



Friends of Chances Park Meeting

Thursday 21st November 2024 at 6.30pm-8.00pm

St Lukes Church Morton Carlisle

Minutes

Present

Emma Richardson	Chair
Val Nixon	Secretary
Kim Fitzmaurice	Council Green Spaces
Iris Rogan	
Peter Brown	
Margaret Brown	

Apologies

Christine Connelly

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

Emma welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies noted.

Agenda item 2: Minutes from previous meeting 10.10.24

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as an accurate reflection of the discussions.

Agenda Item 3: Matters arising from Previous Meeting

Events

Carols at Christmas being held on 6th December 2024 at St Lukes Church. Emma to arrange for a Christmas tree to be delivered at an agreed date with Peter Brown. Iris will assist in the provision of decorations along with the ones available at St Lukes Church.

Raffle prizes were collected during the meeting and further items had been received from other donors prior to the meeting.

A Santa suit was sourced from Struts during the meeting by Emma.

Agenda item 4 – Fundraising

Labyrinth – Iris advised that the Heritage lottery has refused funding on this occasion.

Ideas are being sought in order to raise new funds as the Labyrinth requires £15,000 to reach its target.

The Rotary Club are to be approached for possible funding. Also mentioned was Papyrus, Prevention of Young Suicide in the UK as a possible donor.

Donations of £10 from an anonymous donor and £20 from Margaret Kirkham have been received and are to be used on plants etc for the park.



Body, Mind & Spirit day is not to be carried on next year so other options for raising funds such as a Race night were discussed.

ACTION - Emma will contact members of the Rotary Club.

Agenda item 5 – Park Maintenance

Tree Survey – A survey was completed in the summer and 4 or 5 trees require work in December 2024.

Paths – The path leading to the bridge is to be fully resurfaced although the budget is not available until next year but if money becomes available sooner it may be done before then.

The Georgian Gardens may also be done in the summer.

Park Maintenance – this will go back to the original grass cutting schedule and if there any issues please contact Kim.

Plug planting with schools may be available next spring.

Tree planting – Possibly in January 2025.

ACTION – Cumberland Council – A list of surveyed trees is to be provided.

Agenda item 6 – Police update

No attendance by Cumbria Police at the meeting.

Agenda item 8 – Accounts

The annual accounts are to be audited.

Action – Emma to arrange in the absence of a Treasurer

Agenda item 7 – Any other business

Armstrong Watson kindly donated 2 laptops to The Friends of Chances Park and a photo will be taken during the handover on 24th November 2024 at 10.15am.

Cumberland Council have advised that a minimum of 3 committee members are required in order for The Friends of Chances Park group to continue.

Action – New Committee members are to be sought during AGM.

Emma thanked everyone for coming.

The AGM is on Thursday 30th January 2024 at 6.30pm at St Lukes Church.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.