

FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN

Draft minutes of the meeting held on the 27th August 2018
Chalmers Church Hall 7pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Douglas Neilson, Graham Russell, Elizabeth Rankin, Alex Galloway, Mary Cramb, Carol Drewery, Murray Airth and Bill Young.

APOLOGIES: Norma Scott, Margaret Evans.

MINUTES: On a motion proposed by Carol Drewery and seconded by Mary Cramb the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

On item 8 on the agenda ER. Asked that on our list of assets, the benches in the Memorial Park be removed. The benches to date have always been the responsibility of SC and should remain so.

Motion carried unanimously.

ER also pointed that while it is possible to extend the border at the Station the decision to shorten it was only made eighteen months ago. This was due to lack of volunteers to maintain its full length.

All agreed that until volunteer numbers significantly improve the border should not be made longer.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Alex reported that we had a healthy balance. Money for the Tree Fund and the grant for the work on the Blairforkie shrub bed walls is ring fenced.

Two local traders had yet to settle their invoice for baskets. A reminder to be sent as October is the end of the financial year and the accounts to be presented to examiner. Action ER.

Collection cans continue to bring in steady income. A member of the community has made contact wishing to donate money for a new tree to replace the one recently damaged in the MP. Action DN
Application to the Waitrose Community Fund to help with the balance of the cost for the BFD wall. Action ER.

ER to look again at the CoOp Community Fund to see if we meet criteria.

GR suggested applying to the Round Table Charity Fund. Action ER.

BLAIRFORKIE DRIVE.

Work on Cosy Cott landscaping and the Rockery for the Raised bed to be the focus for the next couple of weeks.

Replacement plants for the dead areas of beech hedge to be purchased and planted. Action GR

MEMORIAL PARK:

Park once again obtained a Green Flag Award.

Group have requested a visit by Derek Leitch and staff to walk the Park and note the areas that need attention and replanting.

Carol Drewery voiced the groups appreciation of all the work that Alex Dunlop does in the Park.

CONEY HILL ROCKERY:

Needs a little attention and top up of gravel and plants. ER to contact Sheila and Fiona and will work with them on it.

STATION:

GR. Has made contact with Scottish Power to ask for top soil and grass seed to repair and tidy the area surrounding sub-station.

We have received money to replace the damaged shrub.

Murray has labels for the climbers along the fence.

BY reported that the Community Rail Awards are to be held on the 4th Oct in Glasgow. Tickets expensive and all felt that the event was not pertinent to us.

Ian A will re stain station planters when weather suitable.

MILLENIUM GARDEN:

Ian A to stain seats and planters when able.

Condition of the wood surrounding the planters to be once again raised at the C. Council.

MW. to be asked to bring this to attention of C Council.

TENNIS COURTS:

The group indicated they would support the C Council in any plans they might have to develop and maintain the Courts as far as they were able.

BASKETS AND PLANTERS:

All acknowledged that the Village has looked wonderful and much appreciation given to all the watering volunteers.

BY. indicated that Crush would like a basket. As we have one spare DN and GR to action.

Baskets to come down sometime first week in October.

Action DN

TEN YEAR CELEBRATION:

Following discussion, it was agreed to have an information day on Sat 15th September between 10 and 12 at the Paterson Clock. It is hoped that this will better inform the Community of our work and the areas that we have developed over the years. Hopefully we will gain a few more volunteers.

Tom M to be contacted for some collection cans and Ian A for old photographs.

Action, ER, DN,GR.

A.O.C.B.

Mary and Carol will organise holly wreaths for this year and get a price for the Village xmas tree.

Wooden benches and picnic tables need to be weatherproofed. Agreement this would be done in the Spring.

Daffodil bulbs to be purchased for the area outside Le Cropt Church where they are failing and some for the woodland behind B.F.D picnic area.

DONM 24th September 2018 at 7pm. St Saviours Church.

DN closed the meeting at 8.30pm.