

FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN
Minutes of the meeting 27th may 2019
St Saviours Church Hall 7pm.

In Attendance: Douglas Neilson. Graham Russell. Elizabeth Rankin. Alex Galloway. Carol Drewery. Mary Cramb. Sheila Hutton. Sheila Gebbie. Murray Airth. Mike Watson.

Minutes: Sheila Hutton proposed that the the minutes of the 29th April be approved. Mary Cramb seconded the proposal.

Matters Arising:

The grant money received from Stirling Council for repair work to the walls in BFD has been returned . (Update on walls in general report.)

Christmas Tree. E.R had circulated a download article for an alternative Christmas Tree prior to the meeting.

All present liked the option, but agreed that there would have to be an opinion from the Community Council. M.W. to take suggestion to the next Community Council meeting.

Mary Cramb has seen a similar tree in use locally and agreed to contact the business to ask how they found it with regard to weather and wear. The lights can be seen from a fair distance.

Action, M.C.

Mike reported that the Community Council would be managing this year's Christmas Light display in the Village.

The new net for the MUGA is overdue, but is promised in the next couple of weeks.

Raised bed in Allanvale Road has not been looked at, as yet .

Garth's plaque has been ordered and Sylvia contacted.

Nativity Scene. M.W will ask for volunteers to refurbish via Community Web site. If no volunteers come forward, then it will be scrapped.

General Report:

Douglas reported that the Dry Stone Walling Association had repaired the walls at Blairforkie Drive. He proposed that we send them a donation of £150 for their work. The proposal was agreed.

An article in the Stirling Observer last month highlighted some of the work we do. Douglas received a letter from Stephen Kerr, Member of Parliament for Stirling, as a result of this, thanking us for our work. The letter is on file.

A large planter has been donated to the group. It is being stored in the container until we find a use for it.

The barrel at the Station has been removed, as in poor condition.

A visit to the Memorial Park from the Green Flag judges last week went well .

Treasurers Report.

Our funds are healthy after a very successful Plant Sale and Coffee morning.

We are awaiting invoices from Homesteads for baskets, plants and top soil.

There has been no refund of VAT from Stirling Council to date. Alex will contact them again.

Baskets and planters.

The majority of the barrels and planters have been planted.

The baskets are due to go up next week. It was suggested that this should be done over two days, Sunday and Monday, and in the afternoon rather than the evening. This was approved.

Stirling Council have approved our grant of £500 for new Promenade planter.

The planters at the Houff need repairing . A decision was taken to replace them with the larger of the Ambrol barrels.

A basket for one local business was declined as they feel a barrel is more suitable. A decision was taken to move one of the existing barrels to this location.

FOBOA signs to be ordered to fit to all of our planters and baskets. **Action. E.R.**

Station:

Both Sheilas reported a dog-fouling problem at the Station. Dog warden to be advised.

There has been no satisfactory outcome on the grass cutting issue as yet.

Sheila G to attend the Adopters Lunch in Glasgow.

AOCB.

Both Sheilas asked for a map showing the various areas we work in and the names we use.

Carol D has a map from our Beautiful Scotland days which she will copy and send on.

We received a donation to refurbish a memorial bench in Cosy Cott from the family of the deceased.

Graham asked if the Community Council would look at applying for a Community Grant to refurbish the Millennium raised beds . Graham offered to look into getting some quotes for this work.

DONM.

It was agreed that as many of the Committee were away over the Summer the next meeting would be on the 26th August 2019 at 7pm.

ER will inform Hall Convenor

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm