

FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN

Draft minutes of the meeting held on the 24th September 2018
Chalmers Church Hall at 7pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Douglas Neilson, Elizabeth Rankin, Alex Galloway, Carol Drewery, Mary Cramb, Norma Scott, Bill Young, Mike Watson, Murray Airth.

APOLOGIES: Graham Russel, Margaret Edwards .

MINUTES: Carol Drewery proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved, this motion was seconded by Mary Cramb.

MATTERS ARISING:

The outstanding account for baskets has not as yet been settled. Reminder letter to be sent.

Action. ER.

ER reported that an application has been sent to Waitrose for funding.
Round Table not contacted re funding , decision made to leave meantime.
Coop community fund closed till Spring 2019.

The 10year information sharing day held in the Village was agreed to be a big success and should be held every year.

TREASURERS REPORT.

Bank balance remains steady with money set aside for the Park Tree fund and including the Grant for Blairforkie.

Collection cans continue to bring in a steady stream.

Alex reported that more companies are now dealing with BACS payment and are refusing cheques. The decision was made unanimously by the group that we should look to online banking for future transactions.

As this means a change to the wording in the relevant section of the Constitution , an EGM is to be held prior to our next meeting on the 5th November to discuss the appropriate change.

A notice of the EGM and the suggested change to the Constitution is to be circulated to members.

Action DN.

FUNDING.

A Local businessman has offered funding for a project up to £500 . A note of appreciation to be sent and we will look at how this could be used in the New Year.

Action E.R

MEMORIAL PARK.

A meeting of the Steering Group to be arranged to discuss points from our last meeting and the felling or removal of dead trees and replanting.

Action E.R

M.W reported that the Community Council were looking at possible funding to replace the surface of the Tennis Courts.

The Council have agreed to a new tennis net for the M.U.G.A

STATION.

G.R reported that he had obtained funding from Scottish Power which has allowed for top soil to be layed around the substation and sown with grass seed.

A replacement tree for John Yellowless has also been funded and planted.

Scot Rail to paint the seats and planters.

Blairforkie Drive in need of a weed and tidy, Cosy Cott to be landscaped before the winter begins, the raised bed at the foot of Blairforkie has been planted as a small Rockery. NS volunteered to look after.

Daffodil bulbs to be purchased to finish planting on the verge outside Le Cropt and some for the woodland area at Blairforkie.

The group thought that a Community Day to plant in the woodland area was a good idea and the date of the 7th Oct between 2 and 3 pm was agreed. Posters and email giving information to be circulated.

Action DN.

Planters and tubs will be emptied as needed. Large planters will be replanted and baskets filled for the Lloyds planter. Some of the Volunteers who do the small planters are doing Winter/Spring planting.

Baskets to come down in the next couple of weeks. Watering stopped. New white line to be painted on bottom of baskets before going for storage.

Action D.N

Group to look at possible new watering machines/ buggies for the future in case of breakdown of those currently used.

CHRISTMAS:

The Westerton Arms has been booked for the 28th of November at 7pm as agreed at the last meeting. Members circulated with this information.

Carol and Mary to ask about price and delivery of a Christmas tree when ordering the wreaths.

The date of the AGM will be on the 14th Jan at 7.30 in St Saviours Church Hall.

AOCB:

Mike Watson reported that the elections for the Community Council will take place mid Oct . Notice will be given on the usual channels.

Mike informed us that he would be sending a statement to the Stirling Observer clarifying how funds are accessed from the Community Grant Fund(Museum Hall Fund) .

Bill gave notice of a Scarecrow competition being run by the Church. He asked if he could have assistance to put in an entry from the Friends. ER volunteered .

ER reported that she had caught up with both the Volunteers for the Station and Coney Hill Rockery . Both groups happy to continue with the maintenance of these areas. The Rockery could do with a top up of gravel on the next couple of weeks.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

The DONM will be 5th November following the EGM.

