

## **FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN**

Draft Minutes of the ninth Annual General Meeting  
Held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in St Saviours Church Hall Bridge of Allan

In attendance:

Douglas Neilson, Elizabeth Rankin, Murray Airth, Alex Galloway, Mary Cramb, Carol Drewery, Norma Scott, Gavin Drummond, Douglas Dodds, Robert Franks, Tom Morgan, Gordon Wilson, Graham Russell, Margaret Edwards, David Byres.

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

Apologies: Bill Young, Sheila McGregor, Sheila Hutton.

### **MINUTES:**

On a motion proposed by Carol Drewery and seconded by Murray Airth the minutes of the eighth AGM on the 6<sup>th</sup> February were approved.

There were no matters arising that are not on the agenda.

### **CHAIR REPORT;**

The report had previously been circulated to all members. ( copy on file)

In brief:

The Chair thanked all the various volunteers for there work over the year.

Baskets , tubs and planters were better than ever and the adopt a planter scheme had proven to once again be successful.

Memorial Park was looking splendid despite the recent loss of trees. The recent replanting of trees had been successful thanks to various donations .

The Station once again was a cause of some frustration with lack of communication from Scot Rail. However it was once again looking colourful and cared for thanks to the volunteers who look after the area. A shrub was planted in recognition of the Work John Yellowlees has done to make the Adopt a Station successful.

Blairforkie Drive looking good and continues to be a well used picnic area. A possible project for this year may be to improve the shrub bed walls .

The Houff continues to improve with the back wall being painted and tiled along the bottom and with the addition of hanging baskets.

Coney Hill rockery improves year on year with a variety of plants providing seasonal colour. Two volunteers have offered to look after the Millennium Garden this year and consultation will take place with the Community Council as remedial work will soon be required to the wood surrounding the raised planters.

Our main project for this year was the improvements to the seating area outside Lloyds the Chemist. This has been a great success.

The storage of our equipment has been solved with UPC offering us the use of a 40ft container. Thanks to Freda McFadyen who continues to allow us to store the trailer in her garage.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST OCTOBER 2017.**

The treasurer presented the accounts . Norma Scott proposed and Gavin Drummond seconded a motion that the accounts be approved. The motion was passed.

( Copy of accounts on file. )

Request from the floor that the previous years figures be printed alongside the current years. The treasurer agreed to take this into consideration for this years report.

### **APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER.**

Elizabeth Rankin proposed and Alex Galloway seconded that Alex Campbell should be reappointed as Examiner of the accounts for the period up to the next AGM.

The motion was passed . Thanks were recorded to Alex Campbell for his work this current year.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

In accordance with the 2013 Constitution nominations for Office Bearers and other members of the Management Committee, duly proposed and seconded were publicised more than fourteen days prior to the AGM .

Question from the floor regarding the new appointment of a Minute Secretary without having first being taken to an AGM and the coopting of new members onto the Committee at an AGM.

The post of secretary will stand unaltered at present.

On a motion proposed by Gavin Drummond and seconded by Gordon Wilson the slate of nominations for elected membership ,(omitting the above post of minute secretary ) of the Committee was considered and the nominees elected.

Margaret Edwards was proposed as a member of the Committee by Carol Drewery and seconded by Mary Cramb.

Marcus Wood will be welcomed onto the Committee at the next meeting if he still wishes serve on the Committee.

The Chair of the Community Council Mike Watson is the current Community Council representative on the Committee.

(Copy of the slate of nominees attached )

### **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION.**

The Chair had previously circulated the proposed changes to the constitution .

There were comments from the floor objecting to some of the proposed changes which were discussed in full by those present.

The Chair called for a vote to accept the proposed changes to the Constitution.

The vote by a show of hands showed a majority in favour of the proposed changes therefore the motion was carried.

## **DIARY DATES**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Annual coffee morning and plant sale.

Ten year celebration possible early summer.

The Committee meetings will take place on the last Monday of the Month in St Saviours Church Hall at 7pm.

## **AOCB.**

Request for circulation of minutes to go out to all members to keep them informed.

Question of Data protection raised when circulating all members email contact addresses.

These points will be discussed at the next full meeting of the Committee.

Chair informed those present that we now have a Web page and this will hopefully be up and running in the near future . It is hoped that this will keep members and the Community informed of all our activities.

Question from the floor about circulation of minutes to the Community Council. Assurances given that the minutes are sent to both the Chair and the Secretary of the Community Council and always have been.

Suggestions made as to what we might consider as projects for the coming year including renewal of the village notice board and forming some kind of barrier to prevent encroaching woodland at the rear of Blairforkie garden area.

The points were duly noted and will be discussed at committee.

Douglas Dodds our Electoral member advised all to look online at Stirling Councils priority budgeting document as it will have a big impact on the area particularly in relation to grass cutting and formal seasonal planting .

As there was no other pertinent business the meeting was brought to a close by the Chair.