

Friends of Dollar Park

Minutes of Meeting

Held on

26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 6.30pm

Cyrenians Offices Wellside Place Falkirk

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

**Apologies** – Jessica Paterson, Maureen and Alistair Smith, Lynda Ross-Hall

### **Minutes of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

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

Proposed- Morris Robb Seconded - I Gourlay

### **Matters arising**

IG advised that Jessica Paterson (Council) had advised that LED lights were to be installed alongside the path leading to the tennis courts this had to date not been done. Pat Reid advised that there were difficulties in obtaining monies to carry out proposed works at the War Memorial, MR had produced plans and it was agreed to seek a meeting with Arthur Berg Falkirk Environmental Trust to seek funding.

### **Arnotdale House**

Ruth gave the friends a update, meeting had taken place between the Cyrenians and Council officials, planning consent had been approved, tenders to be sent out in October, slight problem with internal lift details but being addressed, timescales have slipped but still all works to be completed by late summer 2018.

### **Walled Garden Development Group**

LP continued to attend the group meetings; the aim is to focus on the day to day development and long term planning for the walled garden run jointly with Criminal Service and the Cyrenians. The Memories week end was a great

success very well attended; a program of events is being drawn up i.e. Halloween, Christmas, and winter fete. New paths are being laid and spring bulb planting is about to commence.

The friends continue to open and close the garden on weekend.

A major project being looked at is the reinstatement of the floral clock at the entrance of the park; a working party has been convened to look at the feasibility of having the floral clock back in the park.

## **Parks Maintenance**

LP expressed concern with regards to the maintenance of the park this year it was very poor, unfortunately due to budget cuts it was difficult to see any improvement.

A discussion ensued re the possibility of the Criminal Justice Personal on Community Payback being involved in the future maintenance of the park discussions to be held with Council officials.

Repairs had been carried out to the old chimney stack within the walled garden. Chinese lions at the entrance gate have now been cleaned.

## **Project Review**

MR circulated a paper outlining a list of assets together with a list of possible projects for discussion.

### **Dollar Park Assets**

Walled Garden	----	Cyrenians Project
Arnotdale House	----	Cyrenians Project
Tennis Courts	----	FCT&Tennis Scotland Project
Joint Dementia Centre	-----	FC& FVHB
Children's Play Area	-----	FC Improvements Project
Toilet Block and Mess Room		
Dovecote and Stores		
Cottage Shop/Stores/Staffroom		
Putting Green, Open Space, Trees		
War Memorial		
Chinese Lions Marble Sculptures		
George Forrest Garden		
Peter Pan Memorial Garden		
Old Tractor Shed, stone enclosure minus roof		
Public open space north and orchard		
Public open space south and arboretum		
Prodigal Son Statue and flower bed		
Sheila Mc Kachine Memorial		
Fountain flower bed		
Car parking, roads, footpaths		

Street furniture, public lighting, park benches, waste bins notice board.  
Services, electric sub station, water gas, telephone  
Flowerbeds, shrubberies  
Dwarf stone retaining wall to park frontage  
Other stone, brick/stone boundary wall, fencing, hedging.

### **Future Project List for Discussion**

Dovecote and Stores: stone repairs, roof repairs, part demolition, new surfacing.

War Memorial: new access arrangements

Prodigal Son: new signage and Text

Street Lighting: extension to tennis courts.

Informal Street Naming and Footpath names: e.g. Forrest's Avenue, Dollar drive, Memorial Path etc.

Chinese Lions: relocate to stone plinths at park entrance and add signage and text.

Floral Clock: investigate feasibility of reinstating clock on original site at entrance to the park

Tree Stations and Border Planting: continue tree station improvements, re plant herbaceous border to south of walled garden.

Toilet Block and Mess room: carry out roof repair, wind and watertight requirements for further development

Tractor Shed: reinstate roof and re use for park equipment storage.

The list is not intended to be exclusive , it can be added to or deletions made.  
The Friends would welcome any comments.

### **AOCB**

It was agreed that Robert Menzies would lay the poppy wreath on behalf of the Friends at the war memorial on Remembrance Day in November.  
George Main made reference to the web site and LP agreed to forward copies of the minutes and any other relevant documentation to be put on the site .

### **Date of next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6.30pm Cyrenians Offices 23 Wellside Place Falkirk

