

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

NOTES IN LIEU OF MEETING WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN HELD ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 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 14 October 2020 had been distributed to Committee members. No comments were received and therefore these notes were taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING

One amendment by SJ who logged that Nick Mason was helping with clearing the outside boundary where this ought to have read Nick Coster.

SP had continued to take produce to the food bank up to the first Monday in November but ploholders' surplus had now dried up. The West End Food Bank had been so pleased with our weekly contributions of fresh fruit and vegetables and wished to thank all involved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- SP had issued a notice on the website concerning the water being turned off for the winter, which would be effected ahead of any forecast heavy frosts. She was watching the weather forecast accordingly. The toilets would also be cleaned and shut down for the winter at the same time.
- The bonfire season had started on 1st November and SP had been asked by the Community Plot team if an idea to co-ordinate rubbish burning during the bonfire season was a good one. SP had responded that as long as the activity could be organised and monitored satisfactorily, it was an excellent plan.
- The Covid-19 rules and regulations were being followed with regard to the forthcoming second month-long lock-down.
- SP thanked Dave Vincent for co-ordinating the Kings Seed Scheme this year. It is understood that sales were just £30 short of qualifying for a further 5% discount/contribution to the Association, which Dave found a bit frustrating. Despite Facebook efforts, the shortfall was not met.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- FL has advised of a break-in and damage to his greenhouse glass which has to be replaced.
- The rent has been paid for the second half-year direct to Urban Green Newcastle. This amounted to £2543.67 and included £153.00 for PLI. The first half year would have also been £2543.67 but the actual amount payable was £2111.67 taking into account a reduction for concessionary receipts as reported in the May Minutes.
- Thanks to go to David Vincent for organising the order with Kings Seeds. The scheme provides a discount which is payable to Moorside Allotments Association. This year the amount to Moorside was £141.43 from the total seed order of £1106.79.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Takings for the month of October amounted to £345.80.

The shop will continue to open under the same Covid-19 health and safety conditions.

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A further delivery of manure has been ordered and a paraffin delivery has been delivered pending winter demand. SP had also collected 160kg of bird food from the wholesalers.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

There was nothing to report.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There are 48 people on the waiting list and no lettings.

NAWG MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

COMMUNITY PLOT

Due to Covid-19 it was not possible to hold a community Guy Fawkes evening.

Using the land for a communal bonfire to burn garden rubbish is being considered but the inability to have groups of people would make it difficult.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Application for Garden Shed on Plot 26

The tenants of the plot have been advised that the building of the shed can go ahead within the Buildings and Structures guidelines and no closer to the rear boundary than 50 cms.

SJ

11 November 2020