

DUNBLANE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

APPROVED Minutes of the DDT Board meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 at 7pm at the Braeport Centre

<p>1. Present/Apologies</p> <p><i>Present:</i> Stewart Corbett (Chair), Barry Makin (Vice Chair), Scott Williamson (Secretary), Paul Nelson (Treasurer) (by video link), Malcolm Dougall, John Clinkenbeard</p> <p><i>Apologies :</i> Bob Stainton, David Storrie</p> <p>Also present were Rhona McInnes and Ian Gill for the Giving Tree update, and Stewart Strathdee, leader of Dunblane in Bloom</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of meeting on 24th February 2025</p> <p>These minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>3. Action List</p> <p>The action list has been updated and is attached.</p>	
<p>4. Giving Tree Update</p> <p>Rhona and Ian reported on an excellent year for the Giving Tree shop. Takings for the year are nearly £150,000, approximately 20% up on the previous year. Footfall is up around 12%, and donations to the shop have been steady. 12% of the profits have already been donated to The Duncan Hospital Charitable Trust, the international charity chosen by the shop volunteers. The rest of the profit has already been uploaded to DDT accounts for distribution to local community causes and charities.</p> <p>Challenge include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- drop in quality of donations – the new administrator will assist in marketing and social media engagement to help address this.- dampness in the basement – a damp survey is being performed, and quotes for tanking are being obtained. Malcolm will assist in reviewing the result of the survey.- the need for new flooring in the shop – cost will be approximately £5,000, included in 25/26 budget. <p>The DDT trustees thanked Rhona and Ian for their presentation.</p> <p>The trustees agreed that that part of the profits uploaded to DDT should be distributed to local non-profit causes by a committee similar to the one that distributes the windfarm grants, comprised of Giving Tree volunteers, DDT members and one representative nominated by Dunblane Community Council.</p> <p>The distribution of the balance of the profits is to be decided by DDT trustees (though it will still be retained for the benefit of the Dunblane community).</p> <p>The proportions for each allocation have not yet been agreed.</p>	Malcolm

Stewart will take the windfarm committee rules and modify them to apply to the Giving Tree distribution committee..	Stewart
Ian has submitted proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association for DDT Trading Limited for the DDT Board to review and approve. Stewart will send them out with comments.	Stewart
5. Recruitment Update Barry reported that Kirsty Robertson has been selected to be the new full time administrated shared between DDT and DDT Trading Ltd. Kirsty has accepted the offer and it is hoped she will start in May.	
6. Working Groups Update Stewart Strathdee gave an update on the many elements of the work of Dunblane in Bloom which keep Dunblane as attractive as it is, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community and Rock Garden by the Allan Water - Fox and Bear flower beds - Coronation Garden - Beech Road bed - Marks & Spencer sleeper beds - planters distributed around the town and on the station platform - hanging baskets for the High Street - work at the Ashfield poly tunnel bringing plants on for later transplanting to the town All the usual activities for this year are underway and going to plan.	
7. AOB The trustees will have a full day business planning session. (Later this was agreed to be Thursday 1 st May.)	

Next board meetings:

19th May 2025

30th June 2025 (to be confirmed)

AGM - 22nd September 2025