

Friends of Bridge of Allan Minutes

Date	Monday 31st March 2025
Time	5pm
Location	Allan Centre, Bridge of Allan.
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Mark Everett (Treasurer), Judith Everett, Sheila Hutton, Robin Kleinman, Elizabeth Rankin, Jenny Smith.
Apologies	Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Mike Watson, Murray Airth.

Agenda Ref

Ref	Minutes
1.	Welcome. GR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Apologies. As above.
3.	Minutes of the last meeting. The amended minutes of the February meeting were agreed as a true record and proposed by LR and seconded by SH.
4.	Matters arising not on the agenda. Item 4 Storage at tennis courts – RK met Scott Mason (Land Services) to discuss siting of container adjacent to Tennis Courts. SM had no objection and RK has asked Stirling Council for formal approval. Site meeting to be arranged. Item 4 Disclaimer for Volunteers – carry forward. Item 4 Basket trees –awaiting delivery and hopefully installation. Stirling Council have supplied 5 baskets. These have been refurbished and are ready to be filled. Item 4 Members to fill vacancies – c/f Item 4 Contact members who are not volunteers – c/f Item 4 Plaque and tree for Chris Turner – LR to discuss with Eileen re wording on plaque. Item 7 Provost’s Park – awaiting Community Council arranging meeting with Stirling Council.
5.	General Report Compost replaced in dual carriageway planters, Howff and at chemist. Old compost spread on beds in Provost’s Park. Plants from Chemist planter planted in MP. A few barrels still to replace compost. Finished clearing leaves from dogwood bed in MP and cut back brambles in hedge round Memorial. Garth’s Rockery - awaiting installation of duct. LR to advise when she needs volunteers to carry out a general tidy up. Millennium Garden – SH has planted new plants where needed. Noted paintwork on posts was needing done again. Some posts showing signs of rot. All other areas ticking over. Discussion with Homesteads re pricing of baskets for 2025 – awaiting price. Met with Charlie Flaws to discuss grass cutting – meeting approved continuing with grass cutting operations.

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	Also discussed weed spraying operations. Stephen Cowan has necessary spray certificates. Meeting agreed that GR and Stephen carry out spraying. Agreed to purchase another sprayer at c. £25.
6.	<p>Treasurer's report.</p> <p>ME provided a full report which is held on file.</p> <p>New RBS account opened to be used for all day-to-day transactions. VM account will be only for membership standing orders.</p> <p>ME reported a healthy balance.</p> <p>Meeting approved purchase of 3 SumUp Solo card readers to be used at Plant Sale and other events. Normal retail price c £95 but occasionally available on deals. To be purchased when deal available or when needed.</p>
7.	<p>Plant Sale and Coffee Morning.</p> <p>Molawn have agreed to supply bedding plants on sale or return. GR gave them list of plants sold last year.</p> <p>Bags of compost have been delivered to our volunteer growers.</p> <p>Works to Church roof due to be completed by end April.</p> <p>Price for Coffee morning agreed at £4. Scones are organised.</p>
8.	<p>Picnic in the Park.</p> <p>Sub committee met on 12 March; further meeting taking place after this meeting.</p> <p>Invitations have been issued to previous participants.</p> <p>PA System confirmed.</p> <p>Steel Band and Ukelele Band confirmed.</p> <p>Barry Honeyman unavailable but will seek other acts for us.</p> <p>Active Stirling and Fire Engine confirmed; Police unavailable.</p>
9.	<p>Projects.</p> <p>Allan Centre</p> <p>GR and DN had inspected raised planters and discussed provisional scope of works.</p> <p>SH provided plan with proposed works to improve courtyard between Library and Centre entrance. Copy attached. Meeting agreed to further develop this plan and SH was thanked for her work on this.</p>
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>GR asked meeting to agree date for Christmas light switch on would be Saturday 22 November so tree would be installed on Thursday 20th. Meeting agreed.</p> <p>GR noted discussions with BofA PS about pupils resuming visits to Memorial Park. Outline plan of events was discussed and general approval given.</p> <p>LR raised concerns about new Tennis Courts being used for football and also dogs being exercised in MUGA. RK confirmed delay in opening tennis courts was due to issues with the</p>

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	<p>payment system.</p> <p>LR proposed replacing conifers in barrels etc. with new ones; purchasing new plants for planter at Chemist. Meeting approved.</p> <p>LR suggested cherry trees in containers at Baynes be cut down after flowering and position be reviewed after summer season. Meeting agreed.</p> <p>LR noted some debris build up at wooden benches at Mine Woods needed clearing.</p> <p>ME raised issue of QR codes on Notice Board etc Discussion followed and committee agreed to consider scope of what QR code(s) would be appropriate e.g. for donations, membership applications etc.</p>
11.	<p>DONM.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday, 28th April 2025 at 5pm.</p>

Actions

4.	Storage at tennis courts.	RK
4.	Disclaimer for volunteers.	GR/DN
4.	Basket trees from SC.	GR
4.	Meeting re Provost's Park.	GR
4.	Members to fill vacancies on committee.	All
4.	Contact current volunteers who are not members.	GR
4.	Memorial tree and plaque for Chris Turner.	ER
5.	Purchase new sprayer	GR
6.	Purchase 3 no. 'Sum up' terminals.	ME
7.	Supply of bedding plants for plant sale.	GR/DN/ER
8.	Progress arrangements for Picnic in the Park.	Sub Com
9.	Allan Centre project to be taken forward.	All
10.	Replace conifers in barrels etc and new plants for Chemist planter	ER
11.	Review use of QR codes	All