

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes

Date	Monday 27th February 2023
Time	7pm
Location	Allan Centre, Bridge of Allan.
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Alex Galloway (Treasurer), Robin Kleinman, Judith Everett, Sheila Gebbie, Sheila Hutton.
Apologies	Elizabeth Rankin, Mike Watson.

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1	Welcome. GR welcomed all those present to the first committee meeting of 2023.
2	Apologies. As above.
3	Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the November 2022 meeting were accepted as a true record and were proposed by AG and seconded by JE.
4	Matters arising. All actions from the November meeting have been carried out with the exception of meeting with Craig Mair regarding storage in the Library for the QAVS Crystal and certificate. The Royal Garden sign has been put on hold until the Coronation event (see item 7).
5	General report. GR informed the meeting that the main activity since the November meeting had been the clearing of leaves and general tidying up in the Memorial Park. The chippings from the tree that had recently been cut down by the Council had been spread by volunteers under the memorial trees and the trees donated by the Allan Water Times. Stirling Council have attended recently to prune bushes and holly trees. The Rockery has been kept tidy by Robert Franks and is looking very good. Alison Archibald and Ellison Hudson continue to tidy various areas in the Village. We have attracted 6 new members recently although it is not known as yet whether any will volunteer. Two flags with the QAVS logo have been purchased and we await delivery.
6	Treasurer's report. AG informed the meeting that we currently have a substantial surplus as all our membership subscriptions are now in our bank account. Otherwise there has been little movement in our account.

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7	<p>Coronation event.</p> <p>GR informed the meeting that, as agreed, the planting of a magnolia tree, donated by JE, in the triangle park would take place on Monday 8th May. The formal naming of the park as 'The Royal Garden' would also take place that day with signs being erected.</p> <p>SH informed the meeting that, apparently other trees had previously been planted in that area to mark other Royal events and asked if any signage could be erected to that effect. SH was tasked with establishing more information regarding this.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Provost, Douglas Dodds, should be invited to plant the tree. A plaque to mark this event should be purchased.</p>
8	<p>Projects for 2023.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the proposal by GR of the following possible projects: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and replant the bed at the steps from Henderson Street to Allanvale Road. • Clear and replant the triangle bed at Union Street/Allanvale Road. • Plant up the Millennium Garden with sensory plants as before. • Tidying and replanting areas of the Provost's Park. • Possibility of designing and creating some flower beds in The Royal Garden. • A discussion also took place regarding the grass area at the bottom of Well Road, near Lloyds but no decision was reached. <p>Agreement was reached that these projects should go ahead and GR was tasked with contacting Stirling Council for their agreement prior to any work starting.</p>
9	<p>Watering Buggies.</p> <p>GR informed the meeting that a meeting of a small sub group would take place in the near future to decide the type of watering buggy which should be purchased. AG suggested that as the money to purchase the buggy had been received from the Co-op Community Fund then a plaque should be placed on the buggy to highlight this. This was agreed by the committee.</p>
10	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>There were no other matters of competent business and GR closed the meeting.</p> <p>Date of next meeting Monday 27th March 2023 at 7pm.</p>

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Actions

7	Contact Ken Gray regarding previous tree planting in the triangle park.	SH
7	Contact the Provost re planting of the tree in the triangle park.	SH/SG
7	Plaque regarding the tree planting to be purchased.	SH/SG
7	The Royal Garden signs to be placed on Keir Street and Westerton Drive sides of the park.	GR/DN
8	Stirling Council to be contacted regarding proposed projects.	GR
8	Meeting regarding watering buggy.	GR/DN