

Friends of Roseburn Park AGM 2026 Agenda

Wed 21st October 2026 7.30pm

at Upper Room, Murrayfield Parish Church Hall

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 2025 8th October, 2025 by Zoom

Present: Jim McDonaugh, Pete Gregson, Barbara Knowles, Roy Beavis, Paul Harding, Carole Tooley, Penni McCallum, Struan Cunningham and Kim Rowse.

Apologies : Jane Geddes, John Yellowlees, Phil Yelland and Arnie Yule.

1. Welcome –Jim McDonaugh as Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes of previous AGM held on 9th October, 2024 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. The Committee was thanked for its efforts.
 - The year had been one of consolidation and the Committee were reviewing what next to do. The Committee was looking at aims and objectives the various suggestions that remained from the 2023 Survey consistent with our key stakeholders.
 - Membership remains at healthy levels (315) 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 quarter for essential management functions and to strengthen areas of expertise.
 - In addition to the 2024 Autumn Internationals and the usual 6-Nations championship, the Scottish Gas Murrayfield hosted three major events. The Robbie Williams concert on May 31st was followed by 3 days of Oasis with the last of the concerts by AC/DC on August 21st. All followed the inter-agency model established by the 2024 Taylor Swift Concerts in 2024.
 - The Park was awarded FiT (Fields in Trust) status. The plaque is located on the café wall and unveiled on 5th April 2025. To celebrate this event a range of boys & girls and women's and

men's rugby and cricket matches were hosted by DAFS Cricket Club and Murrayfield Wanderers Rugby Club.

- The Rosebean café has firmly established itself as part of the Park fabric. Our thanks go to the management and staff of DH Coffee Ltd.
- During the summer the interior and the exterior of the Pavilion were repainted. City of Edinburgh Council and Edinburgh Leisure are investigating provision of changing room facilities for sporting officials.
- Bicycle Racks were provided by Edinburgh Council. Additional racks throughout the Park have been requested.
- 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, Harriet Devlin 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. Additional volunteers would be most welcome.
- Work has continued on the five main projects identified in the Consultation Survey. The 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. These are all progressing.
- The Chairperson thanked the Management Committee Members for their efforts. No questions were raised about the Chair's Report.

4. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Pete Gregson reported on the financial year ending 30 June 2025. The accounts were healthy. There was a restricted donation that related to a project with Roseburn Primary School regarding the planting up of tubs of herbs. There were no other major donations. Trading receipts from the café were a welcome addition to the Reserves. The Financial Examiner and Treasurer, John Yellowlees were thanked for their efforts. There were no questions raised about the Treasurer's Report.

5. Election of Board

Paul Harding 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 and John Yellowlees. Committee Members are Kim Rowse, Paul Harding, Struan Cunningham and Roy Beavis. Kim Rowse, seconded by Struan Cunningham, proposed that all current Trustees and Committee Members be re-elected plus Carole Tooley. Trustees would be elected for another year. Office Bearers would be appointed at the next Committee meeting but given the review of the last year, it is likely that the Office Bearers would remain the same. Jim McDonaugh resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting and thanked Paul Harding for his contribution. Chair asked for any further comments. Roy Beavis said he hoped to offer more practical support and horticultural advice. Struan Cunningham suggested there was a need for greater Social Engagement. Carole Tooley indicated that she could help with fund raising.

6. AOCB

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m. with the Chair thanking everyone for attending.

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 Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation: SC044659
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Receipts and Payments Year to 30 June 2026

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	2024/25
Receipts					
Unrestricted donations	1	100.00	-	100.00	250.00
Donations (restricted)		-	-	-	-
Fundraising		-	-	-	-
Grants		-	-	-	-
Trading Receipts	2	6000.00	-	6000.00	6000.00
Payments					
Fundraising expenses		-	-	-	-
Charitable Purpose Payments	3	155.88	-	155.88	612.69
Annual Public Liability Insurance Cover	4	134.40	-	134.40	134.40
Bank Charges	5	3.17	-	3.17	-
Other Expenses	6	535.45	-	535.45	1060.72
Cash surplus/(deficit) to End of Year		<u>5271.10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5271.10</u>	<u>4442.19</u>

Statement of Balances at 30 June 2026

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	2024/25
Cash Balance					
Cash and Bank Balances at Start of Year		11686.83	-	11686.93	7269.82
Surplus/(Deficit) Shown by Receipts and Payments		5271.10	-	5271.00	4442.19
Transfers between funds		-	-	0.00	0.00
		<u>16957.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16957.93</u>	<u>11712.01</u>
Other Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Liabilities	7	<u>(32.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32.00)</u>	<u>(25.18)</u>
Working Balance		<u>16925.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16925.93</u>	<u>11686.83</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 2026:

1. Unrestricted donation – donation from Morag Hill and Vina Ingram of £100 to assist in getting her husband Mr John Ingram's bench (he passed in 2011) from Beechwood Bowling Club to Roseburn Park, where it is to be sited by the rangers
2. Rent payments from café operator
3. The unrestricted payments were for FoRP admin- Zoom subscription
4. Public Liability insurance policy with Zurich Insurance.
5. The Bank of Scotland have introduced bank charges for charities
6. Other expenses were for FoRP park maintenance team, flowers for Jim's funeral, barrels, manure, log-bench maintenance, tools and café latch
7. The liability of £32 was an uncleared cheque to Jane Watt for hooks for the Armoury.

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

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