**Friends of Linda Vista Gardens AGM 27th November 2024**

Apologies: Sandra Rosser, ATC, Cllr Simcock ATC, Nigel Leaworthy and Jon Wassall MCC

1. Brief presentation by Mark Cleaver, Green Infrastructure Strategy Officer, Monmouthshire County Council. MCC have applied for Welsh Gov’t ‘Brilliant Basics’ grant to deliver small-scale tourism infrastructure improvements across Wales. MCC would like to support improvements in Linda Vista’s Grade 2 listed Gardens. Eg improvements to paths, solar panels, interpretation panels, developing social media/web-site etc. There needs to be 20% match funding to any project. For further discussion.
2. Treasurer: £5900.66p in funds. Extraordinary item: legacy. There was discussion around projects to make appropriate use of the funding including a memorial acknowledging the donor. Also consideration of repairs to a path for which the Victorian Garden Trust have offered a grant (LVG to fund the remaining costs).
3. Chair’s report: Good to have recognition from Wales in Bloom and congratulations to the Town Council for achieving a Gold Award and being named overall Winner. However, primary function of the Linda Vista group is to maintain the beautiful Gardens and make them accessible to visitors.
4. Thanks are due to MCC for their support and provision of tools and equipment. Thanks also to ATC for continued support.
5. Arboretum interpretation panel now installed with signs by each tree. The damage to the Poly Tunnel is due for repair. Cornerstone Church light trail will be in Linda Vista Gardens 7/8th December 2024. All welcome.
6. Proposal next AGM: have election of Officers ….. to futureproof the Friends.