

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Sue Pownall (in the Chair), Krysa Gaffney, Sue Johnson and Tony Whittle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sue Brophy, Nicola Francis and Steve McDonnell.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 4 August 2015 had been distributed to Committee members. For rental purposes, a pensioner would be defined as a person eligible to receive a state pension.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG would contact *Envirocall* and ask them to remove the bags of rubbish that had been deposited outside the site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF was not present at the meeting.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

SP would not be buying any more soil improver; it would appear that although members use it, gardeners are taking it outside shop opening hours and despite a clear notice above the heap, very few are paying for it.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTION

There were 26 people on the waiting list; there had been no fresh applications and no plots had been let during August. The dead tree at the back of plot 5 had been cut down; the Allotments Officer would be asked to inspect the large willow opposite the plot. The cypress tree that needed attention would have to be identified. No members needed to be written to.

NAWG MATTERS

The present NAWG chairman, Mike Armstrong would not be standing for 2016 and planned to retire in April. The Plant Scheme was considering the possibility of erecting a polytunnel on plot 86; this raised concerns that structures would be occupying more than 25% of the plot and **SP** would raise this issue with NAWG at their September meeting and would report on their findings at the MAA October meeting..

BEE GROUP

The bees were quiet.

OTHER SITE GROUPS

Bee Garden group: **SB** had cut down the willows in the garden since they had become too big to weave. **KG** had weeded the flags outside the garden and Liz Whewell's tubs were looking colourful.

Newsletter group: the newsletter had been published. **SJ** had spent £45 printing out newsletters for people without email access. In future, two editions (spring/summer and autumn/winter) would be produced; the newsletter would be published on the website and a library copy would be available in the Trading Hut.

MOORSIDE SHOW UPDATE

Liz Randell had been nominated for the long service award. Richard Littlewood would email the show brochure and covering letter to members. The only monetary prize at the show would be £10 for the junior master gardener.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ The advisory notes for new tenants were almost complete; **SP** would add a reminder to members to disconnect hoses before leaving their plots.
- ◆ The Cowgate Centre holds a bee club, a garden club and a computer club at the Cowgate Centre on Wednesday evenings from 6.00 till 8.00 p.m. The sessions are free and all are welcome.
- ◆ Plant Scheme activity had finished for the year. **SJ** would sell any surplus plants after the shows and then autumn maintenance would begin.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 6 October 2015 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre. There will be a plot inspection at 2.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

KG

1 October 2015