

Friends of Bridge of Allan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH ON 26th MARCH 2018.

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Douglas Neilson [Chair], Mary Cram, Carol Drewery, Margaret Edwards, Alex Galloway, Graham Russell, Mike Watson. Bill Young.

Apologies: Elizabeth Rankin

2. Minutes of the last meeting

On a motion proposed by Alex Galloway and seconded by Graham Russell, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising

Re: AOCB of previous meeting:

i. 1 barrel and 11 baskets have been ordered.

ii. Tom Morgan has the letters to be delivered to the merchants.

iii Bridge of Allan Sparkles have held their first meeting. We confirmed we will continue to be responsible for the Christmas tree in the Provost Park. Concern was expressed about the electricity supply to the tree. Mike and Douglas will investigate this through the Community Council.

4. Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported that we had a healthy balance and that our insurance would be due for renewal shortly. Additionally, we have received a total of £1450 for memorial plaques to be placed on trees in the memorial park. This money will go towards re-planting in the park. Graham confirmed that of the 37 trees lining the path parallel with Henderson street, 16 have memorial plaques. Graham and Douglas were discussing with a resident placing a plaque on the seat behind the café.

5. Data Protection

Bill reported that the definitive list of members was almost complete. There were a few anomalies still to be sorted out. As soon as the list is complete, Douglas will email or write to all members to seek confirmation that we may retain their contact details and that we will not pass such details to any organisation or individual, except as required by law. The aim is to have this dealt with by the date at which the new legislation comes into force.

6. Web-site

Douglas reported that the web-site was 'up and running'. It can be accessed at www.friendsofbridgeofallan.co.uk . There is a method for those viewing the site to contact us. Douglas plans to include some historical information.

7. Memorial Park

Graham has looked at the rear of the noticeboard and cleaned it removing algae and mould.

The bed in the North East of the park, which has been adopted by the Rotary Club will be replanted soon.

8. Station

Bill has looked at possible means of placing water barrels on the north bound platform and has contacted John Wilson at ScotRail.

The plaque for John Yellowlees has been re-instated.

It was agreed that Douglas would see if Shiela Hutton, Shiela Gebbie or Emma Glencross wished to represent the FOBOA at the Station Adopters lunch in Glasgow in April.

9. Projects for 2018

Douglas reported that he had received a draft of a formal agreement from Stirling Council's Housing Dept. for Blairforkie Drive, the picnic areas, the area adjacent to Lloyds and the Millennium Gardens. There was a minor issue to be clarified with the areas in the Millennium Gardens but no problems were anticipated.

Murray and Douglas are awaiting estimates for re-building the wall at Blairforkie Drive prior to submitting an application to fund this work.

Carol and Mary suggested that a beech hedge should be planted to act as a boundary for the woodland to the rear. It was agreed that we should determine if this proposal was feasible and if so we should go ahead. Carol and Mary agreed to contact the Countryside Ranger Service and Stirling Council's Housing Dept. to confirm we could proceed with such planting.

10. 10 year celebration

Bill reported that we could use the halls at the Parish Church on Saturday 15th September. The date was agreed. At present, a provisional booking has been made for the whole day though (as suggested at the last meeting) this would take the form of a coffee morning or afternoon tea. As we can use both the large halls we could mount a photographic display and/or a Powerpoint presentation to illustrate our history/work. It was recommended that we set up a group at our next meeting to develop these ideas further.

11. AOCB

i. The wording and colour scheme for the banners and flags was agreed. We will purchase two banners and two flags. The FOBOA web-site details will be on the banners and flags.

ii. Carol and Mary asked if those who plant up the tubs in the village for the summer should be given directions for particular colours or plants. It was agreed that the people who plant the tubs in the village for the summer should be allowed to 'do their own thing'

iii. the bench near the entrance to the copper mine in the copper mine woods has been put in place.

12. Date of Next Meeting: 30th April **at 7.00 pm** in St Saviour's church hall.

Reminder: The date for the plant sale/coffee morning has been confirmed for Saturday 19th May.