



Friends of Newlands Park

Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Date: 11/05/26

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Newlands South Church halls

Present: Sheilagh White, Fiona Godsman, Stewart Fallis, Deborah Gill, George Frier, Alison Ramsay.

Apologies: Dave Mcleod

Chair George

Minute-taker: Alison

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair opened the meeting.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Decision: Previous minutes approved as an accurate record.

Actions: Noted

3. Matters arising

Item: Picnic tables. Suggestion that these are sited on main avenue near the tree stumps.

Update: Still ongoing. Noted £1000 pending donation from NPTennis – all agreed that this could be used towards the picnic tables.

Action: Purchase approved - Dave and George to discuss further and consider logistics.

Item: Pétanque and floodlighting

Update: GCC potential contact unable to assist in this situation. Stirling Pétanque club are building a piste– members from Newlands will go and visit. 10 people making up 4 teams play regularly in the vicinity, demonstrating enthusiasm for the sport and the need for a piste in the park as previously agreed.

Delay to the floodlighting plan is disappointing. Will continue to be pushed for as a joint venture between FONP and Newlands Park Community Tennis.

Item: New fruit trees. All 4 seem to have taken and are blossoming!

4. Park updates

Decision: Playpark funding via GGC – slow progress. GGC have their own team who assess the area and the equipment likely to be procured. Our requests from the community consultation should be taken into account. Can be situated outwith the enclosed area, cognizant of dogs and escape risk.

Funding has also been agreed for new noticeboards from Newlands and Auldhouse Community Council – aim is that these will be robust and in keeping with the park.

Noted that children regularly use the tree stumps as heuristic play. Infill around the bases is still required. Children are also making good use of the area under the trees on Lubnaig Rd for creative play.

Actions: Fiona continues to liaise with GGC services and we await outcome of discussions re Newlands and Auldhouse funding.

5. Events and activities

Volunteering Saturday 'hit squad' priorities – clearing ivy around the pond, general pruning, rhododendron bed revival (since the meeting, GGC have confirmed that they will be responsible for remedying the damaged rhododendron bed).

Wednesday morning volunteer group has re-started.

Noted that the Fete will be held in September, however this is not being organized by FONP.

6. Finance

Balance update: £3294.79 See detailed finance report.

Grants/funding: Noted that general donations were up on last year's.

Upcoming costs: Plants and gardening equipment as previously approved.

Decision: Check if there is any restriction on the St Nicholas Care Fund – could this be used to support funding of the wheelchair accessible picnic tables? Committee agreed this would be good use of the fund if agreeable to the donor.

Actions: Was there an agreed action on this?

7. Communications and engagement

Social media – no issues.

Welcome return of the stolen information board – will be re-sited more securely.

Actions: George has offered to re-site the board (completed).

8. Any other business

Item: Noted that AGM will be due in September 2026

Decision: Date to be agreed at next meeting

Actions: Date to be published once agreed

9. Date of next meeting

Date: 10th August 2026

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Newlands South Church – Sheilagh offered to book

Meeting closed at: 8.45pm