

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY HUT, MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS, FENHAM HALL DRIVE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sue Brophy, Robert Germany and Susan Hrisos.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 20 August had been distributed to Committee members and were accepted as being a true record of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- ◆ The grass verges nearest the fence on Fenham Hall Drive were still uncut; **PW** would chase the matter. Fly tipping was occurring at the gate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had received 3 more enquiries from people interested in having plots. She had been sent 3 bound copies of 'Your Association, Your Committee' published by NAWG; these would be left for members in the Community Hut and additional copies would be available from the Allotments Officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NL had received money from **NS** from the show. The printer used by the ex-chairman needed a new cartridge which would cost almost as much as the printer... it was agreed that the printer would be stored in the hut as there was no immediate need for it.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Trading Hut was selling members' surplus broad beans and compost needed to be moved from the store to the hut. The strimmer had been returned and **SP** was preparing the rota for the first week in October.

SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

NS reported that the show had been a success, generating £207 in profit. Expenses included:

New barbecue	£39
Engraving	£30, of which £19 was for a new shield
Face paints	£24

NS had taken leftover plants to St. James' and St. Basil's church. The garden bench which had been won in the raffle had proved too big for the winner's garden; **PW** had bought it back for £20. It was proposed that a tailored tarpaulin to cover the area between the Trading and Community Huts should be bought with profits from the show.

LETTINGS AND INSPECTION TEAM

There would be a site inspection on Saturday 3 October at 10.00 a.m. The holder of plot 89 is selling his house and would like to hand his plot over to the new purchaser; it was felt that he should keep his plot cultivated whilst the new purchaser was put on the waiting list. It could, however, be five years or so till the new purchaser reached the top of the list. The ex-chairman had asked for permission to erect a second greenhouse on his plot; this was agreed, provided that it was sensibly positioned.

GARDEN CLUB

The next meetings would be on 17 October and 14 November. The topics would be *What to do now* and *Weed eradication*

NEWSLETTER

RG had requested articles for the next edition of the newsletter

GRANT APPLICATIONS

There was no response yet from *Grassroots*.

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WORKING PARTY REPORTS

None of the parties had anything to report

CITY SHOW

Moorside members had been very successful at the show. They had won 16 1st prizes, 18 2nd prizes, 16 3rd prizes and 11 4th prizes. The Association had won a £20 prize. It was suggested that Moorside should put in an Association entry at next year's show and that this would be discussed at the AGM.

ROTOVATOR/STRIMMER TRAINING

This would take place on Saturday 10 October.

WAITING LIST PETITION

Six people on the waiting list had signed a petition to request an allotment (as allowed to do so by the 1908 Smallholding and Allotments Act) and **PW** had sent this to the Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ **KG** would be unable to attend meetings on a Thursday evening until the end of March 2010.
- ◆ Fenham Library would charge the Committee £20 for three hours to use it as a venue for meetings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This would be on Monday 19 October at 7.15 p.m. in the Community Hut.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.