

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes

Date	29th November 2021
Time	7pm
Location	Via Zoom
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Alex Galloway (Treasurer), Sheila Hutton, Sheila Gebbie,
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Agenda Ref

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1	Welcome. The Chair welcomed everyone to another Zoom meeting.
2	Apologies. The only apology received was from ER.
3	Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record. They were proposed by SH and seconded by AG.
4	Matters arising. The Chair placed a wreath at the Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. It was noted that there was a very good turnout. GR and DN fixed two new benches in place at the Health Centre car park on behalf of Teas Company. Pruning had taken place at Blairforkie Drive. SG informed the meeting that she had planted new plants in the beds mainly by splitting existing ones. ER had pruned and tidied up the rockery. The Chair had contacted Derek Leitch of Stirling Council regarding the Friends placing another magnolia tree in the Triangle Park to commemorate the Queen's jubilee next year. Stirling Council have no objections.
5	General Report. GR informed the meeting that the Christmas tree will be delivered and installed on Thursday 2 nd December. GR and DN had put up the sponsors plaques on the lampposts on behalf of the Community Council. The lights on the gazebo in the Provost's Park are no longer working despite numerous attempts to fix them. We have replaced them with a set costing £42. There will be no formal switch on of the lights this year. The Christmas wreaths have been ordered and will be ready week beginning 6 th December. We have ordered 92 in total. SG informed the meeting that she has spoken with Angus Robertson who continues to do great work in the Blairforkie Drive area.

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	GR informed the meeting that we have a new volunteer, Archie Purdie, who will be most welcome.
6	<p>Treasurer's report.</p> <p>We are still holding £5000 on behalf of the merchant's association. There is also £1700 ringfenced in the tree fund. The annual subscriptions are in for this year, and they amount to £1506. We have collected £670 to date for the Christmas wreaths with more to come in. The total for the wreaths will be more than £900.</p> <p>We have made a contribution of £500 to the village Christmas lights.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the ringfenced sum for the tree fund. GR proposed that this money be transferred to the general fund, and this was seconded by AG. This proposal was agreed subject to the approval of the other committee members.</p>
7	<p>Hanging baskets and tubs.</p> <p>All the baskets have been fitted with new wicks and mats and they have been taken down to Homesteads for storage.</p> <p>The tubs and planters have been cleared of bedding plants and small conifers have been planted in their place.</p> <p>The cherry trees in the planters at Baynes have still to be pruned.</p>
8	<p>Memorial Park.</p> <p>We have cleared the beds at the Henderson Street steps and it was noted that Stirling Council have not touched the circular flower beds and they are now a mess.</p> <p>We have planted the tulip bulbs from the planters in various beds in the park.</p> <p>The Council have still not grassed over the beds in the Peace Garden.</p>
9.	<p>Cawder Gardens.</p> <p>We have received the £1500 community grant that we had applied for although the money is not, as yet, in our bank account.</p>
10	<p>AOCB</p> <p>DN informed the meeting that a date would require to be set for the AGM. It was agreed that it should take place on Monday 24th January 2022. A decision will be made nearer the time on whether we have a venue or we will again use Zoom.</p>

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Actions

5	Install Christmas tree and other decorations in the Provost's Park,	GR, DN and others
5	Wreaths to go up.	All
10	Make arrangements for the AGM.	DN