

Dunblane In Bloom

Report of meeting held 23rd January 2011

Those Present -:

Martin Wilkinson, George Paterson, Allan Pogson, Ian Golby, Eric Lord, George Mathews, Stewart Strathdee, Sandy Mackay, Moyra Mackay, Jenny Houston, Babs Matthews, Annabel Hopkins, Lesley Golby, Carole Pitson, Lynda Lord, Pat Chisholm, Carolyn Murray

Apolgies -: Jane Macdonald

The Following Items Were Discussed -:

Rock Garden -:

Work on the rock garden will proceed with the need to get some large rocks in place. The Rock Garden Club will be invited to participate in the overall design and planting.

Many of the plants we already have in the Barbush roundabout and the Smithy Loan beds can be thinned out and moved to this location

It is hoped to have the memorial seat, in remembrance of Gordon Wright, in place as soon as all the major works are done and the surrounding area local to the seat suitably prepared and finished off

Coronation Garden -:

The shrubs, Laurel bushes, surrounding the raised garden will be cut back. It was proposed and agreed that we plant suitable climbers against the wall, which supports the road. Suggestions were for Virginia Creeper and a climbing form of Hydrangea

Half barrel tubs -:

A program of gradual refurbishment/replacement of the barrels was agreed. It was agreed that the barrels on the bridge, local to the Stirling Arms, would be replaced by rectangular wooden troughs mounted on a level base. This work to be carried out by a team headed up by George Paterson

Fund Raising -:

It is planned to hold collection days outside Marks & Spencers and Tesco and a possible coffee morning in the Cathedral Halls. It is also proposed that we should explore the possibility to provide tea/coffee and biscuits in the Victoria Hall on the occasion of the Flue vaccination days in October

It was decided not to participate in the "Fling"

Haining Embankment -:

A project aimed at replacing the existing retaining wall was proposed. The initial step is to prepare a tender document for this project to attract grant funding.

Subject to grant funding being available the work would then go out to tender

Meanwhile early cutting and strimming of the banking will proceed before the daffodils come thru

Community Garden, Barbush Roundabout -:

Work will continue, weather permitting, to tidy up the community garden, removing/reducing invasive plants and introducing new shrubs and plants. It was proposed that the Holly tree should be pruned

The Barbush roundabout is in serious need of a rethink and replant

Spring Outing -:

A spring outing to **Arduane Gardens** was proposed and agreed, to take place towards the end of May when the gardens will be at their best

Other Business -:

There was a proposal that the area, surrounded on three sides by a wall and full of self set trees and wild undergrowth local to the Millrow Carpark, be cleared to create a leisure facility.

It will have to be established who owns this site and also advise Stirling Council of our intentions before anything is undertaken

There was a request that the banking on either side of the dual carriageway, in the centre of town, be strimmed before the daffodils come thru

Various aspects of the group were discussed with the view to its continuing long term.

It was proposed and agreed that George Paterson be appointed deputy leader and that a sub committee, headed up by George Matthews be formed to look initially at the pros and cons of remaining within the DDT and other matters as they arise

The replacement/purchase of a vehicle was discussed and it was agreed that George Matthews to approach the Board of the DDT advising of this need, requesting that they prepare a request to the Lottery for appropriate funding.

