

FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN
Minutes for the 25th February 2019
St Saviours Church hall

Members in Attendance: Dougie Neilson. Graham Russell. Carol Drewery.
Murray Airth. Sheila Hutton. Sheila Gebbie.

Apologies: Liz Rankin. Alex Galloway. Mary Cram. Mike Watson.

Matters Arising:

Dougie proposed an amendment to the January minutes, re- Memorial Park -excess chippings removed from the Park entrance.

Blairforkie Drive: The outcome of a meeting with members of the Drystone Walling association, unfortunately they were reluctant to take on the rebuild of the three flower beds due to health and safety obstacles in their official capacity. However, they would be prepared to tidy up the area by using the stone present. Awaiting further future contact from them.

Provost Park: 2019 real Christmas Tree verses Artificial, still under review until next meeting.

General Report:

Memorial Park: A donated Blue Spruce has been planted in the Rotary bed.

Following a request to empty the compost bins, one has now been emptied and the compost utilised at the Blairforkie area around the new beech hedging.

Coffee morning and Plant sale, date confirmed, and Chalmers Hall booked. Rental for the morning has been increased to £88.

Excellent show of Snow drops Daffodils etc. all blooming well.

Finance: Full on line/ internet banking now in operation with the Clydesdale Bank. The report from the treasurer is held on file. Currently awaiting invoice for £800 from Stirling Council as our contribution to the replanting of trees in the Memorial Park. When this is paid the tree fund for Memorial Park will stand at £658. Awaiting invoice for £582 from Amberol for recent purchases however, we will recover £225.60 of this from the Church for their two barrels. If the wall building at Blairforkie Drive does not go ahead then we will require to refund £1500 to Stirling Council.

Memorial Park Steering Group:

General tidying up around Memorial Park and Blairforkie continues. Stirling Council have planted 10 trees in the park. The dead cherry on the main avenue has been replaced.

Tennis Courts: Bill Fortune has taken over for Mike Watson to co-ordinate improvements to the area. Proposed - all weather courts to include a child's sized court and an outdoor gym. 'NO DOGS' signs have been put up by the council to deter dog users using the area.

2019 Amberol Orders: 3 Barrels. 2 Baskets. 2 Brackets.

Blairforkie Drive:

Dead beech hedges have been replaced with new shrubs, daffodils blooming in all their glory.

Cosy Cott - recent improvements looking splendid.

AOCB:

Wallace High have approached Friends to offer help from their students. Further discussion required.

Perennial plants have been offered to FOBOA from a resident in Pullar Ave.

Station: Sheila Hutton and Sheila Gebbie have requested consideration be given to improving the small area between the fence and platform which at present contains poor coverage with stones and constantly fills with weeds. Scotrail/Network Rail to be contacted to request what suitable material could be used. Discussion took place on available finance to purchase more plants.

Scouts Fair on 30th March 2019 - FOBOA will consider a stall for the recruitment of more volunteers.

DONM: 7.30pm Monday 25th March 2019. St Saviours Church Hall.