



**Present**

**Christine Bell - Treasurer**  
**Donna Heaney from 8pm**  
**Tracy McNeil - Chair**  
**Michelle MillerAllen – Secretary till 7.45pm**  
**Peter O'Donnell**  
**John Watson**  
**Jean Weir- minutes**

**Apologies**

	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0 Welcome &amp; Administration</b> Tracy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Items requiring input from Michelle would be taken early in the meeting.	
<b>1.1 Minutes/Matters Arising from January 2014 Meeting</b> The minutes of the January meeting were approved and seconded by Christine Bell and Tracy McNeil. There had been no business meeting in February. JWE agreed to minute the meeting.	<b>JWE</b>
<b>1.2 Treasurer's Report</b> The balance at the end of February was £1895.80. A decision is still to be made on the use of the £250 awarded to CGI for the Paths for All Community Volunteer Award.	
<b>1.3 Membership Applications</b> There were no new applications.	
<b>2.0 New Business Top Priority</b>	
<b>2.1 New Leaf News</b> MMA gave the background to discussions that had taken place about impartiality, following an article in the 2013 summer edition. She also outlined the role of the associate editor, Arthur Berg of Falkirk Environment Trust (FET). CGI is grateful for the continuing support of FET including a regular advert in NLN.	
<b>2.2 Gala Day</b> in Herbertshire Castle Park/Gala Park Saturday 24 May 2014. The arrangements for the Gala are progressing well. CGI will have a stall to promote its work including GDW. We will work alongside CATCA and FC Litter Strategy Team. CGI will coordinate Litter Picking on the day.	<b>All</b>
<b>3.0 Ongoing Business</b>	
<b>3.1 Herbertshire Castle Park/Gala Park Regeneration</b>	
<b>3.1.1 Interpretation Panel</b> CB agreed to contact Mandy Brown one of our FC links re progress with the design of the panel.	<b>CB</b>
<b>3.1.2 FC work</b> TMcN agrees to contact FC re timescale of the path construction. There are still plans for the slope to be a wildflower meadow. JWE to contact FC when the GrowWild wildflower seeds arrive. CB, TMcN, PO'D & JWE met with Steven Vause in the park to discuss the appropriate locations for trees to be planted and litter bins.	<b>TMcN</b> <b>JWE</b>
<b>3.1.3 Master Plan</b> JWE had prepared a map of the park highlighting the changes that have taken place. It is suggested that a meeting be arranged to consider a Master Plan for the park.	

- 3.1.4** CGI is grateful to members of Stoneywood Care who have been doing regular litter picks in the park leading up to the Gala.
- 3.2 2014 Litter Picks**  
 The Spring event on Sunday 16 March in the Carronvale/Old Railway line path/R Carron area was very successful. There were about 30 volunteers involved who helped collect about 40 bags of rubbish. Items included a TV, scooter and a carpet.  
 Summer – Saturday 24 May Herbertshire Castle Park/Gala Park  
 Autumn / Halloween – Saturday 25 October Location TBC
- 4.0 Funding/Fund Raising**  
 CB & JWE agreed to liaise with the Gala Committee about the Raffle that is now planned. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards community projects by CGI, Heritage Society and DDCC.
- 5.0 Media**
- 5.1 New Leaf News**  
 A funding application will be required for future editions.
- 5.2 Website**  
 Updates to the website are needed. Offers were made to assist with this.
- 6.0 Community Liaisons & Projects**
- 6.1 Stoneywood Care Project**  
 JWE has continued to liaise with the group re adoption of Herbertshire Castle Park for litter picking. The group has also agreed to refurbish the interpretation panels for future displays.
- 6.2 CATCA update** Christine Bell was praised by CGI for the fantastic work done for the CBeebies Mr Bloom programme which was broadcast on 3 Feb. It featured St Patrick's PS and focused on the R Carron. The programme highlighted the beauty and biodiversity of the area.  
 CB gave an update on some of the recent project work including the new Dorrator Bridge due to be installed in May. There was a general discussion about access improvements to the Denny – Falkirk link.
- 6.3 Youth Links**  
 Michelle and Jean had a good evening with the 1<sup>st</sup> Dunipace Brownies on 24 February. It was a very encouraging evening to work with young people. CGI appreciated the resources provided by FC Litter Strategy Team and Waste management. A visit by Scooper, the GDW mascot, proved very popular. The Brownies went home with a goodie bag.  
 A thank you card from the Brownies has been received which is appreciated.
- 6.4 Denny Cycle Day**  
 JWE agreed to contact Cllr McNally to find out more about the event being planned for June.
- 7.0 Other Business/Ideas**  
 There was a discussion about making information available for the community about the procedures for reporting environmental concerns. It was suggested that a back issue of NLN may have an article about this.
- 8.0 Dates to Note**  
 Earth Hour 8.30pm Saturday 29 March 2014  
 Date of Next Meeting 24 April 2014
- NB** Due to the sad death of Michelle MillerAllen on 18 April the committee did not have a formal business meeting on 24 April.  
 The group did have the opportunity that evening to meet with Michelle's brother Lyle and to share with him and each other memories of Michelle and the phenomenal contribution that she has made to CGI and other voluntary groups.

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