

Friends of Marple Memorial Park

Minutes of Meeting

Navigation, Tuesday 29 April 2025



Present: Malcolm Allan, Joyce Reed, Mick & Larry Thompson, Patrick O'Herlihy

1 **Apologies:** Phil & Helen Wiles and Barbara Ormerod

2 **Minutes of last Meeting:** Agreed

3 **Matters Arising including:**

Tool Box

Patrick arranged this and it is now in the lockup for use by all.

Store room tools audit.

It has been agreed that a few volunteers will meet up to empty the store, clean out and remove all broken or damaged tools.

The proposal to undertake a detailed inventory was set aside.

Boule Court project

Patrick has volunteered to get quotes for the new perimeter timbers and report back. Malcolm will look to set a date for a work party.

Cosmos seeds

Malcolm Joyce and Larrie confirmed that all growing slowly. We must be patient.

Little Growers

Malcolm thanked Joyce for arranging this. We will now wait to see how many new plants come back.

4 **Chair's report including:**

Community Hub:

There was discussion over the newly planted area inside and outside of the new Woodland Path area. Concern was expressed about the inclusion of yews which are highly poisonous. Malcolm will check with the council.

Further, there are now twelve new cherry trees at the rear of the bowling green which will move once the Community Hub is open.

Exercise bicycle

This has now been re-installed.

Band room

Malcolm advised that the Band had stopped paying the monthly sum of £10.00 towards maintaining the garden area. He has spoken to the officers and this will be re-instated as soon as new signatories have been sorted out for them.

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Treasurer and Secretary

Following the AGM earlier, Malcolm confirmed that Patrick is the new Secretary and Mick will stand in as 'assistant' Treasurer to Malcolm for the coming year.

Treasure Hunt

Di will not be available to lead on this and it was felt we were not able to run it this year given the construction work on the park.

5 Finance

Malcolm provided the monthly update on the Friends' bank account.

Insurance

Malcolm confirmed that following discussion within the committee the 'extra' insurance that we used to hold for external activities has been cancelled.

6 Next task day: 17th May

Next meeting: **Tuesday 20th May** - Navigation upper room.

