

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes

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

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1	Welcome. GR welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular the Provost who had attended at the Allan Centre for another meeting which had been cancelled.
2	Apologies. As above.
3	Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as a true record and proposed by RK and seconded by SG.
4	Matters arising not on the agenda. The only matter arising was that the new flags with the Queen's Award emblem had been delivered.
5	General Report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Memorial Park had now been tidied up after the tree felling and pruning. Leaves and other debris had also been cleared by the Friends. • The shrub beds now require to be edged. • Stirling Council have still to tidy the path edges and ER suggested that this could be a job for Criminal Justice Community Payback. • GR informed the meeting that, along with ER and DN, he would be meeting officers of the Parks Dept of the Council at the Memorial Park on Tuesday 28th March to discuss various issues. • Last week the Provost's Park was weeded and the shrubs cut back. It was noted that the surface requires attention but this should be left to Stirling Council. • The bin at the rear of the Park is in poor condition and requires to be removed. RK will contact the Council regarding this. • Angus has been keeping Blairforkie Drive tidy and Robert and Sylvia continue to look after the rockery. Both areas are looking well.
6	Treasurer's Report. We continue to have a healthy balance in the funds due to the fact that there has been very little action with the account. The website renewal has been paid.

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7	<p>Coronation.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the proposed format of the tree planting to celebrate the coronation. GR informed the meeting that the Royal Garden signs had been delivered and are ready to be placed in situ on the day of the tree planting.</p> <p>DN to supply the gazebo. It was suggested that the Royal Garden signs could be unveiled by Ian Anderson and Maggie Moss. JE is supplying the magnolia tree.</p>
8	<p>Projects for this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bed at the bottom of the steps at the Crook. • The triangle at Union Street/Allanvale Road. • Tidying up and replanting in the Provost's Park. • ER suggested planting daffodils and crocuses in the soon to be named Royal Garden and in the grass area around the fountain. • Suggestions are required for the grass area at the bottom of Well Road. • Replace the noticeboard outside Lloyds in conjunction with the Community Council.
9	<p>Plant Sale and Coffee Morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hall has been booked. • Contact to be made with Homesteads. • ER has contacted Sheena Malcolm to supply the scones. • ER suggested that it would be worthwhile to have a membership table where members of the public could be encouraged to join the Friends.
10	<p>Watering Buggies.</p> <p>GR informed the meeting of the outcome of the sub group's meeting and of Gavin Drummond's request that the purchase of any new system be delayed for a short time until he investigated what systems were currently on the market. It was agreed that he had until 7th April to come up with a better solution than the one proposed. Any solution must not include the motorised buggy. It was agreed that the motorised buggy should be disposed of at some point.</p>
11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>ER suggested fitting another bench in the picnic area at Blairforkie Drive. It was agreed that this would be looked at to decide on the type of bench required.</p>
12	<p>DONM</p> <p>Monday 24th April 2023 at 7pm.</p>

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Actions

5	Edging of the beds in the Memorial Park.	All
5	Contact Criminal Justice Community Payback regarding edging the paths in the Memorial Park and painting the benches.	GR
5	Contact the Council regarding the refuse bin in the Provost's Park.	RK
7	Gazebo for Coronation tree planting.	DN
8	Contact CC regarding a replacement noticeboard at Lloyds.	GR
9	Contact Homesteads regarding the plant sale.	GR
11	Examine picnic area at Blairforkie Drive with a view to siting another bench.	GR/DN