

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes

Date	Monday 31st October 2022
Time	7pm
Location	Allan Centre, Bridge of Allan.
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Alex Galloway (Treasurer), Sheila Gebbie, Mike Watson (CC Rep)
Apologies	Elizabeth Rankin, Sheila Hutton.

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1	Welcome. GR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	Apologies. As above.
3	Minutes of the last Meeting The minutes of the 26 th September were accepted as a true record and were proposed by SH and seconded by MW.
4	Matters arising not on the agenda. GR informed the meeting that he had purchased a wheelchair accessible sign for the picnic area at Blairforkie Drive at a cost of £4. MW raised the subject of the purchase of a watering buggy. GR informed the meeting that this was still being researched.
5	General report by the Chair. GR informed the meeting that, along with ER and DN, he had held a meeting with Council Officers regarding outstanding work in the Memorial Park. This included pruning, edging of paths, felling of dead conifers etc. It was a very productive meeting and the Friends had asked the Officers to ensure that the Park Steering Group was re-instated. GR also informed the meeting that two new volunteers had started work in the park by edging around the trees. MW raised the subject of the tennis courts and the continuing problem of the trees and the flooding. A brief discussion took place. The matter still rests with the Council and the Community Council. GR stated that he understood the cost of two signs for the Royal Garden would be about £150. It was agreed that the Friends should go ahead with the purchase. The Millennium Garden had been tidied up and all the plants removed, with the exception of the bamboo, prior to replanting in the Spring. A group of the Friends had carried out pruning and hedge clipping at Blairforkie Drive and the area was looking good. The roadside kerb has still to be dropped to allow disabled access to the picnic bench. The hanging baskets have been taken down and are now at Homesteads. It was noted that some of the planters have still to be cleared.

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6	<p>Treasurer's report.</p> <p>AG stated that there had been little movement in the account. The invoice for the hire of the Allan Centre had been paid. The current balance stood at £3213.13p.</p> <p>GR informed the meeting that the Friends had received a further £2133.32p. from the Co-op Local Community Fund bringing our grand total for the year to £2592.25p. He was also pleased to announce that we had been successful in our bid to be one of the local causes for this coming year.</p>
7	<p>Memorial Park (Remembrance Sunday).</p> <p>The Remembrance Service would take place on 13th November, with people gathering at 1.45pm. GR informed the meeting that he had purchased a wreath on behalf of the Friends.</p> <p>DN stated that we should ensure that the park is tidy before the service and GR informed the meeting that he would contact Stirling Council to have the bedding removed from the circular beds as it was now past its best.</p>
8	<p>Bulb planting.</p> <p>ER informed the meeting that schoolchildren would be at the Memorial Park at 10am on 10th November to plant daffodil bulbs. Volunteers will be required to attend at the park at 9am in order to prepare the area before planting.</p> <p>GR informed the meeting that Gavin Drummond had the bulbs to be planted at Lecropt.</p>
9	<p>QAVS Crystal.</p> <p>GR and DN had visited long time member and ex secretary Chris Turner who was delighted to see the Crystal and certificate. They then took the Crystal and certificate to the library for display and safe keeping in a locked cabinet. A discussion then took place regarding the long-term display of the Crystal and the various certificates awarded to the Friend over the years. It was agreed that GR and DN would contact Craig Mair of the Dr Welsh Trust to see if something could be arranged.</p> <p>GR informed the meeting that he has orders for 16 miniature crystals and that ER had previously suggested that we give one to the Primary School. This was agreed. GR to place an order with the company.</p>
10	<p>End of season meal.</p> <p>Invitations had been sent out to active volunteers and the current number wishing to attend was 32. Deposit to be paid to the Meadowpark. Once exact numbers were confirmed an e-mail would be sent out to the attendees regarding the format of the evening.</p>

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11	<p>Christmas Wreaths.</p> <p>GR contacted a new supplier who provided two samples at a cost of £15 each. It was decided to go ahead with one of the samples and Tom Morgan had already contacted the various shops and businesses. He had orders for 68 so far.</p>
12	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>GR informed the meeting that the Friends had received an e-mail from Emma Fradgely of the Community Council regarding the switch on of the Christmas lights and a meeting had been arranged with her.</p> <p>GR informed the meeting that a Christmas tree had been ordered from MoLawn.</p>
13	<p>DONM.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday 28th November 2022 within the PE room at the Allan Centre.</p>

Actions

7	Contact Stirling Council regarding the removal of the summer bedding from the Memorial Park.	GR
8	Volunteers required at 9am at the Memorial Park on Thursday 10 th November.	GR
9	Contact Craig Mair regarding display and storage of QAVS Crystal etc.	GR/DN
9	Place order for miniature crystals.	GR
10	Deposit for meal to be paid.	AG
10	E-mail attendees with format.	GR
12	Meet with Emma Fradgely regarding Christmas lights switch on.	GR