

# THE FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK STIRLING

Committee Meeting 14 November 2022

Time/Venue: 6.30pm, Information Point

**1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marguerite Nugent (Chair), Gordon Campbell (Treasurer) Hector Currie (Minute Secretary), Graham Morrice, , Moira Fairweather, Neil Fairweather, David Leslie.

**2. APOLOGIES:** Trudi Togneri, Dorothy Wilson, Tom Wilson, Dagmar Brown-McKle (volunteer). Maggie Inall (volunteer)

**3. Guests.** None

## **4. MINUTE OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

The minute was confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Moved approval by Marguerite; Seconded by Hector. The minute was approved.

## **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER MEETING, NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Item 4: Discussion of the way ahead.** On a request from new committee members, it was agreed Hector would send a copy of the 2017 amended FKP Stirling constitution to *all* committee members.

## **6. PARK ISSUES AND PROJECTS FOR 2023**

There was a wide-ranging discussion of the paper '*Notes for Monday night's committee meeting*' (Park issues and projects for 2023).

It was **agreed** that Kings Park Community Council and Stirling Golf Club should be added to the list of organisations we engage with (which includes TCV, Recyke-A-Bike, Paths For All and Police Scotland).

In summary, it was **agreed** that certain issues were primary to FKP going forward in 2023:

- In order to engage effectively with Stirling Council, we need a clearer understanding of the structure of the various services, particularly given its recent reorganisation, that have some responsibility for the management, maintenance, safety or development of the park
- A meeting should be arranged in the New Year with identified key Stirling Council officers to raise issues and our concerns about the park's management and maintenance as well as possible new projects to enhance the park. In particular:
  1. To make the case that the public park needs a Management Plan, to which we could make a valuable contribution.
  2. To understand what the annual maintenance regime is for the park.
  3. To understand what resources the Council may have available in 2023 to invest in the park's development.
- The Friends of Kings Park, with volunteer support, should gather information on the range of activities that take place in the park over the year.

- In the Spring, we should restart our campaign to boost committee membership and volunteers, including holding an 'events day' in the Summer to promote the public park and the Friends of Kings Park.
- We should develop a membership list.

**Note.** The ideas for a children's adventure trail and a cycle exercise lane were put on hold for discussion at a future date once we have addressed the issues listed above.

## **7. ISSUES AND PROJECTS LEADS**

See the Annex with the details of the 'lead' players and back-up support from other committee members and volunteers for different issues, projects and tasks. With three committee members absent and no volunteers attending, it was desirable to hold a further discussion to finalise our understanding.

**Note.** How we proceed should be flexible. Only important decisions, including on expenditure, should need to be referred to the committee for decisions. We would hope that most of what is to be done on different tasks and issues can simply go ahead but of course, with reporting on progress, problems, etc to the committee, to keep it informed.

## **8. PRE-CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

**Background.** Since covid19 appeared, there has been no annual committee social get-together before Christmas. Previously, we had gone for a meal at the Torbrex Inn or had a buffet at the Alan Park Hotel. Volunteers, local councillors and other guests were usually invited. After discussion, it was **agreed** that Hector and Lidia should approach Craig Wilkie to check if it would be possible to hold an evening social in the Pavilion Cafe for committee and volunteers.

## **9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Trudi would take the Chair for next committee meeting.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm the Information Point

## ANNEX: ISSUES, TASKS, PROJECTS FOR 2023

ISSUES, TASKS, PROJECTS	MAIN LEAD(S) AND SUPPORT	NOTES
<p><b>Park Plans and Resources.</b> Meet with key Stirling Council officers to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the need for a park management plan</li> <li>the park's ground maintenance programme</li> <li>the priorities for the park within the Council's wider service priorities</li> <li>the likely future resources available to the park</li> </ul>	David and Marguerite, <i>with support from Hector</i>	<p>1. Probably meet with Land Services management in the first instance.</p> <p>2. Possibly also discuss with Asset Management section (buildings).</p>
<p><b>Maintenance and Repair.</b> Arrange a meeting with Stirling Council appropriate key officers to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>replacing the dirt path with a hard surface at boundary of the play park</li> <li>resolving the drainage problem and removing the temporary walkway</li> <li>safety handrails at the steep bend on upper path</li> <li>relocating the 3-tier planter</li> <li>renewing the 3 tennis court nets and repairing the detached, boundary-high netting</li> <li>moving the orchard board to the orchard</li> <li>deterioration of the paintwork of the park's main notice boards'</li> </ul>	<i>Needs a lead(s) and support</i>	A Land Services discussion.
<p><b>Main Entrance Area Safety.</b> Arrange a meeting with Stirling Council's transport officers to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>park users' safety at the double mini-roundabout at the main entrance</li> <li>impact of the <i>Walk, Cycle, Live</i> changes on vehicle traffic in front of main entrance</li> </ul>	Hector <i>and support from .....?</i>	Requires contact with the Transport Development Team. The Albert Place/Dumbarton Rd changes will increase traffic volumes in front of the main entrance and could jeopardise pedestrian safety.
<p><b>Task.</b> Oversee the growth and safety of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Handkerchief tree</p>	Lidia and Trudi	<b>Note.</b> Tree location to be uploaded to the Green Canopy website.
<p><b>Task.</b> Oversee the apple orchard: winter pruning, summer drop, feeding, disease checks, grass-cutting, vandalism checks and slates reinserting</p>	Moira and Lidia with support from Tom.	Support from all committee members and volunteers. <b>Note.</b> Winter pruning is in early Feb.
<p><b>Garden and Butterfly Border Project.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redesign the layout and identify a planting regime for the Peace of Mind Garden</li> <li>Identify drought-resistant, attractive plants appropriate for the Butterfly Border</li> <li>Come up with a design for the provision of ground-level, water bowls for birds and insects</li> </ul>	Neil, Andrew, Dagmar with support from Dorothy.	Draw up a plan over the winter. <b>Note</b> £1000 given by the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health & Social Partnership to provide mental health benefits from planting. Still some unspent.
<p><b>Task.</b> Clean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the mosaics across the park</li> <li>the perspex fronts of the 2 park notice</li> </ul>	<i>Needs a lead to organise</i>	<b>Note.</b> New perspex may need installed (by Stirling Council)

boards		
<b>Task.</b> Remove thistles from right side of entrance to the community garden	<i>Needs a lead(s) with support from ...?</i>	
<b>Project.</b> Campaigning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• devise a Spring membership campaign to create a basis for an FKP membership list</li> <li>• draw up a Spring/Summer event</li> <li>• review how to use social media and Facebook</li> <li>• promote the park widely</li> <li>• find out what park events take place</li> </ul>	<i>Needs a lead(s) plus support from ..... ?</i>	Needs contact with Licensing section and Events team
<b>Project.</b> Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the current membership form</li> <li>• establish an FKP membership list based on the campaign</li> </ul>	Marguerite <i><u>with support from...?</u></i>	