*Minutes of Committee Meeting held on*

*Monday 4th November 2024 at the BaRi Building , Blairgowrie,*

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|  | **Those present: Cathy Doe, Pat Lumsden, Jan McHugh ,Morag Reid,Jean Smith, Hazel and Bruce Robertson, William Wilson.** |  |  |  |
|  | **Apologies from**: Cllr Bob Brawnand Cllr Caroline Shiers |  |  |  |
|  | **Minutes of last Meeting**.  Amendment to Minutes. Should have been dated 7th October not 4th.  Approved: Hazel Robertson Seconded: Jean Smith |  |  |  |
|  | **Matters Arising:**  All monies from Gannochy Trust have now been approved and work on the demolition of the building at the Garden should start shortly.  Elm Drive: Once marked out the area in the centre has gone from 9 sq mtr. To 45 sq mtr. It was agreed river bed gravel as a base with larger stones towards the centre where the large stones from the Garden will be placed. Bulbs have now all been planted around the circumference.  Meeting Place: After a site visit Bruce has done a plan which has been approved for application purposes. The maximum grant available is £10,000 and we have to match whatever we receive. We have ringfenced £7500 at the moment. Bruce will take Roger to site with the intention of getting an estimate for work to be done,  Letter to Highland Games Committee still to be sent.  More bark can be collected from Golf Club when we require it.  Reform Street bed still not repaired. PKC to be contacted.  It was agreed £100 could be spent on the two hampers for the Raffle at Tesco. Donations for the hampers to Cathy by 18th November  Quiz night: Morag will pay cash on the night for the Hall. Four £10.00 Gift Vouchers from Moyness to be bought for the winners and 4 wooden spoons for the team who comes last.  William to contact PKC re insurance of polytunnels. All other insurance cancelled.  Mary’s tree to be planted in the near future. Simon to be consulted as to how he wants this done.  £100.00 donation from Mitchells received. A thank you letter ha been done and an acknowledgement on Facebook.  Treasurer’s Report: We have £12292.60 in the Bank. As well as £100 from Newsagent we had a donation of £200 from the Highland Games Committee for our help at the Games. All baskets have now been paid and the Blueberries brought in over £700.OO. A thank you to the Thomson family has gone in The Hub and on Facebook.  The Treasurer had received a letter from The Bank of Scotland stating they were changing our account and there would be a £4.35 monthly charge to manage it with effect from 14th January 2025. After some discussion it was agreed the account will be left where it is and we will pay the charge.  AOB:  Open Space Meeting: Blair in Bloom were thanked for their assistance at the Gamsie. There had been some discussion re the removal of trees in Piggies Lane by the builders and this has been brought to the attention of Caroline Shiers and it has now gone to Enforcement. Coronation Corner was praised for the number of species of bees found there in the summer and it was suggested it would be an ideal spot for a bee post.  Christmas Lunch: It was decided that we would postpone our lunch until January as there would be no restrictions on menus to choose from after the Festive Season.  We will however host a mince pie/mulled wine get together at the Garden on 13th December. We will be wrapping the bulbs that day and will take this opportunity to invite retired Bloomers and the Garden volunteers to join us for an informal get together.  We will take a short break from 18th November for the volunteers but ad hoc work will no doubt still go on if the weather is favourable.  The order for next years plants should go in shortly so a meeting will take place on 25th November, 7pm at Morag’s to discuss.  A couple of volunteers had voiced their interest in learning more about why we do things such as cutting down. What are we cutting down and why, taking cuttings, general knowledge passed on by those who know more. Any new volunteer should be buddied up with an experienced gardener should they so wish and a general discussion then took place with regard to the scope of workshops we may be able to run at the Garden. This can be discussed again in the Spring but planning could be done over the winter months.  One last tidy up at Simon’s garden planned for 12th Novemberat 10.30am  Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2nd December. 6.30pm at the BaRi Building. | WW  WW  JS  HR/CD  JS    MR  CD/JS  JS/MR/CD |  |  |