

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes

Date	Monday 25th March 2024
Time	7pm
Location	Allan Centre, Bridge of Allan
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Robin Kleinman, Murray Airth, Sheila Hutton, Mark Everett, Judith Everett, Jenny Smith, Sheila Gebbie.
Apologies	Elizabeth Rankin, Mike Watson.

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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 last meeting were accepted as a true record and were proposed by RK and seconded by SH.
4.	Matters arising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The signs and cones have been removed from the Royal Garden. • The plaque for the copper beech tree in the Royal Garden will be supplied and installed by the Friends. Sheila McGregor to supply the wording. • Compost has been collected from Homesteads and 8 barrels have been replenished. • We have supplied compost to volunteers who produce plants for the plant sale. • Friends will not be involved in the Sunnyslaw project and the member who raised it has been informed.
5.	General report by the Chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debris has been cleared from the Memorial Park. • Work is ongoing to tidy up Garth's rockery. • Stirling Council have still to install the disabled bay and dropped kerb at the picnic area at Blairforkie Drive. RK informed the meeting that he was meeting with a member of Stirling Council on 26th March to do a walkabout in the village regarding dropped kerbs etc. • SG informed the meeting that the harling on the wall of the Howff had still not been repaired and was getting worse. • Several of our volunteers had cut back overhanging shrubbery on Keir Street at the car park.
6.	Treasurer's report. ME informed the meeting that he had met with Alex Galloway, our previous treasurer and familiarised himself with the accounts. There had been no transactions in the account over the past month and we retain a healthy balance.

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7.	<p>Outcome of meeting with Land Services. GR gave a precis of the meeting with Stirling Council Land Services which took place at the Memorial Park on Monday 18th March. Among the items discussed were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the felling of a dead conifer, • removing debris from a damaged cherry tree, • the planting of 16 Prunus within the circular beds, • heavy pruning and weedkilling, • supply of apprentices for path edging • the supply of basket trees and baskets for the Keir Street entrance, • possible storage solution in the area of the tennis courts. <p>A full note of all items discussed is held on file.</p>
8.	<p>Memorial Park Centenary. GR informed the meeting that planning was well underway for the centenary celebration and picnic which would take place in the Park between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 15th June 2024. Discussions are taking place with various groups including Stirling Council, the Community Council, the local churches, schools as well as the scouts and guides to obtain their views on the format. It was also intended to involve the Dr Welsh Trust and Discover Bridge of Allan. There will be entertainment for the children together with displays by local groups and a pipe band and ceilidh band to provide the music. Full details of arrangements so far are held on file.</p>
9.	<p>Projects. GR indicated that the proposed revamp of the Millennium Garden was unlikely to go ahead due the Council budget cuts. The work on the raised triangular bed at Union Street / Allanvale Road will be completed once the weather improves.</p>
10.	<p>AOCB. GR proposed that we purchase a further watering buggy of the same type as last year and this was seconded by DN. There was unanimous agreement from the committee.</p>
11.	<p>Date of next meeting. Monday 29th April 2024 at 7pm within the Allan Centre.</p>

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Actions.

4.	Wording of the plaque for the copper beech tree at Royal Garden.	SMcG
5.	Tidying of Garth's rockery.	ER and others
5.	Raise issue of dropped kerb at Blairforkie Drive during walkabout with SC.	RK
5.	Stirling Council Housing Dept to be reminded of the harling at the Howff.	DN
7.	Remove debris from damaged cherry tree.	GR/DN/JS
7.	Uplift Prunus cherry trees from Craigmarnloch.	GR/DN
7.	Plant cherry trees in circular beds of the Memorial Park.	All
7.	Speak with Gordon Lawrie of Stirling Council re a possible storage facility at the tennis courts in Keir Street.	RK
8.	Memorial Park Centenary Celebrations.	GR, ER, RK,SH.
10.	Purchase of new watering buggy.	GR.