

Friends of Dollar Park

Minutes of Meeting

Held on

05<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6.30pm

Cyrenians Offices Wellside Place Falkirk

**Present** – Les Pryde (Chair), LP, Morris Robb, (Vice Chair), MR, Ian Gourlay (Treasurer), IG, Pat Reid, Robert Menzies. Gordon Lumsden, Ruth Mulligan, Lynda Ross-Hall, George Main

**Apologies** – Jessica Paterson, Morven Mack, Norah Summers, Irene Lumsden

**Minutes of meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

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

Proposed- I Gourlay Seconded - Robert Menzies

**Matters arising**

Arnotdale submitted planning detail not yet approved.

**Arnotdale House**

A plan had been submitted re parking which was to include additional space at the side of the putting green and removal of a mature tree.

The friends saw no necessity for this area to be used, and would be recommending that the original plan be adopted. Concern was expressed that the friends had not been included in the consultancy phase.

PR stated that due to slippage in the timescale of starting the work this may cause problems re the Council spend which could affect the end result. Work program January – September.

**Walled Garden Development Group**

Jessie Pitt has been appointed as the new Community Gardener. To take up post in January 2018.

The Halloween event was low key

A Winter Wonderland event is planned for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and will be held from 17.30 to 19.30pm

Bulbs and roses have been purchased for planting

Building up external relationships with e.g. the Rotary Club, Floral Arts Club and Trinity Church

SVQs have hit a few hurdles due to chaotic attendance recently as some have not been attending on a regular basis.

Garden to be closed 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 04<sup>th</sup> January

Increase in volunteers coming to help in the garden.

### **Floral Clock**

LP informed the friends of his meeting with staff from Edinburgh Parks to discuss plant material and the possibility of their plant nursery growing the required plants. The parks officer in charge of Princesses Street Gardens, and the floral clock, to come through to Falkirk and have a site meeting with LP.

Cyrenians in discussion with Rotary Club to discuss funding opportunities. Friends also suggested a number of local business contacts that could be approached for funding.

### **Project Review**

A discussion ensued with regards to the prioritizing projects.

Floral Clock  
Dovecote  
Toilet Block

With regards to the toilet block Robert Menzies to have further discussions with Jessica Paterson.

### **AOCB**

Robert Menzies pointed out that there were problems with cars turning at northern entrance and suggested that the barrier be re-erected further into the park. To take the matter up with Jessica Paterson.

George Main made reference to the web site, server, and LP agreed to forward copies of the minutes and any other relevant documentation to be put on the site.

### **Date of next meeting**

13th February 2018 6.30pm Cyrenians Offices 23 Wellside Place Falkirk

