

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date	Monday 30th January 2023
Time	7pm
Location	Allan Centre, Bridge of Allan.
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Alex Galloway (Treasurer), Sheila Hutton, Robin Kleinman, Gordon Wilson, Archie Purdie, Gavin Drummond, Robert Franks.
Apologies	Elizabeth Rankin, Sheila Gebbie, Bill Young, Alison Archibald, Tom Morgan, Judith Everett.

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1	<p>Welcome.</p> <p>GR welcomed members to the fourteenth annual general meeting. He then paid tribute to two long standing supporters of the Friends who had passed in the last year. The first was Ian McLaren who had been a loyal member of the Friends for many years and regularly attended to the Memorial Park and to the hanging baskets in the village. The second was Councillor Graham Houston who was a genuine, hardworking and committed Councillor who cared deeply about serving the needs of his constituents in Dunblane and Bridge of Allan.</p>
2	<p>Apologies.</p> <p>As above.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the AGM of 2022.</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record of the last AGM and were proposed by GD and seconded by AP.</p>
4	<p>Report of the Chair.</p> <p>The following is a summary of the Chair's report which is held on file:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The undoubted highlight of the year was being awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which was presented to the Friends by the Lord Lieutenant in July. This was a real tribute to everyone who is or has been involved with the Friends over the past years. • Several new volunteers have joined us in the past year which is very encouraging. • Memorial Park – Stirling Council planted summer bedding however ongoing maintenance by them was sadly lacking. After pressure from Provost Dodds the grass was cut and lifted much improving the look of the area. Pupils from Bridge of Allan Primary School helped in planting several hundred daffodil bulbs and the local Cub group carried out litter picking in the summer. • Work has been carried out in various other areas of the Village including cleaning and painting the raised beds at the Millennium Garden, installing a wheelchair accessible picnic table in Blairforkie Drive and two benches and a planter in Cawder Gardens. All these areas and the rockery have been well maintained by our willing volunteers. • The plant sale and coffee morning held in May were a great success.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We planted a magnolia tree in the triangle in Keir Street/Westerton Drive to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth. • The hanging baskets and planters were again a great success. • The end of season dinner was a great success. • Pleased that we have been accepted again for the Co-op Local Community Fund.
5	Accounts for the year to 31 st October. AG gave a brief summary of the Accounts which are held on file. They were then proposed by GW and seconded by GD.
6	Appointment of Examiner. AG proposed that Alex Campbell continue as examiner of the accounts, this was seconded by DN.
7	Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee. A slate of nominees with their proposers and seconders had been previously circulated as per the constitution. A copy is retained on file. This was proposed by GW and seconded by RF. As there were still three vacancies on the committee GR proposed RK which he accepted, this was seconded by DN.
8	Diary dates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant sale and coffee morning - 20th May 2023. • Tree planting to mark the coronation of King Charles - 8th May 2023.
9	AOCB. A brief discussion took place regarding the above tree planting otherwise there was no further business to discuss.