

Friends of Chances Park Meeting

Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 6.30pm-8.00pm

St Lukes Church Hall, Morton, Carlisle, CA2 6

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Apologies

3. Minutes Approve draft minutes from previous meeting held **Thursday 9th July 2026?**

4. Chairs Report – Ray

Action 1 - Retention monies to be held until the required remedial work has been agreed and completed – Kim, Ray

5. Secretary Reports - Val

6. Treasurer's Report – David

Action 4: In future the Treasurer's reports should include the current bank balance, projected income, ringfenced funds, planned project expenditure and general spending for the next six months. The committee agreed that the bank balance threshold should not fall below £2,000.

Action 5: David to work with Val to ensure the purchase order process aligns with the finance report.

7. Police Report – Ryley

The Chair has invited David Allen, Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, to attend the meeting. He will give an overview of local policing activity and listen to any issues committee members wish to raise.

Action 7: As Cumbria Police were again unable to attend, the outstanding actions will be carried forward to the next meeting - Ray to contact Cumbria Police about providing a police presence / police report at future FoCP meetings.

Action 8: Anti-social behaviour is on the increase in the park. Key issues eBikes, eScooters, anti-social, behaviour in the park by children 12–15-year-old. Difficulties have been experienced reporting incidents via the online or telephone 101 service - Police.

Action 9: Ryley to confirm legislation concerning the use of e-scooters / electric bikes on the park. Can the police provide funding for a sign to be displayed in the park?

Action 10: Funding to be sought via Cumbria Police for sensitive motion lights for the Family Centre.

Action 11: Ryley to email dates and times of the monthly meetings and forward a copy of the Facebook page showing the details of the seized electric bike to the group.

8. Morton Manner

The Chair has invited Garry English, Chair of the Morton Manor Board of Trustees, to attend the meeting. He will provide an update on activities at the Manor, the Cumbria in Bloom judging, and progress with recruiting a new Centre Manager.

9. Consider the resolution that Friends of Chances Park becomes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

10. Fundraising / Projects – Catherine / Iris / Kim

Action 12 - Iris and Catherine to finalise the funder completion paperwork for the Labyrinth project.

Action 13 - Labyrinth: Arrangements are to be made for £500 of low maintenance aromatic plants to be added to the border of the Labyrinth by Cumberland Council

– Kim advised that the Council were currently short staffed and she will try to organise with volunteers, if possible, to plant them.

- Iris advised that the local schools would help to maintain once planted, however, nothing will happen until September 2026.

Action 14 - Labyrinth: Signage for the second information board (finger Labyrinth) agreed, quotes obtained from BSG and Little Stringers – Iris raise PO in line with new purchasing procedure.

Action 15 - Labyrinth: There was a suggestion for shrubs at the Labyrinth area and Lee Lewis is to be contacted about planting ideas and to have a walk around the park with Iris.

Action 16 – Grant funding from Jamie from the Cumberland Council Community Investment Fund still outstanding. Small projects spent on hold until received.

Action 27: Information board has been vandalised in the Georgian Gardens on several occasions, and it has been decided that it is no longer repairable as the frame has also been damaged. Iris is to provide costs for replacement, in the region of £750 – Iris, Ray to discuss.

11. Website & Social Media – Ray

12. Policies & Procedures to Review– Ian

13. Park Maintenance Report - Kim

Action 23: Tree planting will proceed in Nov/Dec with distinct options for trees & cradles. It will be council funded – Suggestions to be passed to Kim by the end of September 2026 for types of trees preferred. Kim, Iris & Catherine

Action 24: Iris requested a maintenance plan and map of the park to prevent the plants being cut down during routine maintenance of the park as previously done with other plants - Kim.

14. Forthcoming Events – Iris

- **Friday 4th Dec 2026** – Christmas Concert, St Lukes Hall has been booked – Iris, Margaret, & Peter, confirm arrangements for the event.
- **Saturday 3rd April 2027** – Body, mind & soul event at Pirellis Social Club – Iris, has room for 20 stalls at the event with a potential hire of £50 per stall.
- **Saturday 1st May 2027** - World Labyrinth Day - Iris

15. Matters Arising

16. Any Other Business

17. Date of Next Meeting:

18:30 Thursday 28th January 2027?

The next meeting will combine the FoCP quarterly review with the FoCP AGM.