

Friends of Roseburn Park AGM 2025 Agenda

8th October 2025 7.30pm- by Zoom

1. Attendance & apologies
2. Minutes of last year's AGM
3. Chairperson- Report on last year's activities
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Committee

Friends of Roseburn Park Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2024 9th October, 2024 by Zoom

Present: Jim McDonaugh, Pete Gregson, Barbara Knowles, Frank Ross, Roy Beavis, Kim Rowse, Alan Beal, Paul Harding, John Yellowlees Jane Geddes, Mike Dawson, Jane Bateman, Iain Martin, Andrew Milligan, Sue Goode and Struan Cunningham

Apologies : Penni McCallum, Kirsten Stalker, Phil Yelland and Arnie Yule.

1. Welcome –Jim McDonaugh as Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes of previous AGM held on 25th October, 2023 were proposed for approval by Pete Gregson and seconded by Paul Harding. Jim McDonaugh indicated that there had been no changes during the year to the Trustees and Committee Members remained the same.
3. The Chairperson gave a report on last year's activities:
 - During the past year ForP's Board of Trustees, and its Management Committee, ran a full schedule of meetings and all meetings were held online.
 - Membership remains at healthy levels (316) and our financial position remains strong. The Management Committee is near to full strength, but we are conscious of the need to manage succession. This means we always welcome help from any quarters for essential management functions and to strengthen areas of expertise. Helen Andrews, who joined the Committee during the Autumn of 2023, unfortunately has had to stand down due to other commitments. The Committee would like to thank Helen for her contribution and to wish her and her family all the very best for the future. There is a need for a replacement.
 - The Committee were pleased to have Struan Cunningham join the Committee with leadership in website and social media communications skills.
 - In addition to the Rugby World Cup warm up games and the usual 6-Nations championship, the Scottish Gas Murrayfield hosted two major events. The Taylor Swift concerts were a model of inter-agency organising. In contrast the football match between Manchester United FC and Glasgow Rangers FC saw disrespectful fans abuse Park users and a cricket match had to be abandoned.

- The Rosebean café has seen a healthy level of patronage in the twelve months it has been operating. It has established itself as part of the Park fabric.
 - Organised sport continues to go from strength to strength with the cricket club and rugby club enjoying busy summer and winter schedules. The cricket club had another busy year with 5 senior weekend teams. In addition to senior men's cricket, training and playing for 5–18-year-old boys and girls was provided and in addition to a women's team. Five of the girls received recognition in East of Scotland squads with two going on to represent Scotland at under 15 level. The Wanderers uses the park 6 days per week during the season and runs training sessions for boys and girls aged 5 to 18. In addition there is non-contact walking rugby for over 50's. Roseburn Primary School regularly play 5-aside football on some weekdays and Saturday mornings.
There are other groups such as boot camps, keep fit, dog walkers, strollers and cyclists using the park and enjoying its amenities. Such groups are some of our key stakeholders and drive our agenda and objectives.
 - Several more memorial benches and trees have been installed or planted as part of a programme of tree planting and general enhancements to the park. Our thanks go to Barbara Knowles, ably assisted by Ann Anderson, Kim Rowse and Jane Geddes for maintenance of the Park. In addition we have received support from Community Payback teams along with Murrayfield Wanderers youth volunteers.
 - The Taskforce of volunteers was thanked for their work on maintaining trees and planters, and for planting extra bulbs.
 - Work has continued on the five main projects identified in the Consultation Survey. A set of five new bike racks have been installed opposite the café and are well used. Further sets may be installed within the Park. The remaining projects are public shelter and seating near the café; Amenities for Young People; Provision of drinking water/refilling station; and planting of tubs with communal herbs are all progressing.
 - The Chairperson thanked the efforts of the Management Committee Members.
No questions were raised about the Report.
4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, reported on the financial year ending 30 June 2024. The accounts were healthy. There were a number of restricted donations that related to the café refurbishment works, notably Gift Aid from HMRC. Unrestricted were two donations from Evelyn Drysdale Foundation of £2,000 each. The café was now on a sustainable footing.
There were no questions raised about the Treasurer's Report.

5. Election of Board

Mike Dawson took the chair temporarily. All current Trustees and Committee Members have indicated their willingness to stand again. Current Trustees were Pete Gregson, Jim McDonaugh, Barbara Knowles, Frank Ross and John Yellowlees. Committee Members are Kim Rowse, Paul Harding and Roy Beavis. Mike Dawson, seconded by Jane Geddes, proposed that all current Trustees and Committee Members be re-elected. Trustees would be elected for another year and Office Bearers would be appointed at the next Committee meeting. Jim McDonaugh resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6. AOCB

Jane Geddes asked whether the Armoury could be tidied up. Chair replied that there was a need to get all stakeholders together. Neither the Wanderers nor the Cricket Club make use of the Friends part of the Armoury. Stakeholders are likely to be the Primary School,

ourselves along with smaller groups of people. The Chair would check with parents. The Chair also pointed out that Pete Gregson had built shelving in an effort to keep the Armoury tidy for Friends.

Mike Dawson said that the Wanderers Youth Volunteer group were keen to volunteer again. Paul Harding commented that volunteering could help the future careers of volunteers to get jobs and go on to do volunteering work. It was also invaluable work experience. Jim McDonnagh suggested that it helped express a sense of ownership of the Park and more likely to keep the Park tidy.

7. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. with the Chair thanking everyone for attending.

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK (SCIO)
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation: SC044659
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Receipts and Payments Year to 30 June 2025

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	2023/24
Receipts					
Unrestricted donations	1	250.00	-	250.00	4049.67
Donations (restricted)		-	-	-	15.41
Fundraising		-	-	-	937.92
Grants		-	-	-	450.00
Trading Receipts	2	6000.00	-	6000.00	1500.00
Payments					
Fundraising expenses			-	-	840.18
Charitable Purpose Payments	3	162.69	450.00	612.69	-
Annual Public Liability Insurance Cover	4	134.40	-	134.40	129.10
Bank Charges		-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	5	1060.72	-	1060.72	738.07
Cash surplus/(deficit) to End of Year		<u>4892.19</u>	<u>(450.00)</u>	<u>4442.19</u>	<u>5245.45</u>

Statement of Balances at 30 June 2025

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	2023/24
Cash Balance					
Cash and Bank Balances at Start of Year		6792.14	477.68	7269.82	2024.37
Surplus/(Deficit) Shown by Receipts and Payments		4892.19	(450.00)	4442.19	5245.45
Transfers between funds	6	<u>27.68</u>	<u>(27.68)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		11712.01	0.00	11712.01	7269.82
Other Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Liabilities	7	<u>(25.18)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25.18)</u>	<u>(450.00)</u>
Working Balance		<u>11686.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11686.83</u>	<u>6819.82</u>

Notes – see over

Signed:

John Yellowlees (Treasurer)

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Notes to Receipts and Payments and Statement of Balances for financial year ending 30 June 2025:

1. Unrestricted donation – donation from Robert Burns Lodge of £250
2. Rent payments from café operator
3. £450 to Friends of Clermiston Park- their Scotmid grant was routed through us as they had no bank account
The unrestricted payments were for FoRP admin- website registration and Zoom subscription
4. Public Liability insurance policy with Zurich Insurance.
5. Other expenses were for FoRP park maintenance team, plaque relocation and café roofing and toilet repair
6. The transfer between funds of £27.68 was a reallocation of the balance remaining in the café conversion fund to the unrestricted account, since that project was now complete
7. The liability of £25.18 was an uncleared cheque to Kim Rowse for plant hydration crystals.

No remuneration was paid to any of the Charity Trustees during the period.

Signed:



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