

Friends of Bridge of Allan
Minutes

Date	Monday 27th April 2026
Time	5pm
Location	Allan Centre, Bridge of Allan.
Attendees	Graham Russell (Chair), Douglas Neilson (Secretary), Judith Everett, Jenny Smith, Archie Purdie, Robin Kleinman, Elizabeth Rankin, Sheila Hutton.
Apologies	Mark Everett (Treasurer)

Agenda Ref

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1.	Welcome. GR welcomed everyone to the April meeting.
2.	Apologies. As above.
3.	Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the March meeting were agreed as a true record and proposed by SH and seconded by JS.
4.	Matters arising not on the agenda. Item 4 – All barrels and planters have been topped up with compost and those suffering from chickweed have been emptied and will be refilled once washed out. Item4 – Four brushes have been purchased. Item 5 – Pyramid box plants will be planted at the dual carriageway now that the planters have been refilled. Item 10 – AP has purchased a gift for his neighbour who allowed the use of his greenhouse for plant storage. Item 10 – Snowdrops from Murray Airth’s were planted at the Millennium Gardens by SH and ER.
5.	General report by Chair. Remaining conifers have been removed from barrels and planters and replanted at container. 10 barrels and 1 planter on Dual carriageway have been emptied. Most containers have now been topped up or refilled with a few to be completed this week. New pyramid box plants purchased for the 5 dual carriageway planters and will be planted shortly. Grass cutting has commenced with all areas now had their first cut. The beds and tree circles at the Memorial Park have been sprayed, along with the paved area at the Millennium Garden, the raised beds at the Allan Centre and around the Triangle at Allanvale Road. Royal Garden beds have been weeded and edged. Maintenance work ongoing at Blairforkie Drive where some additional topsoil is needed to build up levels. Garth’s Rockery to be tidied up this week. Despite meeting with Council 2 months ago, no action yet on identified problems at Provost’s Park. A reminder has been sent expressing concern about safety issues with summer approaching and increasing numbers of visitors.

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6.	<p>Treasurer's report.</p> <p>We currently have a total of £ 422.83 in the Virgin Bank Account and a further £ 7,528.18 in the Royal Bank of Scotland Account, which was boosted through a donation of £ 3,500.00 from the Allan Centre a couple of weeks ago. This should cover the landscaping project that has been planned.</p>
7.	<p>Plant Sale and Coffee Morning.</p> <p>The plant sale and coffee morning will take place on Saturday 16th May at the Parish Church.</p> <p>Coffee, tea bags, sugar sachets, butter, jam, milk, cream and napkins will require to be purchased. DN will supply juice for the children.</p> <p>Entry fee will be £4.</p> <p>Notices advertising the Plant Sale will be circulated on notice boards and social media.</p> <p>Banners will be positioned on the village railings as normal. The flags etc will be retrieved from the storage unit and set up on the morning of the sale.</p> <p>The hall will require to be set up on the Friday evening at 5pm and plants from volunteers stored in the hall vestibule.</p> <p>A cash float of 50 pence and £1 coins will be required.</p>
8.	<p>Wallace High School Volunteering Day.</p> <p>GR had emailed the teacher responsible at the School but had not received a reply. It was agreed that we could help on 2 or 3 occasions with up to 6 pupils.</p>
9.	<p>Hanging Baskets and Planters.</p> <p>The cost of refilling the baskets by Homesteads has increased by £1 from last year. It was agreed that the Friends would sustain the cost of the increase.</p> <p>Charlie Flaws has agreed to take on responsibility for the watering rota. It is pleasing to note that we have some new volunteers to add to the rota.</p> <p>Extra baskets and brackets will require to be purchased from Amberol.</p> <p>RK will water the hanging basket at the Fire Station as it was sadly neglected by the fire station staff last year.</p> <p>SH has planted 3 Pieris plants in the promenade planters at the Turkish Barbers.</p>
10.	<p>Projects.</p> <p>The scaffolding at the Allan Centre has been removed so we can now resume work at the raised beds. The soil in the raised beds will require to be removed prior to the walls being re-pointed in May.</p>

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Actions

5.	Plant pyramid box plants in planters on dual carriageway.	GR/DN
5.	Additional topsoil for beds at Blairforkie Drive.	GR/DN
5	Garth's rockery to be tidied up.	ER
7.	Purchase assorted items for coffee morning.	DN
7.	Notices and banners to be placed throughout village advertising the plant sale and coffee morning.	DN/GR
7.	Set up Church Hall on Friday evening.	All
9.	Purchase more baskets etc from Amberol.	DN
9.	Hanging basket at Fire Station to be watered this year.	RK
10.	Soil to removed from raised beds at the Allan Centre.	GR/All