

# FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK

Committee Meeting 10th October 2022

Time/Venue: 6.30pm, Information Point

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hector Currie (Minute Secretary), Marguerite Nugent, Trudi Togneri, Graham Morrice, Gordon Campbell (Treasurer), Moira Fairweather, Neil Fairweather,

**1. APOLOGIES:** Dorothy Wilson, Tom Wilson, David Leslie, Coleen Kennedy (volunteer), Dagmar Brown-McKle (volunteer).

## **2. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Marguerite agreed to temporarily assume the Chair.

1. The committee agreed to trial operating with a rotating Chair.
2. For the purpose of this meeting *only*, Hector was nominated as the Chair. Moved by Gordon; seconded by Marguerite. Approved.
3. Trudi was nominated as Vice-Chair. Moved by Marguerite; seconded by Hector. Trudi would take the Chair at the next committee meeting.
4. Hector was nominated as Secretary. Moved by Moira; seconded by Graham. Approved.
5. Gordon was nominated as Treasurer. Moved by Moira; seconded by Graham. Approved.
6. Hector was nominated as Minute Secretary. Nominated by Graham; seconded by Trudi. Approved.
7. Marguerite was nominated as Membership Secretary. Moved by Gordon; seconded by Hector. Approved.

Hector took over the Chair.

## **3. MINUTE OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF 20th Sept 2022**

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

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

## **4. DISCUSSION OF THE WAY AHEAD**

A discussion followed about the way ahead for the Friends of Kings Park. With new committee members and changes in office bearers, there was agreement we should aim to spread the load and widen participation across more committee members in relation to particular tasks, committee administration and project leadership where appropriate.

Marguerite stressed the need to pull together the different issues affecting the park. Then we could agree which members would take them forward, helped by volunteers, if willing and interested.

With Lidia no longer a committee member, the maintenance of the Handkerchief tree and the apple orchard could have caused difficulties but her willingness to retain a lead role with both projects as a volunteer was welcomed. More generally, the issue of volunteers working in the park on FKP's behalf but at times, without any committee member present, was noted. Hector agreed to check if our Zurich insurance policy had anything to say on the matter

A range of points and agreements were made in relation to committee responsibilities, wider

involvement and a focus on the park as whole. In no particular order:

- We have gained a number of volunteers, which is a mark of the success of our publicity work. However, volunteers should have an idea about the **future direction** of our work. We need to set out the way ahead, as Lidia had emphasised at the AGM.
- With new committee members, we need to give individual members more **responsibility** to lead on particular projects and issues that they were comfortable with.
- The various **problems and opportunities** facing the park as whole need to be set down.
- With a change of Secretary, the Friends of Kings Park's **email address**, fkp.stirling@gmail.com needs transferred to Hector. Trudi agreed to talk with Dorothy about deleting the address from her account and transferring the password.
- Consideration was given to having an FKP **membership card**. Marguerite would talk to Dorothy about passing over the details of those listed as members and any updating could then be completed.
- In relation to Stirling Council **dismantling and removing the raised bed** on 27<sup>th</sup> October, the Council should be left to get the job done and any volunteers or committee members who attend the Garden should only work in the Garden's back area where two small slaps are to be laid at the metamorphosis panel. Access to the Garden may not actually be possible.
- Thereafter, it would be useful to set out the way ahead for the **Peace of Mind Garden** including an understanding of who it was for. This would influence an **overall Garden design**. (It was understood Andrew Hipkin had an interest in such an approach). This would go to the full committee for approval. The Garden design **map** within the information board at the Garden entrance was now out of date and would need renewed at some future point.
- It was agreed that how the committee manages FKP's overall involvement with the Garden would benefit from one person being the **lead** player to closely liaise with the committee and to support volunteers. The importance of retaining the goodwill and support from Stirling Council was recognised.

## 5. AOB

None.

## 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting set for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm at Stirling Council Information Point.

The meeting close at 7.45pm