

## Friends of Kings Park Committee Meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Meeting Notes

**1. Present: Committee members** David Leslie (Chair), Neil Ross, Hector Currie. **Apologies** Moira Fairweather, Neil Fairweather, Gordon Campbell, Marguerite Nugent, Wendy Gracia. **Guests** Andrew Hipkin (member), Max Hislop (*Treelink*).

David welcomed Max and Andrew.

As less than half the committee was present, ***the meeting was not quorate***. No decisions were taken. Ongoing actions could continue to be actioned. Hector took a note.

### NOTE

#### 2. Crown of trees project

Max described *Treelink's* mission to link 4 important woodlands round the city and create a walking route and allow people to explore their habitats. Max was thanked for his slide-show presentation and would forward a *pdf* version to FKP. In the future, FKP and *Treelink* could meet with other interested organisations to advance FKP's interest in a Homesteads to Kings Knot path.

#### 3. Minutes of meeting of 27 Nov 2023 and matters arising

The minute could not be approved.

**Item 3:** Thanks were recorded to Lidia and Marguerite for their work for the Xmas Social.

**Item 4: Action:** Neil R. and David to pursue contact with Tom Horner (Transport Development, Stirling Council).

**Item 10.** Open Day event carried over to March meeting.

#### 4. Peace of Mind Garden / butterfly border

Andrew was thanked for his 2023 review and work plan for 2024. **Action:** David to check with Neil F. about the toolbox cost. The proposal for a 'new' pergola requires more information and discussion.

#### 5. Update on other projects for 2024

**(1) Community Orchard: Action:** David and Neil to finalise the text for printing by *Arken Creative*.

**Action:** Moira to organise winter pruning (liaise with Lidia).

**(2) Proposed Children's Garden: Action:** Neil F. to maintain contact with *Cornerhouse Nursery* and Donna Mills, Stirling Council, report to next committee meeting.

**(3) Stirling 900 Celebrations: Action:** Wendy to report back to next committee meeting on possible contribution by FKP of history walks around the park and other possible projects.

#### 6. External liaison

**(1) Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise events.** Neil R. reported on networking opportunities. **Action:** David to consider attendance at 20<sup>th</sup> Feb at *Third Sector Breakfast Club*.

**(2) Kings Park Community Council. Action:** Neil R. to check with Jen McNiven (secretary) if meeting with David and Neil R. on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. to discuss issues of common interest, is going ahead.

**(3) Kings Park, Perth, Australia: Action:** On his return from Australia, Neil R. to report on his visit to the Botanic Garden in the Kings Park Perth.(park details: <https://www.friendsofkingspark.com.au/>)

## **7. Committee business**

**(1) Acting secretary. Action:** Neil F. will continue to cover role with support from David and Hector.

**(2) Financial update. Action:** Gordon to present an updated financial report to March meeting.

**(3) Companies House Annual Report and change of directors. Action:** David and Gordon to meet and finalise work for submission of 2023 Annual Report and change of directors.

**(4) Commemorative tree. Action:** Hector to follow-up progress with Donna Mills, Stirling Council.

**(5) Memorial benches and plaques.** Considered inappropriate for the Peace of Mind Garden. **Action:** David and Neil F. to respond.

**8. AOB:** No other business.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 4 March 2024, 6.30pm (subsequent meeting: provisionally 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024).