

MAIG report to the CC Tuesday 26th April 2022

All the new season plug plants have now arrived from Aberdeenshire council Nursery at Aden Park and have been planted out for growing on to be planted into their display containers later in May ready for going out in early June.

Materials required for repairing the dodgy Christmas Illuminations have been ordered and repairs will be carried out in the next few weeks. Consideration will also be given to replacing some of the lights.

Group members continue to assist with the development of the William Forsyth "Forsytharium" in the community garden.

We recently cleaned up and planted out the floral display in the area of the Iconic Sailor statue.

As previously indicated the Group recently undertook to clean up Sir Patrick Manson's Memorial stone plinth, we also cut back some of the overgrown shrubberies and placed a floral container which will be replanted with summer plants later.

In preparation for the Meldrum Community event, last Saturday we find it extremely disappointing to discover that Aberdeenshire's deep clean policy as indicated some time ago is no longer available to the town but grateful that the Community Council was able to recruit last year's town orderly to carry out a kerb and pavement sweep-up which I believe he did at his own expense. Our volunteers spend many hours in "Making Meldrum Beautiful" it is disappointing that Aberdeenshire's Street cleansing department does not undertake and give the basic support to keep our town free of the unsightly kerb and pavement detritus, particularly in and around the town centre.

We still have to have a committee meeting following the Meldrum open day but the consensus would indicate that this was a worthwhile event in promoting the various organisations and their activities. MAIG were fortunate to signing up 6 new volunteers on the day.