



Friends of Chances Park Meeting

Thursday 30th January 2025 at 6.30pm-8.00pm

St Lukes Church Morton Carlisle

Minutes

Present

Emma Richardson	Chair
Val Nixon	Secretary
Iris Rogan	
Peter Brown	
Margaret Brown	
Adele Carter	Morton Manor
Garry English	Morton Manor
Ray McCreadie	
Catherine McCreadie	

Apologies

Christine Connelly	
Kim Fitzmaurice	Council Green Spaces

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

Emma welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies noted.

Agenda item 2: Minutes from previous meeting 21.11.24

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

Agenda Item 3: Matters arising from Previous Meeting

Election of Committee

New committee members are to be sought at AGM so emails were sent out to all members on the email list advising of the meeting and inviting them to attend.

Agenda item 4 – Fundraising

Labyrinth – Iris advised that the Labyrinth fund still requires £15,000 to reach its target. It was suggested that the labyrinth is built and the signage will follow later when funds are available. Iris has written to 15 different companies in the week prior to the meeting and is awaiting the response. Ray McCreadie has asked for the list of companies contacted to see if he can help.

Kim emailed the group and has also agreed to email Iris with some possible grants options.

ACTION – Iris to provide list of companies to Ray and Kim to provide Grant options



Agenda item 5 – Park Maintenance

An email update was received by the group from Kim updating the meeting on the Park Maintenance.

Tree Survey – A main species list of trees was supplied to Iris by Cumberland Council with potential for a future tree I.D Trail.

Tree H & S – Work is still outstanding in Chances Park and will happen in February 2025 along with minor branches etc lost in recent storm. Luckily Chances Park did not get particularly affected by the storm, tree wise, which is good news.

Plug Planting – The council would be happy to support a plug planting school event as long as it was done Mon-Fri, such as digging holes in a set area. The friends group would need to pay for and source the plugs.

Tree Planting – Will now be done next winter (Oct 25-Feb 26) which will give the chance for the group to be more involved in this. This is because the Charity RAISE have spent money and time supporting a big planting project in Cummersdale. This means Chances Park is now on the list for next year.

Paths – The council is looking to do some path work in the main park and fenced garden area in spring/summer (subject to budgets). Iris advised that the edging needs to be done as it is growing into the tarmac and the garden area edging also needs to be done.

Georgian Gardens – The notice board has gone in the Georgian Gardens but the posts and poster are still there.

ACTION – Cumberland Council – A more comprehensive list of surveyed trees is to be provided. Iris will contact Kim to advise what is needed. A new notice board for the Georgian gardens to be sought.

Agenda item 6 – Police update

No attendance by Cumbria Police at the meeting.

Agenda item 7 – Any other business

Christmas Carols - Thank you to St Luke's Church for doing a great job holding the Christmas Carol Service and for Santa's visit. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

Bird Box – The group would like to Thank Richard and Sue Dixon for their work over the years cleaning the bird boxes on the park. Due to illness Richard is standing down so someone else will need to takeover.

Action – Iris is to contact RSPB to find out if they can offer help or advice.

Instagram – The group needs an Instagram account set up and are looking for a Social Media person to help with this.

Action – Any member to make recommendations with the permission of the person nominated.

Emma thanked everyone for coming.

The next meeting is on Thursday 24th April 2025 at 6.30pm at St Lukes Church.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm