



## **E – NEWSLETTER - Edition No 1 September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Dear Friends

Thank you for coming to our inaugural meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September, we had 50 people attend with 12 apologies and 41 registrations. Since the meeting we have had further registrations handed into the village pick up points at the Village Green House Hotel and the Post Office. So, we have probably exceeded a membership of 60 and I am confident more will follow!

What a good meeting we had! The discussions that took place, and the suggestions made, were very useful and gives us the encouragement to press on with organising Friends of Dunchurch. We intend this organisation will be transparent, efficient and effective with a focus on improving the village.

We have a lot to organise, so please be patient with us and as soon as we can we will produce a plan of action.

### **NEWS**

- the frontages of various businesses were criticised at the meeting, in particular the new sign at the Indian Restaurant was raised as an issue. We wrote to the RBC Planning Department regarding this and 2 others – see attached. We have now been told by the Planners that the owner has been asked to remove this within 14 days.
- As agreed at the meeting we sent the the letter to Dunchurch Parish Council asking for sponsorship of part 2 of the Planting Scheme 2019. (See the attached copy). They have responded to say that this has been passed to the Responsible Finance Officer and will be on the Agenda for the DPC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- The day after the meeting we received a letter of support from DPC – see attached.
- We have met with a volunteer who has offered to help with the printed Newsletter and another volunteer is working on a list of village organisations and contacts.

Thank you for your offers of help and suggestions for projects (please keep them coming!) – they will all be put onto our *Project Agenda* for action.

There is a lot to do, so to move forward we need to set up a 'Management Team' with specific roles - *Treasurer, Admin/Secretarial, Website, Fundraising*. Also we would like to know if you are interested in leading a group e.g. *Gardening, Maintenance, Litter Picking etc.*

**Please let me know if you are willing to help with any of the above.**

A lot of work has been done to get Friends of Dunchurch Society to this stage and from the response at the meeting it has been worth the effort. We are at the start line but we have every confidence that the enthusiasm and encouraging words from members can be turned into positive volunteer action. We are committed to getting things done in Dunchurch!

We will be in touch soon. Thanks again for your support

Ann