*Minutes of Committee Meeting held on*

*Monday 6th May 2024 at the BaRi Building , Blairgowrie,*

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| ***1*** | **Those present: Cathy Doe, Pat Lumsden, Jan McHugh, Morag Reid, Jean Smith, Avril and William Wilson** |  |  |  |
| ***2*** | **Apologies from**: Cllr Bob Brawn, Cllr Caroline Shiers and Hazel and Bruce Robertson |  |  |  |
| ***3.*** | **Minutes of last Meeting**.  Approved: Morag Reid Seconded: Jan McHugh |  |  |  |
| ***4.***  ***5.***  ***6.***  ***7.*** | **Matters Arising:**  **Westfields:** We have permission to move the bench. Susan would like to attend next Committee Meeting to discuss . We would like to see her design for decorating the bench. William to contact her to arrange.  **Elm Drive**: Work to commence as soon as is feasible due to other commitments  **Meeting Place**: Ongoing. Awaiting funding  **Storage:** Bruce will investigate costs for a larger shed which could be placed where the current one is with it being moved to behind the wall for use by another group.  **Coronation Corner Mural**: The artist has submitted some ideas but not completed them so we have to wait until we see his suggestions before we consider funding the planning permission and in the current financial climate this may have to be considered carefully.  **Hanging Baskets**: Jean and Cathy have almost completed their task of taking orders from the traders for hanging baskets this year. A few still to check on but the numbers would appear to be very much the same as last year.  The baskets to be hung week beginning 10th June with the planting out of the baskets taking place week beginning 27th May. William to check that contractor can accommodate us for the week commencing 10th June and confirm cost.  Due to Council grant being cut further compost needed for the baskets will be purchased on line.20 more bags to be ordered.  **Treasurer’s Report**: We have almost £7000 in the Bank but although we expect an income of approx. £2500 -£2800 from the baskets we will have the cost of hanging them and taking them down which will be approximately £1000 plus paying someone to water which will be another £1000.  PKC have announced our grant has been cut from £2000 to £800 this year. As we had already ordered £1000 worth of plants they have agreed to make up the short fall but we will have to fund the compost ourselves.  **Tasks and Priorities**: As per attached list.  **AOB:**  **Pride In Perthshire AGM** - We were given a date of 1st June but this is yet to be confirmed by PKC  **Open Spaces Meeting** – Postponed meeting now scheduled for 16th May. Cathy and Morag to attend.  **BRDT Packages on Offer**: After some discussion it was agreed we would pay £75.00 for the Comprehensive Package on offer. William to confirm to BRDT and arrange payment.  **Hi-Viz vests:** An order of six new vests will be placed. Blair in Bloom on the back of Raspberry coloured vests. 2 Medium. 2 Large and 2 XLarge. We have potentially three new volunteers so require a further supply of vests.  **Plant Sale at Castle Water Ground** : Saturday 8th June 10.00am – 2pm setting up from 9am. Flyers to be done and distributed to shops in town. A copy of the flyer sent to Hazel to be put on Facebook.  **There is a Town Event on 25th May** to be held at the Parish Church Hall. Anyone available to attend will be welcome. Various groups from the Town talking to the public.  **A Garden Sale will take place on 22nd June** with produce for sale but also an opportunity to encourage people to the garden to see what it is all about.  **It was agreed a** silver birch tree will be purchased and planted at the large Ardblair bed in memory of Mary.  **The containers at Balmoral Corner** are looking tired and it was agreed some new wood effect ones be purchased. William to investigate further.  **Watering Rota:** A Rota to water the plug plants will be sent out under separate cover  **AGM** : William announced he will be stepping down as Chairman at next AGM and Avril too will be stepping down from the Committee.  **Date of Next Meeting**: Monday 3rd June. 6.30pm at The BaRi Store. Cathy to book room. | WW  BR  PL/CD  JS/CD  MR/CD  WW  CD  CD  JS  WW  CD  CD |  |  |