



Friends of Chances Park Meeting

Thursday 16th April 2026 at 6.30pm-8.00pm

St Lukes Church, Morton, Carlisle

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from previous meeting held Thursday 15th January 2026 – Confirm ok.
4. **Chairs Report – Ray**
 - Action 1: Chair to update the constitution with the charges agreed at the AGM, pass to Ian for further review.
 - Action 8: Chair to pass all financial papers to David Hallett, Treasurer, and arrangement for David to access FoCP Lloyds bank account.
5. **Secretary Reports - Val**
6. **Treasurers Report – David**
 - Payment of expenses policy & procedure
7. **Police Report – Ryley**
 - Action 22: Ryley to confirm if funding can be sought from Cumbria Police for more sensitive motion sensitive lights for the Family Centre.
 - Action 23: Ryley will email dates and times of the police monthly meetings and also forward a copy of the Facebook page showing the details of the seized electric bike to the group.
8. **Fundraising / Projects – Catherine / Iris / Kim**
 - Comment & critique where we are with the Labyrinth project *****
 - Key points to consider set out in RM mail dated 21st March 2026 – copy attached.**
 - Action 9: Iris & Catherine are to provide evidence and complete reports to the sponsors. All funders need to be given credit for their donations.
 - Action 10: Catherine to follow through on prices for information boards.
 - Action 11: Iris to source centre piece for Labyrinth, Kim to assist.
 - Action 13: Formal opening of the Labyrinth will be the first Saturday in May, which is World Labyrinth Day. Aim to complete all work in and around Labyrinth by start of April – Kim, Iris, Catherine. Iris to confirm arrangements for World Labyrinth Day event by the end of March
9. **Website & Social Media – Ray**
 - Comment & critique progress with new website *** - [FoCP New Website](#)**
 - Key points to consider set out in RM dated 18th March 2026 – copy attached.**

10. Proposition - Consideration of FoCP applying for charitable status * – David**
See attached paper from David dated 25th March 2026

11. Policies & Procedures – Ian / David

Action 1: Chair to update the constitution with the charges agreed at the AGM, pass to Ian for further review.

Action 2: Ian to review health & safety paperwork on behalf of the FoCP

Action 3: Kim to share generic risk assessment with Ian. Ian to bring together an events policy with accompanying risk-assessment protocol.

Action 4: Ian to review existing procedures and provide recommendations regarding their relevance and accuracy. We should also consider whether any additional procedures are required within the portfolio to ensure full compliance with current legislation.

12. Park Maintenance Report - Kim

Plans to make right vandalised tree on pathway leading from Dunmail Drive.

Action 15: Kim to confirm when tree planting will happen, delayed until winter 2026?

Action 16: Kim to arrange for broken light 11 on path to care home to be repaired.

Action 17: Kim to see if it is possible to get litter bins emptied on a more regular basis.

Action 18: Kim to confirm council funding for bulbs and plug planting.

Action 19: Kim to arrange for Council to cleanup on ground near to burnt-out van.

Action 20: Kim to arrange for grounds department to spread woodchips around the park.

Action 21: Kim to work with Iris & Catherine on centre piece and signage.

13. Forthcoming Events – Iris

Saturday 4th April 2026 - Review & critique Easter Egg Extravaganza event

Saturday 2nd May 2026 - World Labyrinth Day?

TBA – Morton Manor planter at front door.

14. Matters Arising

15. Any Other Business

16. Date of Next Meeting:

- 18:30 Thursday 16th July 2026?