**DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL GROUP**
**Minutes of AGM held on Monday 17th November 2025**
**Dunchurch Village Hall**

| ITEM | NOTES | ACTION |
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| **Apologies** | Sandy McLean, Ann Wright, Sue Protheroe, David Gelsthorpe-Hill, Marion Greenwood, Amber Cummins, Phill Freeman, Mike Judge, Nicola Townsend-Kennedy, Jodie Jackson | |
| **Attendees** | Fiona Stevenson (Treasurer), Sue Eversfield, Julie Peters (Secretary), Carl Peters, Guy Watt, (Chair), Rob Collings, Sue Turner, Margaret Littlejohn, Nick jones, Chris Tabor, Carla Conway, Les Pearce, Paul Le Poidevin, Keith Protheroe, Sharifi Zaryab, Aria Koofi, Ahmed Khorshid | |
| **Agreement of Minutes** | The minutes from the AGM 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record. | |
| **Chairs Report** | **Chairs Report - Guy Watt**<br><br>Good evening,<br><br>As we close this year and start to think about next year, I shall (after reading last year's minutes) repeat myself and say that we can only achieve what wonderful work we do, because we work together.<br><br>We will hear the Treasurers report shortly and how much we have raised over the year.<br><br>When the Pantomime had finished, a few of us were asked if we would be interested in doing a murder mystery play. In one evening, we raised over £1300. That money goes into the account so it can be given to the organisations we are able to support in Dunchurch. It is worth noting that the figure was replicated in Hillmorton and hopefully in Long Buckby on Saturday coming.<br><br>It takes a lot of work from many people to put on the events we put on, I hope that everyone around this table takes pride in the amount of money we have raised and truly understands the value of their input as invaluable members of a team of people.<br><br>It is testament to the festival groups welcoming and warmth, that we have welcomed residents at Dunchurch park to our numbers. I hope that will continue moving forwards, but whatever happens I hope that Mariam, Levan and Shariff know that their input has been much appreciated.<br><br>I thank you all for your support in 25 and hope we can have a bumper year in 2026 our 50th Anniversary of the DFG Fete | |
| **Treasurers Report** | **Treasurers Report 17th December 2025 – Fiona Stevenson**<br>The Accounts have been prepared for the year ending 31st October 2025. I would like to give my grateful thanks to Claire Dickinson, who has acted as our independent examiner, for all the time and diligence she has put into auditing our accounts.<br>The Accounts show that we had an income of £14,541 this year, with an expenditure of £7,836.85 leaving a surplus of £6,704.15 after donations.<br>The breakdown of the surplus is as follows:<br>• Carol singing with Santa raised £520.12<br>• The Fete, along with the raffle, raising £5,643.76<br>• 102 tickets were sold for the Murder Mystery Play, raising £1,413.56<br>• The Halloween children's disco raised £252.41<br>Other income was received from donations, amounting to £1,279.69.<br>Over the year we have donated £762.20:<br>• Rugby's Myton Hospice Hub<br>£600.00 | |

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| | • Village Christmas tree lights & cable £162.20<br><br>During the year, grants amounting to £6,999.50 were made to 14 village organisations, from the 2024 Project Fund.<br><br>The Dunchurch Festival Group spent a total of £657.42 on the following purchases:<br>• 8 off 6ft table £263.04<br>• 2 off Cantilever Umbrellas & bases for the Fete £244.38<br>• Gazebo £150.00<br><br>Other expenditure includes our annual insurance of £711.86, plus £194 to hire the village hall for 10 committee meetings in the year.<br><br>Total funds at 31st October 2025 are £13,810.81<br>It is proposed to retain £4,360.81 to help fund future fundraising & social events, plus acting as a safe- guard against unforeseen liabilities. Together with setting aside the generous £1,000 donation received in the year, for something significant within the village. Hence, we have up to £4,950 to distribute amongst the projects applied for in this financial year, plus up to £3,500 for our own Festival Group purchases, which includes BBQs, gazebos and village Christmas Tree lights.<br>My sincere thanks go to everyone who has helped me over the year.<br><br>ST asked about the purchase of the Fete banner with the funds from Betty Green's bequest. Apologies were given for this not having been done and this will be done for Fete 2026<br><br>NJ extended thanks to Fiona for all her hard work on the accounts for 2025 and these sentiments were shared by all in attendance | |
| **Funding Applications** | Following discussion at previous meetings a breakdown was shared by the Chair. (A copy will be provided with the minutes)<br><br>A Cheque Presentation ceremony will take place on Saturday 29th November 2025 12 noon under the Christmas tree on the memorial green in the centre of Dunchurch.<br>.<br>JP is to email all the groups to invite them to attend and collate details for payment | |
| **Election of Officers** | Notification of the AGM was sent out to the DFG mailing list, and anyone interested in becoming an officer were asked to advice the DFG Secretary.<br><br>No applications were received in advance of the meeting and no new declarations to stand were received from the floor.<br><br>Due to the lack of other applicants, the existing officers were asked if they were willing to remain and all agreed.<br><br>Guy Watt – Proposed Nick Jones seconded Rob Collings<br>**re-elected chair**<br><br>Fiona Stevenson – Proposed Carl Peters Seconded Nick Jones<br>r**e-elected Treasurer**<br><br>Julie Peters Proposed by Sue Turner & Seconded by Carla Conway<br>**re-elected Secretary.** | |
| **AOB** | There were no items of A.O.B raised | |

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| **Next Meeting** | **Monday 26th January 2026 next DFG Meeting**<br>**Monday 16th November 2026 next AGM** | |
| **Meeting Closed** | 20:05 | |