

Note of Dronfield2gether Meeting and AGM 17 January 2024

Present: Shelley Hinson (Chair)   
 Nigel Hudson (Treasurer)   
 Julia Duckworth (Note-taker)   
 Stevan Chambers (CVC)   
 Rev. Andy Gore  
 Louise Hall (Service Development Officer, NE DCC)  
 Sue Ironside (Compass Care)  
 Kim Locking (Health Improvement Officer, Live Life Better Derbyshire)  
 Jude Milburn (Rykneld Homes)  
 Catherine Thornley (Feeling Connected Project, DVA)

Apologies: Tina Altringham (Social Prescriber)  
 Anne Turk  
 Sarah Webb (Children's Services)

Shelley opened the meeting by describing the work of Dronfield2gether and asking everyone to introduce themselves. She said that currently the post of Secretary is vacant, Stevan Chambers volunteered to advertise on the CVS website (Shelley to provide draft advert).

D2G has been given Lottery funding of £1,990 to be spent by November 2024. Two events have been provisionally planned so far, a Groups and Societies event in the spring and a Provider event in Autumn.

Shelley asked if anyone had suggestions for further D2g activities  
  
Suggestions were as follows:

Hold a summer picnic in Cliffe Park to coincide with their 90th anniversary to widen D2G involvement with families and children but would have to make sure it didn't clash with any other summer events such as Dronfield Gala, etc. (Heron Publications)

Hold a `Community Day` to coincide with the re-launch of Dronfield Market which could include other Dronfield groups e.g. Baptist Church `Coffee Pot`, Christian Aid book sale and possibly events in the Peel Centre and The Barn and the Library (Shelley)

Hold a spring event focused more on youth groups rather than adult, the latter being moved to the Autumn (Nigel)

Have week long activities where different centres could host local groups and societies, etc. (Sue)

Have 2 weeks of activities with the first week being a taster for events the following week (Louise)

Could invite different interest groups/activities to allow children to discover what interested them most. Groups can be identified from the Internet (Jude)

There may also be youth groups listed in the Dronfield Directory and we could compile an initial list and canvas sports centre, schools and churches for further suggestions (Nigel)

Canvass schools to see if could survey parents on what is needed for children in the area (Jude)

Could include children's activities with relaunch of market (Catherine)

Hold a cross generational day including older people in the youth events e.g. grandparents reading to young children etc. (Catherine)

An intergenerational event would encourage sharing of knowledge, for example Dronfield history, etc, but would have to be held in school holidays (Sue).

Could hold an event on the afternoon and evening to accommodate group organisers who work during the day (Nigel)

Outcomes

As the D2G Spring groups and societies event is scheduled for 11 April, there is not enough time to make alternative arrangements.

Will go ahead with the planned Dronfield groups and societies event and Christian Aid book sale in the Civic Hall on the 11th which will coincide with the relaunch of Dronfield market.

Will investigate arranging a possible `Community Day` for the Autumn (prov. 28 Oct) in the Sports Hall which could include a morning Providers` event followed by an afternoon Tea Dance and/or Vintage Fashion show. This day would be aimed primarily at older residents.

The idea of arranging a possible summer young people's event will be revisited at the next D2g meeting in March.

**AGM**

The following D2g appointments were agreed and confirmed:

Chair - Shelley Hinson  
 Treasurer - Nigel Hudson  
 Secretary - Vacant  
 Note-taker - Julia Duckworth

Shelley said that D2g wants to encourage better working partnerships and thanked the Dronfield Baptist Church, CVC, Derbyshire Voluntary Action, Rykneld Homes, the WI, Drone Roses, Rotary, Time Swap and Christian Aid for their support throughout 2023. D2g aims to increase and explore further working partnerships in 2024.

**AOB**

Louise Hall is working on getting local support for raising awareness of mental and emotional well-being amongst secondary school children and hopes to hold an event at Henry Fanshaw School early in the year.

Meeting finished at 12.10

**Date of Next Meeting** 10.30 Wednesday 13 March 2024 at Dronfield Baptist Church. Also, further dates have been arranged for the 15th of May, the 17th of July, the 18th of September and the 13th of November 2024.

**Treasurer’s Report to 2024 AGM**

**17 January 2024**

1. **Purpose of report**

To make Dronfield Champions aware of the financial performance and position of Dronfield 2gether for the current financial year (2023-24) at the time of the 2024 annual general meeting.

1. **Summary of the year to date**

A summary of transactions since the start of the current financial year (6 April 2023) to 17 January 2024 is as follows.

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| Opening balance | £238.58 |  | |  |  | |
| **Income** | **£** |  | **Expenditure** | | | **£** | |
| Rotary Club grant | 95.00 |  | Insurance | | | 129.10 | |
| DVA grant | 300.00 |  | Dronfield Eye advert | | | 270.00 | |
| Donations at GDG2g | 80.02 |  | Donation for hall | | | 50.00 | |
| National Lottery grant | 1,990.00 |  | Killer-Byte web hosting | | | 95.99 | |
|  |  |  | GDG2g refreshments | | | 58.35 | |
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| TOTAL | 2,703.60 |  | TOTAL | | | 603.44 | |
| Closing balance | £2,100.16 |  | |  |  | |

1. **Grant funding for the coming year**

The National Lottery grant has been awarded to fund two events. The grant period runs to 30 November 2024 but by this date we would be expected to complete all aspects of the work, including our evaluation of the events. This therefore effectively means running two events between now and the end of October this year.

The budget included in the bid was as follows:

Venue hire: £200

Advertising: £1060

Transport: £400

Refreshments: £100

Volunteer expenses: £80

Insurance: £150

Total: £1,990

The insurance is a single, annual expense but the other items will be approximately half the stated amount for each event.

**Climate Action North East Derbyshire**

On Saturday 18 November 2023, CANED joined over 50 groups and local partners in a nationwide Day of Action, calling for lower energy bills and warm homes for all. Further people signed the petition outside the sports centre in Eckington and the current list was presented to Lee Rowley MP at a local meeting. He was impressed with the number of signatories and recognised an old dinner lady’s name. Campaign activity, including further efforts to grow the petition, will continue up to the next General Election. All candidates will be asked to support the aims of the campaign.

The group has submitted a grant application to the community fund operated by Four Winds Energy Co-operative. It is hoped to hear the outcome by the end of January 2024. If awarded, the grant will be used for two purposes. The first will be to pay for several visits to the area from the mobile Fantastic Home exhibition of Warmer Derby & Derbyshire, a support service provided by Marches Energy Agency. The exhibition demonstrates a wide range of energy-saving measures that householders can consider and experts are on hand to provide further advice and assistance. Experience in other areas has shown it to be a highly engaging way of communicating information about energy saving as it is fun, accessible, informative and practical.

The second will target sole traders and other small businesses and organisations in the area. The group propose to run three Carbon Reduction Action Box workshops. These will be free to attend, last one to one and a half hours and by the end of the workshop, participating organisations will have

* An assessment of their carbon footprint
* An action plan for reducing their carbon footprint
* Access to further resources to assist them on their sustainability journey.

Crucially, they will have met and worked with peers who share their challenges and commitment and we will establish an on-going network of support. The District Council do not have the funds to pay for these events but they have offered to provide venues for free and to promote the events through their channels.

The next meeting of the group will take place at 7pm this evening (17th January 2024) at the Community of Christ Church in Clay Cross.