

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 5.00 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sue Brophy, Nicola Loose and Tony Whittle.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 4 October 2011 had been distributed to Committee members. **SP** would shortly be ordering scaffolding planks. The planned visit to Red House Farm allotments on 11 October had been cancelled because their equipment was not working. **SJ** had a contact for paving.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hire of the skip had cost £145 and it was felt that a second one was unnecessary. Moorside, as best large site, had won £50 in prize money at the City Show. The Council would provide Public Liability Insurance cover for all allotment sites across the city which would start on 31 December 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT

With all bills settled, the Association had £3,000 in the bank. £1,200 of the bee grant remained.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Deliveries of compost, fertilizer, bird food and manure were due; fine grit and landscaping fabric had been ordered. There was a surplus of organic grow bags which would be sold off at a discount.

BEE GROUP

Bee activity was slowing down as winter approached. The bee group needed to meet shortly.

NAWG MATTERS

NAWG had discussed minor changes to the schedule for the City Show.

MOORSIDE 2011 & 2012 SHOW

The Show Committee would be meeting again shortly.

PLOTS

Plot 59 was unlettable in its present state. **SP** had a supply of black plastic; a working party would use this to suppress weed growth on the plot. **SJ** was interested in siting a commercial sized polytunnel on the plot.

The following plot changes had taken place:-

- 1) Ben Rudden had left 30b and the Committee would demolish the hut on the plot.
- 2) The tenant on 30a had not replied to any correspondence from **PW** so this plot had now been let to John Purves.
- 3) Plot 6 was now vacant; George and June Kell would move onto this from their half-plot 101b
- 4) The tenant on plots 40/41 had made some progress in cultivation. **PW** would ask him to give the Committee a written timescale for continued progress in cultivation on these plots.

FLOODING

PW would write to Sue Stokel-Walker.

TASK GROUP FEEDBACK

- A) Bee-garden Group. The area fronting Moorside had been strimmed and planting had begun; more plants were needed. **KG**, **SB** and **SJ** would arrange a visit to a nursery to buy plants.
- B) Disabled beds group Topsoil was needed to level the site and **PW** would obtain quotes for paving.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ An amendment clause in the Association's constitution would need to be drafted to address refunds of rents to members who vacated plots.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 6 December 2011 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre. The Show Committee would meet at 4.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.