

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Date	Monday 24 th January 2022
Time	7pm
Location	Via Zoom
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Alex Galloway (Treasurer), Elizabeth Rankin, Robert Franks, Gavin Drummond, Sheila Gebbie, Gordon Wilson, Dorothy McGowan, Sylvia Broomfield, Murray Airth, Archie Purdie.
Apologies	No Apologies

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1	<p>Welcome. The Chair welcomed everyone to the thirteenth annual general meeting of the group.</p>
2	<p>Apologies. There were no apologies.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of 2021 AGM. The minutes of the last AGM were accepted as a true record and proposed by Elizabeth Rankin and seconded by Alex Galloway.</p>
4	<p>Report of the Chair. The Chair's report had been previously circulated, and a copy is retained on file. The main points being: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulties presented by the coronavirus. • The excellent job carried out by volunteers despite the ongoing restrictions. • No bedding plants by Stirling Council in the Memorial Park although a display was planted by the Friends at the steps. • Poor grass cutting at the Park led to a meeting with Douglas Dodds, Stirling Council and the Friends after which the cutting improved slightly. • The Plant sale was held in the Parish Church car park and was a great success despite not having a coffee morning. The signage and marshalling worked well. • Return of the hanging baskets. • The rockery, Blairforkie Drive and Cosy Cott are maturing well. • Friends nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. <p>The Chair finished by thanking everyone for their efforts over the past year and hoped that we would be able to return to a more normal routine in the coming year.</p>
5	<p>Accounts for the year to 31st October 2021. A copy of the accounts and covering note had been circulated prior to the meeting, copies are retained on file.</p>

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	<p>The accounts show a healthy balance despite a reduced income from memberships. The income from collecting cans in the Village continues to be reduced and will require monitoring.</p> <p>There being no questions, the accounts were proposed by Douglas Neilson and seconded by Gavin Drummond.</p>
6	<p>Appointment of Examiner.</p> <p>Alex Galloway indicated that Alex Campbell was happy to continue to examine the accounts. The appointment of Alex Campbell as examiner was proposed by Douglas Neilson and seconded by Elizabeth Rankin.</p>
7	<p>Election of Committee and Office Bearers.</p> <p>A slate of nominees with their proposers and seconders had been previously circulated as per the constitution. A copy is retained on file.</p> <p>There being no other nominees the slate was proposed by Robert Franks and seconded by Dorothy McGowan.</p>
8	<p>Diary dates.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would hold the plant sale on Saturday 14th May 2022 and provided restrictions allowed we would also hold a coffee morning.</p> <p>It was noted that a decision had been made at a previous committee meeting that the Friends would plant a tree in the Triangle Park to commemorate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</p>
9	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>Sylvia Broomfield informed the meeting that Bridge of Allan Open Gardens would take place on Sunday 29th May 2022.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place regarding volunteering and work areas.</p>