

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

NOTES IN LIEU OF MEETING WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN HELD ON TUESDAY 4th AUGUST BUT NOT HELD DUE TO COVID-19

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Susan Pownall Chair, Tony Whittle, Richard Littlewood, Frank Lightfoot, Steven McDonnell, Sue Brophy, Nicola Francis Treasurer, Nick Coster and Sue Johnson, Secretary

NOTES DATED 24TH JULY 2020 had been distributed to Committee members. These notes, with one amendment, were taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING

TW has asked for an update regarding the repairs to be made to the potting shed on the “disabled” plot. Quotations had been obtained during February for outside contractors to do the work. NF had advised that there were sufficient funds to cover costs. An offer was made to have the work done by member gardeners. Taking into account the time passing and some poor weather conditions would the Committee agree that an outside contractor could be hired to make the repairs before autumn and winter weather intervene. It was noted by a member recently that the shed was deteriorating. **Replies, please, by Friday 21 August.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- SP has received some queries about plots not being tended but the Committee previously accepted that site inspections would not be made during the Covid-19 crisis as some gardeners cannot, or do not wish, to come to Moorside.
- Covid-19 regulations and advice continue to be in force and gardeners are reminded to socially distance and adhere to the rules about the number of people allowed on each plot, six being the maximum manageable number. SP notes that some family members are wandering around the site which is prohibited for everyone's safety.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Shop takings for the month of July amounted to £359.78. SP had used the click and collect service but will open the shop from August reverting to the normal hours but with Covid-19 regulations in place. Volunteers will be asked to observe the regulations.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The notice board opposite the trading hut was supported by one nail only and taken down by SM. It will be sorted when Covid-19 restrictions are further lifted.

The Health and Safety notice board repair is also delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The six-monthly risk and assessment inspections will be made during August and SM will undertake these himself if no volunteers are available. SM will report to the Committee.

SM did a site inspection on 6 August and found no outstanding issues.

MOORSIDE SHOW

The show was cancelled due to Covi-19 so there was nothing to report.

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COMMUNITY PLOT UPDATE

The Community plot remains closed, and there was nothing else to report.

PLANT SCHEME 2020

SJ confirmed to SM that the plant scheme was closed and SM will note this with regard to Health and Safety.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There are 40 people on the waiting list and no lettings. Urban Green expects waiting list to remain open so that a proper analysis of requirements throughout the city can be made.

A new lock has been put on the West lane small gate.

NAWG MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

CITY SHOW

News has been circulated about the “virtual” activities which will supersede the City Show which has been cancelled. All plotholders are reminded to submit content to the Urban Green Newcastle website (www.urbangreennewcastle.org) information of which has been posted on the Moorside website. Quirky sheds, scarecrows, unusual produce and recipes are just some the items requested.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The tenant of plot 7 has submitted a plan to erect a greenhouse. However, he had submitted a plan in 2017 which was approved by the Committee and a letter was sent to him relaying this approval on 18 August 2017. The second plan in 2020 shows the proposed greenhouse alignment brought forward from the back of the plot unlike the first plan from 2017 which placed the greenhouse at the back. Both plans are ATTACHED to this email. **SP has submitted her opinion that the proposed greenhouse ought to be at the back of the plot. Therefore, the first plan of 2017 should be approved again and the tenant so advised. Would the other Committee members please consider the two plans and let SJ have their opinions no later than Friday 21 August?**

SJ

17 August 2020