

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2009 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY HUT, MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS, FENHAM HALL DRIVE

PRESENT: Peter Whewell (Chairperson), Krys Gaffney (Secretary), Nicola Loose (Treasurer), Sue Brophy, Robert Germany, Sue Johnson, Frank Lightfoot, Sue Pownall, John Reid and Niels Souter.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Susan Hrisos (see Trading Hut manager's report below).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 26 February, and the minutes of the EGM held on 14 February, had been distributed to Committee members and were agreed as being a true record of those meetings.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The police had not found anyone to charge for the break-ins on the site.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NL had banked all monies received. The rents from 2 plots were outstanding. **SP's** rent cheque had not been cashed because, as Trading Hut manager, she was entitled to a free plot.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Susan Hrisos has been co-opted onto the Committee as joint Trading Hut manager. The Trading Hut managers had decided to use a spreadsheet instead of a stock card system. Stock prices had changed and a revised price list would be posted on the Association's website. The rotovator was being repaired and **SP** was preparing the volunteer rota for the next session. The rota was working well although there were one or two volunteers who still needed initiation.

LETTINGS AND INSPECTION TEAM

The rents from two plots remain unpaid. The tenants on plot 55 had not paid their rent or cultivated their garden so their tenancy had been terminated. It was agreed if a half plot became available the tenant on the other half would be offered the full plot, provided their own half plot was in good order. **FL** would rejoin the Inspection Team which would meet on the first Saturday in May at 9.00 a.m. for the next inspection.

GARDEN CLUB

There had been two meetings of the Garden Club. The first heard a talk on soils and the second had been on the subject of potatoes. The next meeting would be on 1 May.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter had been emailed to the majority of members; there were about 30 members without email addresses. **RG** normally needs to receive copy for inclusion in the newsletter approximately two weeks before the publication date and asked for any copy to be sent to him by 1 June for the summer issue.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR CONSTITUTION BOOKLET

PW had obtained a quotation of £280 to have 200 copies of the Association's constitution bound into a booklet, it would be printed in black and white with a coloured cover. He would send off the application for the grant to cover these costs. The next project would be to pave the area around the toilet block.

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WORKING PARTY REPORTS

The Bumblebee Project was progressing well. **SJ** had consulted a ranger from the Council about bird conservation; it was, however, too late in the year for the ranger to give a talk to members. She had been given five nesting-boxes and had a template to make more. **SB** gave **KG** the contact details of the project manager who had worked on the flood prevention scheme at Littlemoor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Pat McDonald from Moorbank Gardens wanted to publicise their open days; the next one would be held in May.
- ◆ **FL** had found a homeless person wandering on the site.
- ◆ The member on plot 14 was considering holding a plant swap in May.
- ◆ **PW** was filling in the website and would consult members about which links they wanted on the site e.g. Cowell's garden centre.
- ◆ Judges had been booked for the show for a fee of £60. Raffle prizes were needed; so far there was a Falcons' shirt and a cafetière.
- ◆ **NS** and **FL** would arrange the schedule for the show and **NS** would draw up a list of tasks for which members could volunteer.
- ◆ Bonfires were not allowed after the start of April.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This would be on Thursday 7 May at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Hut.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.