

Friends of Kings Park Committee Meeting

28 October 2024 at The Allan Park Hotel, Stirling

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| Attendance | David Leslie (Chair), Neil Fairweather, Wendy Garcia, Marguerite Nugent |
| Apologies | Gordon Campbell, Hector Currie, Neil Ross |
| Guests | John Buchan, Dora Kiraly |

| Item | Discussion / decision | Action |
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| 1. Welcome | The chair welcomed the guests (see items 2 and 5) | |
| 2. Community project with Scout Group | John Buchan, Scout Leader at 4 th /6 th Stirling Scout Group (Park Church) explained the opportunities for youngsters working with Friends Group on the Community Impact Staged Activity Badge. It was agreed that this aligned with our desire to involve young people in our projects. A draft programme of dates Spring to Summer 2025 to be shared with the Friends Group Friends Group to respond with list of potential projects for the youngsters to consider. | John Buchan David |
| 3. Actions from last meeting (9 September) | All complete apart from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H&S Guidance to be published on website - Finance actions to be confirmed - Park users survey and Stirling Univ contact | David/Neil F Gordon David to check with Sue |
| 4. Actions from AGM (9 Oct) | Draft note accepted with change to section on guest speaker. Letter from Chair to be emailed to all members to encourage voluntary annual donation to the group to assist with running costs. Sue Hunter to be removed as Director and Trustee after leaving the committee General WhatsApp group to be updated to remove those who are no longer active/interested | David David Gordon Wendy |
| 5. Secretary | Dora Kiraly had responded to the opportunity advertised on the SVE Volunteer Portal. She explained her interest in the Kings Park and her skills. It was agreed to co-opt Dora as a committee member and to appoint her as Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dora to complete online membership form - Dora to be appointed as Director and Trustee - Dora to be setup with access to FOKP email - Dora to be added to WhatsApp groups - Briefing meeting to be arranged for Dora | Dora Gordon Neil F David+Wendy David+Hector |

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| 6. Finance | <p>Donations – a total of 8 donations received to date via the CAFG system on our website. Ongoing monitoring required</p> <p>Gift Aid requirements yet to be finalised. Need to reportback to next meeting</p> <p>Community Grants fund – agreed to focus an application on marketing/promotion materials. Target mid Nov deadline for December decision. David to lead on drafting, consult Neil F and Wendy</p> | <p>Neil F</p> <p>Gordon</p> <p>David</p> |
| 7. Marketing/ Membership | <p>The SVE Volunteer Portal had been useful tool with the secretary advert being successful and two responses to general volunteering opportunities. Email to two potential volunteers to be sent. Participation by David and Neil R on Stirling Community Radio show was good promotion.</p> | <p>David</p> |
| 8. Events | <p>Poetry/Writing workshop proposals for March 2025 as part of Stirling 900 programme. To be held in the Peace of Mind Garden. Stirling Council has offered up to £300 to fund the workshop leader and support running costs. Agreed as good project for Friends Group.</p> <p>Programme and practical arrangements to be drawn up and shared with committee ahead of next meeting.</p> <p>Funding agreement to be clarified with Stirling Co.</p> <p>Archery demonstration in Kings Park – follow up to Stuart Campbell’s talk at AGM. Discussion of possibilities. Link with Alan Simpson, Lord Lieutenant to be pursued.</p> <p>Programme of possible events in 2025 to be discussed at next meeting</p> <p>Members’ Christmas event – agreed to target the evening of Tuesday 10 Dec. Check with rest of committee members and with Craig Wilkie about use of Pavilion Café</p> <p>Agree to same arrangement as last year with £5 tickets also give entry to raffle with hamper prizes.</p> | <p>Wendy</p> <p>Wendy</p> <p>Wendy</p> <p>Wendy</p> <p>David</p> <p>Marguerite</p> |
| 9. AOB | <p>Transport issues – Chair had written again to Cllr Preston after attendance at Kings Park Community Council meeting. Agreed to escalate.</p> <p>Newsletter – agreed to issue next edition in late November</p> | <p>David</p> <p>Wendy+David</p> |
| 10. Next meeting | <p>Early January 2025. To include review of Group’s action plan</p> | <p>David</p> |