

FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN
Minutes of the meeting 26th August 2019
St Saviours Church Hall 7pm

In attendance: Douglas Neilson, Graham Russell, Elizabeth Rankin, Sheila Gebbie, Sheila Hutton.

Apologies: Carol Drewery, Mary Cramb, Alex Galloway, Mike Watson.

Minutes: Graham Russell proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the 27th May be approved. Sheila Gebbie seconded the proposal.

Matters arising:

As no decision has been reached with the Community Council about replacing the Village Christmas Tree with something more permanent, the decision was taken to order a tree this year . The wreaths to be ordered from the same source as last year. **Action**

C.D

The MUGA tennis net has been replaced.

Garth's plaque is in place on the Rockery. The family are most appreciative.

As no one has come forward to refurbish the Nativity scene, it will go up again as it is this year as there is some resistance to scrapping it.

A map of the Village, showing areas in which the group work, has been given to Sheila B and H as requested .

General report:

A grant from Stirling Council has been received, and the planter and barrels which were purchased are in place.

FOBOA signs have been purchased and will be put on all of our planters and barrels.

The Benches at Cosy Cott have been refurbished.

Community Council passed a motion to apply for grant to refurbish Millennium Garden raised beds.

No decision has been made about the source of the excess funding needed. This is an ongoing matter.

Treasurers Report:

The Group funds are healthy.

Stirling Council have refunded the outstanding VAT.

A donation of £100 has been made in memory of a relative.

Collection Cans continue to be a steady source of income.

The Committee went on to discuss future spending:

The picnic benches put in at Cameron's Haugh many years ago are now in a state of disrepair.

The Committee agreed to purchase three new picnic benches made from recycled material which will require no maintenance.

There was agreement to replace the remaining eleven wooden barrels with the self-watering Amberol barrels.

A suggestion was made to put black metal obelisks in the centre of the formal beds in the Park to provide height and a focal point. This is to be discussed with Stirling Council.

Memorial Park:

Various maintenance issues have arisen in the Park which need discussion with Stirling Council. E.R has arranged a meeting in the Park for 5th September at 10am .

Station:

The benches at the Station are in a state of disrepair. The grass is still uncut. The exit from the North platform is a jungle.

Volunteers are all disheartened by the lack of maintenance and cooperation from Scot-rail.

As volunteers are no longer allowed to use any form of power tool at the Station, we can do little to improve things .

Barrels and borders are all well planted and colourful, but overshadowed by the surrounds.

Sheila G raised the issue of weeds between the barrels at the entrance. Graham will spray these.

A suggestion to plant succulents or creeping thyme in this area was agreed in an effort to improve appearance.

The general feeling is that if things do not improve, a decision needs to be made on our continued adoption of the Station.

It was agreed that, following the success of last year's End of Season Dinner, we should do the same this year.

24th October 7pm in the Westerton Arms : ER to organise.

Plant Sale and Coffee morning 16th May 2020 .

AGM 20th January 2020 . 7pm St Saviours Church Hall.

There was no AOCB

DONM 30th September 2019 7pm