

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Nick Coster, Sue Johnson and Frank Lightfoot.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 1 October had been distributed to Committee members. **SP** had visited the food bank on two occasions. There were no other matters arising from the minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A tree surgeon from the Council had visited the site at the end of October. The tenant on plot 92 would like some trees removed and a sycamore on plot 75 would be cut down; shrubbery between plots 17 and 18 would be cut down and **FL** would like a willow overhanging the Community plot to be trimmed. The work would be done in February 2020 and the wood chippings would be left on the plots.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF was not present at the meeting.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

£181.25 had been taken in October. A half-load of manure had been delivered but had nearly all gone and **SP** would order some more. **SP** had found a new supplier for bird food whose prices were very competitive and had ordered seed potatoes (but not as many as in 2019).

COMMUNITY PLOT UPDATE

Fire Friday would be held on 8 November. The group had planted a large quantity of spring flowering bulbs in the community plot. **SP** would clean the toilets and ensure that the lights in the ladies' toilet were in working order.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

SM was still waiting for new noticeboards. **TW** had bought a roll of black/yellow safety tape which could be used in the disabled plot and in hazardous spots round the Trading Hut.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There were 36 people on the waiting list and half of plot 53 had been re-let. Various members had been warned about the state of their plots; failure to clear their gardens within two months would result in eviction.

NAWG MATTERS

SJ and **SP** had attended the launch of the Newcastle Parks and Allotments Trust, now called *Urban Green*, a fortnight previously. Mark Todd and the trust were trying to implement a meeting with the Freemen.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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- **KG** had an old PC which had been bought by the association which was now obsolete; she would see whether it had any secondhand value.
- There was discussion about ordering a skip but it was decided to defer a decision on doing so until December.
- It was agreed that **FL** should keep the Moorside wildlife trophy in perpetuity.

The meeting closed at 6.40.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 3 December at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.

KG

30 November 2019