

Friends of Dollar Park

Minutes of Meeting

Held on

29th May 2018 at 6.30pm

Cyrenians Offices Wellside Place Falkirk

Present – Les Pryde (Chair), LP, Morris Robb, (Vice Chair), MR, Ian Gourlay (Treasurer), IG, Robert Menzies. Gordon Lumsden, Lynda Ross-Hall, Alistair Smith, Christine Reid.

Apologies – Jessica Paterson, Norah Summers, Ruth Mulligan.

Minutes of meeting of 17th April 2018

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

Proposed- Morris Robb Seconded – Robert Menzies

Matters arising

Their were no matters arising..

Arnotdale House

Chimneys have now been resorted and put back up, other work is gathering pace and the quality is excellent.

Lynda Ross-Hall continues to attend the project meetings and will report back to the Friends. The work is still on schedule to finish within the agreed timescale. Timber beams have been salvaged and stored in the Walled Garden for future use.

Walled Garden Development Group

The next meeting is on 18th June 2018

Walled Garden

The garden is looking good and the high footfall has been encouraging; a film crew has been present filming for the Cyrenians 50th anniversary and various events have been held.

Appreciation was acknowledged for the Friends in opening and closing the gates. The application to the Sons of Rock for funding re a gazebo was approved.

It was proposed that a planning application for re roofing the old toilet block be submitted, and it may be possible to recycle the timber beams salvaged from Arnotdale House.

The wall to the north that is showing signs of paint and brick flaking a investigation is underway to determine the best way to tackle repairs.

Floral Clock

The application to The Robert Barr Trust has been approved and we have received a sum of £5000

The Just Giving page and the My Parks page continue to slowly receive donations.

The publicity campaign is now in full swing with a article in the Falkirk Herald and a exhibition in the Howgate.

Various other sources for funding were discussed.

The funding for the clock mechanism unfortunately will not be in place for this year, static wooden handles will be used.

LP reported that he had visited the plant nursery at Edinburgh Council and the plant material was looking first class.

It is scheduled to commence planting mid June and there is a degree of excitement and trepidation that after all the planning and hard work behind the scenes and after an absence of 37 years the floral clock will be back in the park.

Park Issues

The standard of grass cutting continues to be of concern; difficult situation due to Council cut backs to be monitored.

Work has commenced on the car park this will be funded as part of the Arnotdale refurbishment, and will greatly improve the area.

Further discussion took place regarding the proposed improvements to the war memorial, MR illustrated plans showing the proposed changes and costs would be available for the next meeting. A phone tag scan app was being explored which would enable users to access information about a particular name.

It was noted that the use of the Tennis courts had declined, Community Trust to be contacted.

Concern was expressed about teenagers hanging about the play area and drinking at night agreed to take the matter up with the Council.

Project Review

Further discussing on re roofing the old toilet block and the refurbishing of the dovecote took place.

Still awaiting costings from ZZ Consultants re the Dovecote

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None

Date of next meeting

31st July 2018 AGM 6.00pm Walled Garden Dollar Park.