

THE FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK STIRLING

Committee Meeting 22 May 2023

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

Approved minute

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

2. APOLOGIES: David Leslie, Gordon Campbell

3. GUESTS: None.

Before commencing the meeting, Neil announced that Dorothy and Tom have decided to retire from the committee. The contribution both had made over many years was recognised and it was agreed to consider how best to thank them for their long dedication to the Friends, at or before, the 2023 AGM. They will remain part of the 'Friends'. **Action.** Hector to forward Dorothy's email to all the committee.

4 (1) APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 24th APRIL 2023

No corrections required. Marguerite moved approval. Wendy seconded. The minute was approved.

4 (2) APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 24th APRIL 2023

No corrections required. Marguerite moved approval. Wendy seconded. The minute was approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 24th APRIL, NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

6. PARK PROJECT UPDATES

(a) Apple orchard. The Community Payback team had cleared grass round the base of the 16 apple trees, along with a small area in which wild flowers seeds will be sown. Potash has been applied and the variety identification tags had been completed by Jen and attached to all (bar one) of the trees. The un-named tree was insecure and needed staked. **Action.** Andrew and Neil would remedy. A discussion about relocating the orchard information board was continued as it would be a complex task and part of the text was well out of date.

(b) Peace of Mind Garden. The area along the back of the garden had been cleared on Sunday (21st) by the Community Payback team. The job had been well-done. Bark has still to be purchased. Andrew had purchased plants (value£50). No clear conclusion has been reached about how to use the raised bed ground.

(c) Mosaics. The *Community Payback* team carried out this task and the end result was as

satisfactory as the condition of the ceramics allowed.

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 19 June** at the Information Point next to the Council's Main Library. *Note. Already booked.*