

## **FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN ST SAVIOURS CHURCH HALL MONDAY THE 14TH JANUARY 2019 7.30 PM.**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Douglas Neilson, Graham Russell, Elizabeth Rankin, Carol Drewery, Mary Cram, Murray Airth.

APOLOGIES; Alex Galloway.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

B.F.D. Meeting with the Dry-Stone Dyke Association representatives tomorrow morning to discuss what will be possible in the way of rebuilding / repair to the shrub bed walls. E.R to contact Jean Cowie re the funding for this project due to a requirement to extend the time period. The dead beech hedging will be replaced in the next few weeks.

#### **GENERAL REPORT:**

The Chair remarked on the success of the end of season dinner, it was nice to see some new faces. The Christmas wreaths were great this year. However, it was generally felt that something could be done with the Christmas tree and the lights for next year. After some discussion members agreed to do some research on other possibilities / changes for next year and report back to the next meeting. A little vandalism had been done to the planters on the bridge, the plants have now been replaced. The collection cans continue to be a great source of income. Cans to be offered to some of the new businesses in the Village.

Carol Drewery asked if the Committee should contribute toward costs for petrol etc incurred by members. All agreed that we consider it a part of our personal contribution to the group.

#### **MEMORIAL PARK STEERING GROUP.**

Graham reported on the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

The Council will be going for another Green Flag this year. The official visit will be formal this year and not just a spot check.

The Tennis Courts are always discussed at this meeting and once again discussion took place on how they could be improved / upgraded. Decision was made that a survey should be carried out to find out the Community view on what was wanted for this area. The Community Council will lead on this issue.

More dead / diseased trees have been removed in the Park. In a site visit by Stirling Council in November the purchase and variety of new trees was discussed. Stirling Council have provided us with costings for this new planting. The Committee agree to paying a sum of £800 from the planting fund towards the purchase of the trees. Stirling Council will pay the balance.

We would hope to have some discussion in the early Spring on planting and replacing some of the shrubs within the Park.

The next step of development for the Park was agreed as remodelling the Peace Garden. It has become very overgrown and the flower beds tend to flood. This is dependent on funding being available at some point.

The damage to the paintwork on the benches is going to be difficult to repair as requires the benches to be removed and sent back to manufacturer. As the damage is slight it was decided to leave in the meantime.

Group has been offered a Blue Spruce from a member of the Community. It was agreed this would be suitable for the Park.

The tree chippings have now been spread in shrub beds and the excess removed.

#### EQUIPMENT:

Douglas presented a quote from Amberol for the planters/ baskets required for next year. Purchase of a Promenade Planter to join the other two in Henderson Street and baskets for some of the new businesses was agreed.

E.R to contact member of the Community who is interested in contributing towards the purchases.

#### A.O.C.B.

E.R had a visit to the Braehead and Broomridge Community Development Trust premises. They would be happy to take our end of season plants etc and overwinter them in their Poly Tunnels. The group also extended an invitation to come and meet with them in the Spring and see what they do as a Community. The Committee were interested and E.R to arrange.

E.R requested that the Park composters could be turned over this year and some of the compost used in B.F.D.

As the Church secretary has now left the date of the 18<sup>th</sup> May for the Plant Sale needs to be confirmed with the Church. D.N will Liaise with BY as ER away for a period.

Carol Drewery agreed to take minutes of next meeting in her absence.

The group has received an invitation to the induction of the new Rector of St Saviours Church on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> February followed by a buffet in the Chalmers Hall. Carol Drewery agreed to represent the group.

#### D.O.N.M

25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7.30 St Saviours Church.