

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2011 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY HUT, MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS

PRESENT: Peter Whewell, Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Sue Johnson, Sue Pownall and Tony Whittle.

There were no **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 5 July 2011 had been distributed to Committee members. A Willow Workshop had been held by the Comfrey Project on 16 July. It had not been possible to put up the canopy between the Trading and Community huts because of rain. The Sherpa truck was now in working order. The plothead on plot 50 works for Mencap, has supervisory experience and CRB clearance and the Committee agreed he could supervise clients on his plot.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NL was not present at the meeting.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

SP needs to liaise with **NL** and Susan Hrisos about the mid-year trading accounts and stock levels.

BEE GROUP

The bee group now has four beekeepers and would next meet on Wednesday 17 August.

NAWG MATTERS

There was unrest at the Lemington allotment site and there were problems at the Denton Dene site.

MOORSIDE 2011 SHOW

150 copies of the show booklet were being printed and would be available shortly. **SJ** was awaiting vouchers from various donors.

PLOTS

- i) Plot 93 – the tenants (who have another plot at the Fenham Model site) had decided to end their tenancy at Moorside at the end of the year.
- ii) Ian Robinson (101a) was due to attend the meeting at 6.30 p.m. to appeal against the termination letter he had been sent. He did not attend. However the Committee decided to allow his appeal on the grounds of temporary ill-health.

GREEN ENERGY UPDATE

PW had been in contact with a representative of the *Energy Saving Trust* who was to find out what the feed-in tariff would be; grants were also available for the project. A ground heat pump needs to run off electricity and would need to be hooked up to the mains so is not feasible as a primary energy source.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Alison Benjamin's beekeeping book, "Bees in the City" had been published. There is a whole chapter on Moorside and another chapter on the Newcastle Bee Strategy
- ◆ The canopy between the Trading and Community Huts would be put up a week before the Show.
- ◆ **TW** had had 4 additional keys cut for the Comfrey Project and was awaiting payment.
- ◆ There had been theft of produce from plots on the N-E of our site.
- ◆ The bee garden group would meet on Tuesday 9 August at 12.00 p.m. to discuss planting schemes for the front of the allotments.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 6 September 2011 at 5.30 p.m. in the Community Hut.

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The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.