

Minute from the Friends of Kings Park Committee Meeting, 03/08/2026

1 Welcome and Apologies

Present: David Leslie (DL), Neil Ross (NR), John McCallum (JMC), Stuart Marshall (SM), Hector Currie (HC), Dora Kiraly (DK)

Apologies: Wendy Garcia (WG), Gordon Campbell (GC)

Guest: Kenny Marrit (Item 2 only)

2. Park interpretation and signage project

The signage website is live and received good feedback from committee members who tested it. Further content will be added to the site in due course, including the history of the park. HC suggested adding the public park facilities to the website using the information found on the Stirling Council Website.

ACT: Subgroup to finalise the content of the website.

To advertise the website to the public, QR code stickers will be put up around the park. The committee recognised that this might not be the best permanent solution, but it's a cheap way to test the demand and stickers can be easily replaced if vandalised.

Committee members noted that there are some sections of the paths that are not suitable for people with limited mobility, and this should be noted on the website.

ACT: KM to add a note to the website about the paths not being suitable for people with mobility limitations.

The committee discussed the stakeholders who should be aware of website and the impact it might have on visitor numbers. Murray Cook (archaeologist) is supportive. The golf club should be consulted too.

ACT: KM to speak to the golf course about the website, including a potential partnership.

ACT: Subgroup to ensure we have agreement from all relevant stakeholders by mid September. This should include Murray Cook, Stirling Council and the golf course.

DL suggested that the AGM in October would be a good opportunity to launch the website. KM said that there is still some work to do before that deadline, but it should be possible to present the first version in October.

ACT: Lidia and Kenny to present at the AGM.

3. Matters arising from 1st June meeting

The committee approved the minutes of the 1st June meeting with no corrections.

Matters arising:

- The problems with the area between the pavilion and the toilets have been reported, and we are awaiting response from the council.
ACT: HC to send a reminder to the council about the area.
- DL noted that Girlguiding did a volunteering session in the park, but the other volunteering offers from June fell through.
- There were two new applications for garden volunteering, but no response was received from them after the initial introduction email.
ACT: DK to send a reminder and check that emails from the FKP account are not sent to spam folders.

For all project details, see the updated **FKP Priorities 2026** document.

4. Committee Office Bearer Recruitment

There was one application for the secretary role, but they did not engage with FKP after the initial meeting, so the post is still not filled.

ACT: DK to share the ad on Facebook

ACT: NR to ask SVE if there is any help we can get with the advertisement.

NR noted that SVE offers training for committee members that might be useful for new members.

Gordon had supplied summary of treasurer tasks and these are to be added to the existing adverts and re-posted

ACT: DL to amend and repost

The committee acknowledged the risk of not having the roles of the treasurer and the secretary filled by the AGM, and it is unclear what the legal implications would be.

ACT: NR to check the legal implications of not having a treasurer and a secretary.

5. Project list progress update

For updated on projects, see the updated **FKP Priorities 2026** document.

DL noted that for the AGM we will have to have detailed breakdown of how funds were used for different project in 2026.

ACT: GC to provide a detailed breakdown of how funds were allocated to project and areas within the park.

DK suggested that if GC is unable to provide this list for any reason, previous minutes would have details on how much money was allocated to projects and garden areas.

The next park walk is scheduled for Tuesday 11th August at 2:30pm, and it will go from the Pavilion to King's Knot.

NR and DL will appear on the Stirling Community Radio on Thursday 13th August.

6. Companies House Update

DL confirmed that confirmation statements were submitted to Companies House on 23rd July and they have been accepted.

7. AGM preparations and speakers

DL confirmed that the Smith Art Gallery has been booked and payment will be made on the night of the event.

Posters will need to be printed and distributed around Kings Park and Stirling city centre to advertise the event.

ACT: WG to design poster based on previous years' posters. DL to arrange the printing of 2 big and 10 small posters.

ACT: DL to draft meeting notes and action sheet.

ACT: DK to circulate formal papers two weeks before the AGM. Invite all committee members, regular members and volunteers, and key external partners, such as TCV, Rotary Club, SVE.

ACT: DL to ask the Thursday volunteers if they can support with catering.

8. Grant funding update

NR gave an update on grant fundings.

The National Lottery Community Fund said that the Companies House verification must be completed to be eligible for funding. They also advised that FKP is unlikely to obtain community fund grants for the signage project because the grant is more focused on projects delivering activities.

Heritage Lottery gave general advice on how to apply for a grant and the key considerations that would go into this.

ACT: DK to save the guidance from the Heritage Lottery at a safe space where it would be accessible for reference in the future.

9. Roads and pedestrian issues update

Committee members noted that the proposed lorry route from the reopened quarry workings passes next to nurseries and other vulnerable spots. To ensure long-term safety, the road would need to be monitored for traffic and risks.

The committee also recognised that the proposed zebra crossings and the speed humps at Kings Park will slow the traffic on the road, potentially making it safer.

10. Kings Park Community Council liaison

Committee members noted that they have received no formal contact from KPCC recently.

There are areas of mutual interest such as the roadworks, traffic, and CCTV in the park, so FKP think a collaborative approach on these issues would be beneficial.

ACT: NR to check who the key contact is for KPCC and if the chair is still the same person.

11. SVE engagement

NR recognised the incredible support FKP has received from SVE in the recent months.

FKP is building a good relationship with SVE via regular engagement. We have participated in their volunteer challenge, we will be featured in their monthly bulletin, and they have suggested some useful trainings, opportunities and facilities.

12. AOB

No AOB was raised.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15th September, 6:30pm – 8:30pm