

FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN
Minutes of the meeting 30th September 2019
St Saviours Church Hall 7pm.

In attendance: Douglas Neilson, Elizabeth Rankin, Alex Galloway, Carol Drewery, Mary Cramb, Sheila Hutton, Tony Bradshaw.

Apologies: Graham Russell, Sheila Gebbie.

Douglas Neilson welcomed Tony Bradshaw who has been co-opted on to the Committee.

Minutes:

Addition to the previous minutes :

Christmas tree : this year will be ordered from Mo-lawn Dunblane. Action GR.

The wreaths will be ordered from the same source. (as last year.) Action CD, MC

Douglas Neilson proposed that with these alterations, the minutes of the meeting of the 26th August be approved. Sheila Hutton seconded the proposal.

Matters Arising:

There has been no decision reached, as yet, about refurbishment of the Millennium Garden raised beds. This matter is being discussed through the Community Council.

General Report:

Douglas has tried to get in touch with our DoE student Alex to thank him for the excellent job he has done weeding the shrub beds at Blairforkie Drive. As yet, he has been unable to speak with him directly.

Cosy Cott has shrubs which have been cut back, and the area has been generally tidied for the winter.

The new Benches have arrived for Cameron's Haugh and are in storage in the container.

The order for planters has been placed with Amberol. Delivery is expected mid-October.

Amberol have placed ten gold stickers on planters across the country. We have been lucky enough to be the recipients of one. The prize is a stone-effect planter.

The committee decision was that this should be put in Keir Street in front of the marble fountain.

Treasurers report:

After the recent expenditure, we still have a positive balance.

Web-site renewal has been accounted for.

The tree planting fund continues to be ring-fenced. New shrubs will be purchased over the Autumn.

Alex will check the account from Homesteads as the Station expenditure would seem to have been included in the general sum and not separated.

ER to contact Nick Price re invoice for use of Church Hall.

Station:

Sheilas have planted creeping thyme on the area between the barrels as discussed at the last meeting.

The barrels at the entrance have been moved to form a straight line. This looks as if it was done to give access for work vehicles to the Station Platform. The barrels had been put in position to prevent this .

No maintenance work has been carried out at the Station since the last meeting. The grass is knee high. Dog fouling in this area is once again becoming a problem.

No communication has been received from Scot-rail about removal of benches, grass cutting or moving planters.

The Committee decision was that Friends will cease to adopt the Station next year if the situation does not improve.

A letter and photographs to be sent to Scot-rail outlining our dissatisfaction and intent. Action ER.

AOCB.

Baskets and planters will be emptied over this week.

Letters about wreaths to go to Tom Morgan for circulation.

Christmas Tree to go up first week of December.

There has been a good response to invitations for End of Season meal on the 24th.

Committee agreed that the Church Hall is very cold in the Autumn Winter months and another venue should be explored for next year. Action. DN.

DONM.

28th October 2019 7pm St Saviours Church Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.