

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2019 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Nick Coster, Nicola Francis, Sue Johnson, Frank Lightfoot, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

There were no **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 7 May had been distributed to Committee members. The tenant on plot 75 had paid his rent; he had been verbally abusive to **TW**. **SP** told him that his behaviour was unacceptable; she would write to him regarding this and his use of bad language. Approximately £400 remained in the bee grant.

COMMUNITY PLOT UPDATE

Grass on the plot was growing and the borders were being dug ready for planting. A 'dig morning' social event was planned and an opening event in July was being considered. The community plot needed to keep a record of its receipts and expenses.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had received the half-yearly rent demand for £2,483.03 from the Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT/2019 MOORSIDE SHOW

NF reported that one rent was outstanding but would check whether it had been paid by bank transfer. Pat Francis had submitted a breakdown of costs for the Moorside show and the likely expenses in the event of its cancellation. **SP** would seek sponsorship to pay for a 10 ft x 2 ft banner advertising the show. It was felt that the cost of printing the show brochure could be reduced (possibly by making it less glossy) and that the possibility of funding or sponsorship for printing costs should be looked into. **SP** suggested that two categories should be deleted from the schedule. It was suggested that tables should be bought for use by the association as there was now room to store them. It was agreed that instead of individual photos, a single group photograph should be taken of all the winners in the various categories. Free tea and biscuits would be available on **SM's** plots during the show. **FL** requested that the show organisers had regard for the pots fronting his plot whilst setting up for the show.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

SP had taken delivery of 10 tons of soil improver from *Sita*; it would be on sale for £1.50 per barrowload. Trading Hut takings for May amounted to £926.82.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

SM reported that work on the new H & S noticeboard was in progress.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

TW reported that there were now 33 people on the waiting list. The member on plot 46 had not been seen for some time and there was concern for his state of health. Plot 27a/b had been re-let. Plot 20b was overgrown with weeds since the tenant was away until July. The tenant on plot 7 would need to tidy up the front of his plot.

2019 PLANT SCHEME

SJ reported that May had been the best month so far with plant sales amounting to £687; this year the scheme had made £922. The new Springfield site had brought some business to Moorside.

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NAWG MATTERS

The Allotment Forum would be held on 15 June. Lyndsey Bramwell would give a talk on the results of her research on lead.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ♦ The lock on the central gate falls apart on opening.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 2 July at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre. There will be a site inspection at 2.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

KG

24 June 2019