

THE FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK STIRLING

Committee Meeting 24 April 2023

Time/Venue: 6.30pm, Information Point/Station next to Stirling Council Main Library.

Approved Minute

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: David Leslie (Chair), Hector Currie (Secretary/Minute Secretary), Moira Fairweather, Neil Fairweather, Marguerite Nugent, Wendy Garcia.

2. APOLOGIES: Dorothy Wilson, Tom Wilson, Gordon Campbell (Treasurer), Graham Morrice.

3. GUEST: Neil Ross.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 20th MARCH 2023

No corrections required. David moved approval. Moira seconded. The minute was approved.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 20th MARCH MEETING, NOT ON THE AGENDA
Item 8A2. Survey of park users**

Wendy reported on her meeting with Craig Wilkie (cafe proprietor) about the information he collected prior to opening the cafe. The results were 'weather-dependent' but showed: the strong park presence of dog walkers, a wide range of park users groups, visitors from outside the city (eg Falkirk, Alloa) and problems with parking provision. Craig would be happy to make any survey forms we produce, available in the cafe.

Centenary of the sports pavilion. Neil R. note that the pavilion was built in 1923. It was decided an event to celebrate it's centenary should be considered and discussed with Craig. **ACTION: Hector and David.**

6. PARK PROJECT UPDATES

(a) Apple orchard.

(1) Remaining slates to be removed. Protective netting has been installed to half the trees. Remaining trees to be netted prior to the *Community Payback* team's arrival. Turf removal is scheduled for mid-May. A marker spray and weed suppressant material would need to be purchased. **ACTION:** Orchard leads: Moira and Neil. Lidia supporting.

(2) Tree labels have been purchased. **Action:** Identification details had been supplied by Lidia and would be designed and applied to the labels by Jen.

Update. Community Payback team arrive Sun. 14th & Mon. 15th May. No tools needed.

(b) Peace of Mind Garden. The bark-laying task would be postponed. **ACTION:** Hector to inform Scott Sneddon (Stirling Council). It was decided *not* to plant a yew tree in the raised bed ground as all parts of the tree are poisonous. Alternatives required. Pergola to be dismantled. **Action:** Hector to write to Stephen Robertson requesting its removal.

(c) Mosaics. Cleaning by the *Community Payback* team would be carried out at the same time as the apple orchard work. FoKP would supply materials including buckets. **ACTION:** Hector and Lidia. David supporting.

(d) 3-tier planter. Stirling Council had relocated the planter to the inside of the park entrance at the tennis courts. Bedding plants are expected in mid-to-late May.

7. TENNIS COURTS RENEWAL UPDATE

A progress note from Stirling Council *Infrastructure* had been circulated. Positive progress was welcomed. It was appreciated that we had been asked for our views on specific issues. In response, we had indicated the 'ideal' management model would be in-house Council management; failing that, Stirling Council management of bookings and out-source training.

8. FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK DEVELOPMENT

(a) Marketing Strategy. Wendy presented the draft marketing strategy. It was welcomed as a viable programme of work. Some fine-tuning would be carried out including references to "community" to be recast in terms of "Stirling City" (or such-like). Distinctions would be made between projects that we led or carried out ourselves and projects where we were supporting others or working with lead partners. The relationship of FoKP membership and FoKP volunteers required further consideration and would be carried forward to our next AGM and possible constitutional changes. Wendy was thanked for her work to date. **ACTION:** Wendy to amend draft for approval at next meeting.

(b) FoKP website. Neil F. was thanked for his work in creating an FoKP website with it's focus on what we do. The site cost was £6/month. It needed more development work including incorporating 'stories' about our projects (eg Peace of Mind Garden). Marketing information needed to be added to the site. As it was a brand new site it would not, initially, be easy to find on a 'search' but this would change in time. **ACTION:** All committee members to review the site and give Neil feedback.

(c) New Facebook page. Wendy had established a new FoKP Facebook page. It needed to be filled up with information, events etc. Our original Facebook page still operated with 600 followers so it would be important to discuss with Trudi a redirecting message to the new page. **ACTION.** All committee members.

(d)Email address. Hector reported that a new Friends of Kings Park email address and password had been established: fokpstirling@outlook.com. It would be used

from now on but could take time for members, volunteers and organisations to adopt. Discussion of creating a different membership email address was carried forward.

(e) Logo. Neil reported on a discussion with *Arken Creative*. It was agreed to pay for the production of 2 options for a FoKP logo. **ACTION:** Neil to inform Ms. Nisbet. Neil confirmed that Sue Beach had the copyright of the first logo she had kindly drafted for FoKP.

9. FUND-RAISING

(a) Discussion of a possible arrangement between Sue Beach and FoKP on the proceeds of future sales of her Kings Park paintings would be explored further and Gordon's views sought on financial possibilities. **ACTION:** Neil and Gordon.

(b) Stirling Council's community grant scheme allowed applications for payment of £1500 (once per year). While it was agreed that we should aim to submit an application before our September 2023 AGM, we would need to identify sound ideas of projects or events for which to make application. **ACTION:** All committee members.

10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

(a) David requested arrangements for the 2023 AGM be put on the May committee agenda. A review of governance issues and constitution to be carried out by date of our June committee meeting. **ACTION:** David.

(b) A letter supporting Craig Wilkie's alcohol application to be submitted. **ACTION** Hector.

Update. Unfortunately not submitted as Stirling Council's Licensing Board met the next day but the application was successful and welcomed by Friends of Kings Park.

11. DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting will be held **Monday 22 May** at the Information Point next to the Council's Main Library. *Note. Already booked.*