

# MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 5.30 P.M. AT THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE, FENHAM

**PRESENT:** Peter Whewell, Krys Gaffney, Nicola Loose, Sue Brophy, Sue Johnson, Sue Pownall, John Reid and Tony Whittle.

There were no **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 11 January 2011 and the minutes of the AGM held on 19 January 2011 had been distributed to Committee members. The minutes were agreed. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS/TASKS**

**PW** was elected as Chairperson, **KG** as Secretary, **NL** as Treasurer and **SP** as Trading Hut Manager. Teams or individuals were assigned to tasks as follows:

**Lettings and waiting list:** **PW**

**Grants and funding:** **SJ** and **PW**

**Bee group:** **TW**, **PW** and **SJ**

**Floral displays and bee garden:** **SB**, **KG** and **PW**. *Wild Places* had emailed **PW** regarding an interview on 2 February for a DVD feature.

**Inspection Team:** **NL**, **TW**, **PW**, **KG** and **JR**. The first inspection would be on a Saturday in March at 10.00 a.m. on a date to be arranged.

**Key supervision and lock maintenance:** **TW**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**KG** had received one more application for an allotment. One applicant on the waiting list is willing to help existing members whilst waiting for a plot.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**NL** had received a third of the rents which are due before the end of February. A new account had been set up for depositing money from grants.

### **TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SP** reported that the scaffolding planks were selling quickly. One of the previous Trading Hut Managers had submitted two keys in exchange for scaffolding planks. Four varieties of seed potato were available at 80p/kilo. **PW** would source more bird seed and **SP** would order another two loads of manure.

### **GRANTS AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS/BEE GROUP**

The bee garden boards had been roughly drafted and should be ready in March. The bee grant had been received in April 2010 and the awarding body had asked for a statement by January 2011 on how it had been spent; spending the grant can be delayed until March 2011. Of the £7,078 grant received, £3,500 had been spent on the bumblebee project. The other £3,500 had been spent on the honey bee project; the original startup amount of £500 had been increased to £700. **TW**, **SJ** and Hameed Haykal had received startup grants; they would need to match the grant with £50 of their own money and submit receipts for their spending. David Rochester had expressed an interest in keeping bees but the Committee agreed that he needed to have mentoring and training before he got a hive of his own; sufficient money remained to award him, and one other, a startup grant. Hameed's hive still needed to be moved from plot 97 to plot 85. He had been invited to three meetings to discuss the positioning of his hives but had been unable to attend.

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## **NAWG MATTERS**

The Allotments Officer and the Tree Officer had looked at various trees on the site and deemed that some should be cut down; these included a cherry tree on plot 4, a conifer on plot 22 and an Australian eucalyptus and self-seeded sycamore on plot 91. The member on plots 91 and 92 had moved to Stocksfield but intended keeping the plots for another year; there were bushes on plot 92 that needed to be cleared. It was agreed that progress on these plots should be monitored.

## **2011 AGM**

This had proceeded well. Rules for honorary members had to be established.

## **MOORSIDE 2011 SHOW**

Preparations for this were going well and **SJ** was working on the Show booklet. Some show categories had been broadened and others narrowed but they would generally be similar to last year's; there would be a category for the best photo of the site. The show categories would be posted on the website and noticeboards for consultation by members before April. The same judges as last year had been invited and Nigel Todd would present the prizes. *Greening Wingrove* was a local project designed to bring green ideas such as water conservation, water butts and roof gardens into Wingrove.

## **CALENDAR**

Sales of the Moorside 2011 calendar had made a £30 profit. **KG** suggested that a copy should be sent to *Gardeners' World*.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.**

There being no **OTHER BUSINESS**, the meeting closed at 6.57 p.m.