

## Friends of Bridge of Allan Minutes

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<b>Time</b>	7pm
<b>Location</b>	Via Zoom
<b>Attendees</b>	Graham Russell, Douglas Neilson, Alex Galloway, Sheila Gebbie, Carol Drewery, Tony Bradshaw, Elizabeth Rankin, Sheila Hutton, Mike Watson.
<b>Apologies</b>	Mary Cram, Murray Airth.

### Agenda Ref

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<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies.</b> G.R. welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Mary Cram and Murray Airth.
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous minutes.</b> Previous minutes were proposed by C.D. and seconded by S.G.
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Freda McFadyen's house is now up for sale, we have relocated the trailer to the games park.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>General report.</b>  Activity during October to November 2020: - <b>Memorial Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wreath was laid at the Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.</li> <li>• 5 further memorial tree plaques have been requested and only 1 tree remains.</li> <li>• Shrubs ordered for planting in new year.</li> </ul> <b>Other areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring bulbs have been planted in containers and barrels.</li> <li>• Provosts Park Christmas tree and lights installed.</li> <li>• 80 wreaths purchased and installed. As they were only basic wreaths, our willing volunteers put on ribbons before they were hung up (the wreaths, not the volunteers!). A discussion took place regarding the standard and cost of the wreaths that had been supplied this year. E.R. suggested contacting Craigmarloch horticultural wholesalers who can apparently supply them. This would require to be done early. S.G. stated that the owner of the House of Mouse would like a bracket for a hanging basket.</li> <li>• Additional Christmas activities include small, decorated conifer trees in planters, lights on trees in dual carriageway planters and at Baynes, hanging lights on basket tree at Lloyds and lights on railings at Howff. All adding a bit of light and cheer to our village.</li> <li>• Friends put up the sponsor plaques for the Community Council.</li> <li>• Garth's Rockery – awaiting price for more permanent solution to flooding issue. Proposal is to fix a metal 'baffle plate' to railings to divert water down steps. E.R. suggested that the Council be contacted to clear the gully drains. This had</li> </ul>

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	<p>previously been done but without success. It is not entirely clear if this would solve the problem, but another effort will be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Nativity scene has, once again, been placed in the grounds of the Parish Church. We have used sandbags on this occasion to keep it in place.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are currently sitting with a healthy sum which includes several donations and the memberships fees which were due in November. That being said these membership fees are down by £220 compared to last year. We have paid Molawn for the Christmas tree but have still to pay for the wreaths which will amount to over £800. A number of businesses have still to pay for their wreaths although it was noted that they are currently closed due to being in tier 4. A discussion took place regarding spending this coming year and E.R. suggested that we once again look at the possibility of an outdoor gym in the area of the tennis courts. Funding would also be possible for such a venture. This is seen as a very positive idea, but it was felt that it would be better to await the outcome of the Community Council's efforts to have the tennis courts refurbished.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Memorial Park Obelisks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enquiries had been made by D.N. regarding different types and costs of large metal obelisks for the Park. It was agreed that the traditional style of obelisk, 2.1 metres in height, which D.N. suggested, would be suitable. They cost approx. £52 each and 16 would be required. There are several suppliers including one in Livingston and further enquiries will be made to see if they can supply that number. There was unanimous agreement that we should go ahead with this.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Cawder Gardens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E.R. spoke with Gaynor Hunter who, in turn, had canvassed neighbours in Cawder Gardens regarding benches and a planter on the grass area in the middle of the Gardens. Occupiers in the area were delighted at the prospect, thought it an excellent idea and stated that they would be well used.</li> <li>It was agreed that we should progress this matter and that initially we should find out from Stirling Council who owned the grass area and seek their permission.</li> <li>If permission is granted, then the benches can be purchased at an approximate cost of £600. Friends have a planter in storage which could be used.</li> </ul>

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<b>8</b>	<p><b>Date of AGM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting should take place at 7pm on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Zoom.</li> <li>All members should be asked to notify the Secretary if they wish to take part and they can then be sent the meeting log-in details prior to the AGM.</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that a bouquet of flowers should be purchased for Freda McFadyen to thank her for the use of her garage over a number of years.</li> <li>We have received a large bag of daffodil bulbs from a local farm supplies (Muirhead) for use in the Village.</li> </ul>

	<b>Action</b>	
<b>4</b>	Contact Craigmarloch regarding the cost and supply of wreaths for next year.	<b>E.R.</b>
<b>4</b>	Fit bracket to House of Mouse.	<b>D.N.</b>
<b>4</b>	Contact Stirling Council regarding clearing of gulley drains in Coneyhill.	<b>G.R.</b>
<b>5</b>	Liaise with A.G. and Tom Morgan to chase up businesses who have still to pay for their wreaths	<b>D.N.</b>
<b>6</b>	Purchase 16 obelisks for the Memorial Park.	<b>D.N.</b>
<b>7</b>	Contact Stirling Council and establish ownership of the grass area in Cawder Gardens and seek agreement to place benches.	<b>D.N.</b>
<b>7</b>	Agreement given purchase two recycled plastic benches.	<b>D.N.</b>
<b>8</b>	Circulate notification of the date for the AGM.	<b>D.N.</b>
<b>9</b>	Purchase bouquet for Freda McFadyen.	<b>D.N.</b>