

Friends of Dollar Park

Minutes of AGM

held on

21 July 2015

at 7.15pm

in

Municipal Chambers, Falkirk

Present – Les Pryde (Chair), Ian Gourlay (Treasurer), Christine Reid (Secretary), Morris Robb, Chris Morris, Maureen Smith, Alistair Smith, Robert Menzies, David Clayson, Rae Clayson, Morven Mack, Gordon Lumsden, Donald Currie, Linda Porter

Gillian Thomson & Kristy Humphries Falkirk Community Trust (who gave a presentation on the tennis courts in Dollar Park) Kate Kane Falkirk Council re nominations of committee

Apologies – Pat Reid, Jessica Paterson, Claire Mack

Introduction - Les welcomed everybody to the AGM, and as it was mandatory proceeded to instructed all in the fire procedures.

Prior to the AGM business Gilliam Thomson and Kristy Humphries, from the Community Trust, gave a presentation on the proposed upgrade of the tennis courts in Dollar Park. Kristy explained the existing surface and the upkeep of the courts was not cost effective.

A complete refurbishment is planned,

- 4x all weather LTA specification doubles tennis courts
- New 3m fence with fobbed access
- Localized court controlled floodlights
- Wheelchair friendly access and access surface changed
- Year round coaching program, school use and membership

Cost of the refurbishment would be in the region of £300,000 funded from the under noted sources

- Lawn Tennis Association LTA
- Falkirk Environmental Turst
- Sport Scotland
- Falkirk Council

A number of questions were taken from the friends,

Chris Morris asked when it would be ready, Kristy said some funding had to be spent within the financial year and it was hoped the work would be completed by next summer. Chris also asked if a Portaloos could be considered when there are competitions.

Alistair Smith, could they go to Falkirk Tennis club for help in planning the work.

Gordon Lumsden, asked about running costs, Kristy stated this would be in the region of this is £5,000 annually. Gordon stated perhaps local sponsors could be encouraged.

David Clayson, stated could we use Park Hotel toilets? And how can this be run without toilets and changing facilities. Kristy responded by saying that funding could be available for this in the future.

Ian Gourlay, stated that the Community Trust have to be congratulated on putting this package together.

Maureen Smith, agreed with everything, but facilities needed.

The chairman thanked Gillian and Kristy for their presentation.

Minutes of the previous AGM

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

Proposed - David Clayson Seconded – Robert Menzies

Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising

Chairman's Report

The chair read out his report and distributed copies. A general discussion ensued and the conclusion was that it had been a fruitful year and a great deal to look forward to in the ensuing year.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer outlined the annual accounts which had been audited by Frank McChord Falkirk Council. The full audited accounts were attached.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Chair Leslie Pryde proposed Chris Morris, seconded Gordon Lumsden

Vice Chair Morris Robb proposed Les Pryde, seconded Ian Gourlay

Treasurer Ian Gourlay proposed Morris Robb, seconded Les Pryde

Secretary Christine Reid

Two additional members were elected to the committee Gordon Lumsden, Chris Morris,

AOCB

A discussion ensued with regards to the situation regarding Arnotdale was anything happening? Were the Council aware that one of the ceilings had collapsed, after all the money that had been spent on making the building wind and watertight it was anything but.

Can the contractors be held accountable?

Robert Menzies asked if the Council is still pursuing the plan to have areas of longer grass. Jessica Paterson from the Council stated that it was being considered.

Date of next meeting

To be confirmed