## Meeting Date: 24/10/2018 Time: 7.00 pm

**Present:** Gillian Anderson, Sarah MacDonald, Ian Ferrel, Lynda McGiverrn, Julia Barnes, Vicky Kennedy, Liz Swarbrick, Amy Waterston

**Also in attendance:** Sian Williams, Lachlan Kennedy, Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Chris Horne

**Apologies:** none

**Previous meeting Minutes** proposed by Sarah Kennedy and seconded by Julia Barnes

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| **Minutes** |
| **Police Report:** No report from P.C. Rosie therefore is was assumed there are no issues  **Bangour Development:** Gillian explained the position of Allenwater and the Ambassador Group to those who had not been present at the previous meeting.  The proposed location of the school was discussed with general concensus was in agreement that a new purpose built school in a different location (to the right of the main entrance) would be better for a variety of reasons;   * Lower maintenance for the local council * Better integration between Dechmont and Bangour Village * People would be encouraged to walk to the school * Safety, as pupils would not need to walk through the estate * Easier access to buildings * There would be scope to extend the school if necessary * There is an area adjacent which could be used for playing fields   Alternative uses of the hall were discussed and it was suggested that a social enterprise organisation could take over the hall and develop a ‘Creative Centre’ to encourage social integration.  DCC and those in attendance realised that extensive discussions are required in order to provide sufficient feedback to Allenwater and the Ambassador Group, so Gillian will compose a letter to them explaining that the timescale for feedback was too short. She will include a caveat to say that we may lodge objections in the future.  **Accounts-**The Treasurer presented the accounts to DCC- they were approved.  **Rememberance Day-** Sarah will contact Uphall South Community Council to make arrangements for a small ceremony in the Rememberance Garden in Dechmont. Amy will approach a piper or bugler to see if they can perform.  **Dechmont Memorial Hall-** Sarah to devise a new rota for DCC members to attend the meetings.  **Defibrillator-** It has been purchased but it will take 6-8 weeks to get a cabinet for it.  **Village Improvement Fund-** The money acquired from the VI Fund should be used. Diane suggested that we enlist the help of the person responsible in the Council -she will find out who is responsible.  **Newsletter/website/Twitter-** Lynda has applied to the council for funding to cover the costs of producing a Newsletter. The proposed name for the newsletter is *‘Dechmont Matters’.* Sian has created a Twitter account for DCC and the website has been updated. Sian will create a ‘whatsap’ group to enable DCC members to communicate with each other in between meetings.  **AOB**  Local resident Lachlan raised some issues regarding the speed limit, local transport, dog poo in the park and on the football pitch and the provision of a ramp in the area where he lives. Gillian explained that DCC has already addressed most of these issues and they are either on-going or we will address them in the Spring. |