

**Minutes of “Friends of Dollar Park” Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010  
Masonic Hall Lint Riggs**

**Present:** Les Pryde, Ian Gourlay, Chris Morris (Chair), Jessica Paterson, Susan Myles, George Main, Irene Lumsden, Shirley Johnson, Ian Scott, Jean Armstrong, Ian Crozier.

**Apologies:** Pat Reid, Hazel Muirhead, Linda Pacitti.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Heading</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	<b>Apologies</b>	Noted above.			
3	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	Minutes of the previous meeting (28 September 2010) were proposed by LP and seconded by JA as an accurate record.			
4	<b>Website</b>	<p>CM introduced George Main (GM) who outlined his role with Falkirk Council in teaching a website development course. He noted that this was a free course, running for approx. 12-14 weeks for 2.5 hours per week. He suggested that a volunteer from FoDP might wish to undertake this course and develop the FoDP website under supervision.</p> <p>GM also noted that his company could provide a reduced fee option for website development follow-up at 49 pounds and 13 pounds per year to maintain the FoDP domain name. GM noted he would waive the 9 first year fee.</p>			

		<p>The meeting discussed the pros and cons of a member developing and maintaining the website as opposed to engaging professional web site developers. JP noted that her partner (Neil Paterson) would be very keen to attend the web training course highlighted by GM and assist the FoDP group with the site thereafter.</p> <p>After discussion, the group decided to accept JPs kind offer on behalf of NP.</p> <p>SM agreed to extend the invitation to attend the web development training course to the broader membership in a bid to share skills and support NP in his kind offer of support.</p>		SM	
<b>5</b>	<b>Canine Capers</b>	<p>CM confirmed that the Canine Capers, supported by Michele McAllum from Falkirk Council's Green Dog Walking organization, will take place in Dollar Park on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2011.</p> <p>SM noted that it was a great opportunity to both raise the profile of the FoDP group and potentially fundraise at the event.</p>		Office Bearers to liaise with MMc in organizing the event.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Doocot</b>	<p>CM reported back o this project. He noted that he had met recently with Provost Reid and emailed John Banks. CM reported that no real progress has been</p>		PR to follow-up with Council Officers on progressing proposed	

		<p>made. Provost Reid has undertaken to follow-up with Council Officers on this matter. CM reported that recent and impending staff changes at Falkirk Council seemed to be affecting progress on this proposed project.</p> <p>IG noted that it may be prudent at this time to secure commitment of the Falkirk Environment Trust to this project, given their previously expressed interest. CM noted that he was due to meet with Arthur Berg from FET on 1<sup>st</sup> December and would follow-up on IGs suggestion.</p>		<p>development plans for the Doocot.</p> <p>CM to raise the Doocot plans with AB from FET on 1<sup>st</sup> December in a bid to secure their ongoing support in principle for the project.</p>	
7	<b>Walled Garden</b>	<p>CM circulated around attendees again the plans proposed by Louise Glowaski from Criminal Justice for proposed development of the walled garden area within the park. He noted that the suggestion currently was that the funding application for this project, while developed by LG would be submitted on behalf of the FoDP group.</p> <p>CM noted that at the last meeting some members had indicated some concerns regarding the proposals e.g. over access and design. In a bid to address these concerns LG agreed (reportedly slightly reluctantly) to meet with interested FoDP members to walk around the site and outline the detail of the proposals on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> November at 1000. All members are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Again some concerns were raised by members (LP,</p>		<p>All FoDP members invited to attend walled garden site visit on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 1000.</p> <p>CM undertook to</p>	

		<p>SM, IS, JA) regarding the extent of consultation on this matter to date and the lack of details re the proposed partnership/joint working with LG and Criminal Justice going forward. SM noted she felt that the FoDP group should be cautious in proceeding, ensuring that the governance arrangements re potential funding allocation and roles and responsibilities of the FoDP group and working arrangements are clearly agreed and documented before committing to the project.</p> <p>There was general consensus among those present that this was a good opportunity for the group and that we should proceed with ‘cautious optimism’ as suggested by IS.</p>		<p>explore some of the detail around the proposed partnership between FoDP and LG and her team and feedback to the group. LP &amp; CM to raise these issues at a forthcoming meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December at 0930 in Municipal Buildings Committee Rooms (IS, JA noted they may also be able to attend).</p>	
8	<b>AOCB</b>	<p>LP updated the group on the Inner Wheel tree donation. He noted that he has been able to source a George Forrest species that will be planted in the area around the fountain. It is expected that the planting ceremony will take place around w/c 7 December (John Banks at Falkirk Council organizing this). LP to confirm the date and invited members to attend is possible. The Inner Wheel group will arrange a photographer from the Falkirk Herald to attend the event.</p> <p>JP reported back on her successful funding application to the Forestry Commission, winning 390 pounds to pay for 12 trees to develop a community orchard in the park. 12 fruit trees (8 apple; 1 pear &amp; 3 plum) will be bought with this money. The grant also covers a</p>		<p>LP to confirm date of tree planting and share with members.</p> <p>JP to confirm time and arrangement for planting of fruit trees on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011.</p>	

		<p>nursery man to supervise the planting of the trees. The tree plating will occur on 22<sup>nd</sup> January (time TBA) and again JP extended an invitation to all to attend if possible. CM reported that the trees are to be planted to the RHS of the play area, adjacent to his house.</p> <p>IG reported that there is currently 835.74 pounds in the FoDP bank account. SM suggested we may consider speculating some of this to accumulate future funds for the group, using it to support dome events. Committee suggested potential events around the tree planting on 22 Jan 11 and perhaps an easter event.</p> <p>SM highlighted the Falkirk Council Litter Strategy Team Christmas event planned for December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Municipal Buildings, commencing at 1900. CM noted that the FoDP group has been nominated to receive an award as a new Green Dog Walking group. Again attendance by all members encouraged for a pre-Christmas tipple.</p>		<p>FoDP committee to consider event for 2011.</p> <p>All members cordially invited to the Falkirk Council community groups meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.</p>	
9	<b>DONM</b>	<p>February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011, 1900-2030 (venue, Masonic Hall, Lintriggs, TBC)</p> <p>May 2011 suggested for AGM. Date and venue TBC. IS &amp; LP agreed to work together on a brief presentation about the Park, utilizing historical film footage of the park from 1938 and a selection of photographs of the park through the years.</p>		<p>IC to confirm venue.</p> <p>Calendar of meetings for 2011 to be agreed asap.</p>	