attendance:** Rhona Watt, Cllr Chris Horne, Cllr Diane Calder

**Apologies:** Non

The minutes from the previous meeting were proposed by Gillian Anderson and seconded by Vikki Kennedy.

**Police report**

DCC have not received a report however it was appreciated that as the police do not have time to attend or make regular reports. In the future, prior to each meeting Lynda McGivern will contact the police to check on any information relevant to the community

**Bangour development**

No further communication has been received from the site developers. There is no mention of updates in local planning application lists. Cllr Chris Horne had spoken with Chris Ross and was assured that the developers are still actively pursuing the development.

**Village Improvement Fund:**

* **Hanging baskets-**DCC is in receipt of a cheque to cover the costs of hanging baskets.. Gillian Anderson will check that the brackets are correct before ordering as per original proposal. It was requested that the basket locations be extended to cover additional roads in Dechmont, Gillian Anderson will e mail all members for their opinion. Sarah McDonald will liaise with Mill Garden Centre to place the order for plants. Money will be allocated to cover 2 years costs to maintain the hanging baskets
* **Defibrillator –** Julia Barnes confirmed that the new Dechmont defibrillator has been registered with the Ambulance Service. DCC will organise a training day for local residents to show them how to use the defibrillator. Rhona Watt volunteered to create a poster advertising *‘Defibrillator Familiarisation Sessions’*, perhaps to coincide with a DCC Meeting, this will require requesting an additional hour of hall of usage. Lynda McGivern will create a poster informing residents the existence and location of the defibrillator, copies of which will be posted at various locations in Dechmont. Gillian Anderson will list the procedures for acquiring the equipment to be passed on to assist others who may be considering installing one in their area.
* **Sculptures-** Gillian will contact The Forge in order to be added to their waiting list to create 2 sculptures for the village. Funds will checked to assess what is available to spend on the structures (including preparation of the areas) Gillian Anderson will invite the artist (Rhona) from the Forge to attend a meeting to discuss design ideas etc. Cllr Diane Calder will check to see if planning permission is required and to discover who owns the two flower beds and the ‘Oatridge College’ sign. A date will be arranged to clear the sites in preparation for the sculptures and to salvage any bulbs and plants, a team of volunteers will be organised.

It was proposed that the existing planters and left-over sleepers will be relocated to an area in Knightsridge Road, Cllr Chris Horne will check with the council to see if that will be possible. The person who has been storing the sleepers will be rewarded for his kindness.

* **Other Business-** Siân Williams attended the Hall meeting reported back that the hearing loop is still not working, this is being investigated by West Lothian Council. Siân will contact Linda Sawyers to discover the outcome.

There is to be a road closure at Dobbies Garden Centre for a period of two months, Cllr Chris Horne to find out the reason why