

FINTRAY GARDINING CLUB

Minutes of AGM held on Friday 14th September 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: Ian Thompson, Belinda Miller, Maureen Ross, Mel Roberts, Ali Johnson, Rita Moir, Jay Turner, Karen Shaw.

Apologies: Jeanette Smart

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes: None to approve.

AGM

Proposed and accepted that the Fintray Gardening Club (FGC) should be affiliated to the Community Association (CA), to whom the FGC will present an annual budget and who will hold funds on FGC's behalf. As an affiliate, FGC can seek funding elsewhere but monies will be kept by the CA. FGC will seek approval for its projects from the CA. The FGC financial year will be concurrent with the CA financial year. Ian Thompson and Maureen Ross are members of the CA (tbc at the next CA meeting).

Election of members:

	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair - Ian Thompson	Mel Roberts	Karen Shaw
Deputy Chair - Mel Roberts	Ian Thompson	Belinda Miller
Schools Liaison - Ali Johnson	Belinda Miller	Mel Roberts
Horticultural Advisors - Belinda Miller and Maureen Ross	Ian Thompson	Mel Roberts

Any member of the Committee can deputise as Secretary. As finances are retained by the CA there is no need for a Treasurer. However, FGC will be required to present an annual activity proposal and associated budget to the CA.

Ian circulated the FGC introduction pages from the FGC website (under development) and the draft FGC Constitution for discussion. The FGC Constitution was accepted with the caveat that the FGC membership should be the Fintray Village residents by default; meaning voting is restricted to the Committee. The website will contain an Introduction, the Constitution, Minutes, Events and Activities, an Orchard Summary and a contact (generic) e-mail address. Colin Brown is helping to set this up.

Ian also circulated a draft 2018 budget for activities in 2018 / 2019. It was agreed that all activities should be restricted to council and church land. The budget is divided into firm and

conditional. It was agreed that the conditional activities relating to the development of a herb garden for the Fintray school should be put on hold until the new Head Teacher is in place.

GARDENING MATTERS

Belinda Miller and Maureen Ross updated everyone on the proposals for planting. This included replacing the plastic tubs near the play park and church with more robust and attractive whisky barrels, introducing perennial plants in various areas around the village to supplement the shrubs and annual plants. Any planting adjacent to the Village Hall is to be restricted to the entrances due to parking restrictions. This was unanimously agreed as a way forward. Details of where and which plants, will be developed over the next few months in preparation for spring planting. Aberdeenshire Council has offered to order the plants, containers and other sundries which should provide a good cost option for the Club.

It was agreed that the FGC would continue to order annual plants from the Council. It was also agreed that we should change the current order that has been in place for years, to be more selective and develop a colour pallet. Maureen Ross will lead on the ordering for the Club.

The Members agreed that the next activity was a bulb planting event. The date will be Saturday 13 October at 10am with a catch up in the Village Hall afterwards. All the village will be invited to help, via Facebook and the FGC page on the Community website.

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None.

DATE OF NEXT EVENT / MEETING SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER AT 10.00pm AT THE HALL. Bulb planting morning for 2 hours followed by tea and coffee and discussion in the Village Hall.