

Minute from the Friends of Kings Park Committee Meeting, 01/06/2026

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 7 only)

2. Minutes from 30th March Committee Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes were approved with no corrections.

Matters Arising:

- **ACT:** DK to share SharePoint link and instructions with JM.
- SM gave an update on the Dobbies Community Fund application. FKP came second in the competition and received gardening supplies as the prize. SM sent a thank you email to Dobbies.
- FKP has been invited to the Stirling Community Radio to talk about the park and the Friends group.
ACT: NR to ask WG and the gardening volunteers if they would like to appear on the Community Radio with NR.
- SVE is organising a Volunteers Team Challenge which is a series of small-scale missions and challenges. The committee identified that this could be a good opportunity to raise our profile, depending on the details of the challenge.
ACT: NR to find out more about the Volunteers Team Challenge, then committee to decide whether we take part or not.
- JM bought a new cable lock for the toolbox.
ACT: JM to claim back the cost of the cable lock from GC.

3. Update on Project Priorities

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

HC noted that the ground conditions at the defibrillator would need to be improved to ensure easy and safe access. FKP will support Stirling Council to source a slabs for this area.

HC identified ongoing issue with vehicle access between cafe and toilets, leading to worn grass and muddy conditions. FKP's priority is the safety of park users, drivers, and animals, so the committee agreed to raise this issue with the relevant councillors.

ACT: HC

4. Finance Update

Committee members noted the report on March-May donations.

DL reminded committee members to submit expenses to GC before July. This deadline also applies to other volunteers.

ACT: DL to remind volunteers about the deadline for submitting expenses.

5. Committee Office Bearer Recruitment

The committee reviewed the Secretary role profile, and DL submitted the advert to the SVE volunteer portal.

ACT: DK to add the advert to the website and monitor responses. DL to arrange informal call with any applicants.

The committee is yet to receive the draft Treasurer role profile

ACT: DL to talk to GC about what key responsibilities the Treasurer role profile should cover.

6. Stirling Council Liaison

DL circulated an update on the correspondence with Stirling Council. He noted that Stirling Council is going through a restructure. This means that Land Services and Transport Services will be merged into a new Neighbourhood Services, with Gary Neill as the service manager.

FKP has been in touch with the Council on a number of issues, and we are awaiting response.

7. Update on Signage Project.

Kenny Marrit shared an update on the park signage project (paper circulated in advance):

- Discussions ongoing with Stirling Council regarding wayfinding signage from the city centre; no current budget for signage beyond this area.
- Richard Hastings (Land Services Lead) engaged and supportive; site walk planned to review accessibility and potential route labelling.
- Opportunities identified to link park routes with wider health and fitness initiatives in Stirling.
- Accepting KM's suggestion, the committee agreed to put up temporary signage (stickers, posters), giving information about different paths around the park.
- Permanent signage will require permission from the Council and funding.
- The committee agreed up to £100 for initial temporary signage materials (Kenny to reclaim via Gordon).

ACT: HC or DL to give KM one of the heritage walk leaflets.

ACT: KM to order stickers and posters, and claim expenses back from GC.

8. Traffic Management Proposal

The committee discussed the Council's traffic management proposal around Kings Park. The committee is supportive of the introduction of traffic lights and new crossings, but they have some concerns about how the crossings at the double round about would address some of the ongoing risks in that area.

ACT: HC to write to the Council confirming our support while highlighting the wider issues at the double round about, the parking area, and impact on emergency services.

9. Corporate and Community Volunteering Offers

DL summarised recent corporate and community volunteering offers:

- TCV may return in early July following April visit.
- Girl Guides scheduled to clean mosaics (10 June); tools being arranged (Action: David).
- DWP volunteering scheme engagement ongoing (H&S questionnaire required).
- WSP consultants identified as potential source of specialist advice (e.g., signage project).

10. AOB

- a) AGM Planning: The committee selected the date of the AGM: Wednesday 7th **October.**

ACT: DL to book meeting hall in the Smith.

- b) Garden volunteer applications: HC suggested that the most recent newsletter should be shared with new garden volunteer applicants.

ACT: DK to include newsletter in welcome email.

- c) Volunteers week: 1st-5th June

ACT: DK to create Facebook post and send email to volunteers to express the committee's appreciation.

- d) Summer Newsletter: This will be issued by the end of June, depending on WG's availability.

ACT: DL will draft text but Committee members to send any additional ideas and photos to WG as soon as possible.

Next meeting: Monday 3 August at 6.30pm