

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes

Date	Monday 23rd February 2026
Time	5pm
Location	Allan Centre, Bridge of Allan.
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Jenny Smith, Archie Purdie, Robin Kleinman.
Apologies	Elizabeth Rankin, Sheila Hutton, Mark Everett, Judith Everett.

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1.	Welcome. GR welcomed everyone to the February meeting which is the first one of this year. The Chair informed the meeting that at a recent Community Council meeting it was agreed that JS would be their representative on the Friends Committee.
2.	Apologies. As above.
3.	Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the November meeting were agreed as a true record and proposed by JS and seconded by RK.
4.	Matters arising not on the agenda. Item 5 – Baskets have been cleaned and taken to Homesteads for storage. Item 5 – The storage container at the UCP has been cleared and handed back to the factory. GR sent a thank you email to the factory management. Storage shelving has been moved to our new container. Item 7 – Paperwork for the AGM was completed. Item 10 – A new storage container has been purchased and is now situated in the Games Park. Our thanks to Andrew Gardiner for levelling the surface and laying hard core. We can now store our trailer adjacent to the container. Item 10 – List of equipment required - c/f.
5.	General report by Chair. Since our last committee meeting in November, we completed all the Christmas set up arrangements and everything was dismantled and cleared away in early January. The wreaths were returned to Mo-Lawn for recycling, In the Memorial Park, we have cut back the dogwood bed and removed the cuttings to Polmaise for recycling. No sign of Openreach installing a duct at Garth's Rockery yet so will ask them if they have a timescale. General maintenance at the PP, Royal Garden and BFD.
6.	Treasurer's report. In the absence of the treasurer GR provided the following update. The current balance in both accounts remains healthy. The main income was from further subscription payments, final wreath payments, a couple of donations, £350 from Allan Centre for hanging baskets and collecting cans income totalling c £1800. Significant

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	<p>expenditure was on second container, £3k, Christmas tree and wreaths, £1700 and buying up stock of MiracleGro from a good deal at Tesco at £300, totalling around £5k. We are expecting first contribution from Co-op Community Fund of £500 next month with the second and final instalment due in November.</p>
7.	<p>Projects. The Allan Centre project is being progressed however the pointing of the stonework requires to be carried out professionally and this has been acknowledged by the Allan Centre Trustees. Charlie Flaws has contacts in the trade and he will approach them for quotes. It is intended to power wash the slab area next to the library and to remove the broken bench and replace it with two recycled plastic benches together with two recycled plastic raised planters.</p>
8.	<p>AOCB GR raised the issue of the conifers in the various barrels and planters. They are becoming too large. It was agreed that they should be replaced.</p>
9.	<p>DONM. The next meeting will be on Monday 30th March 2026 within the P.E. room</p>

Actions

4.	Draw up wish list of items.	All
5.	Contact Open Reach regarding the Rockery.	GR
7.	Progress Allan Centre project.	GR/DN/RK
8.	Replace conifers in barrels.	GR/DN