

## **MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **NOTES IN LIEU OF MEETING WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN HELD ON TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 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 17 August 2020** had been distributed to Committee members. No comments were received and therefore these notes were taken as read.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**None**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

August has been a relatively quiet month and there is not a lot to report. I am becoming frustrated / worried, however, about the lack of progress on the potting shed repair which seems to be getting nowhere. If the small in-house team is no longer able to tackle the job – we have had quotations in for the materials and I still await confirmation of the preferred supplier of these, it would be good to know now. I am setting a deadline of 21<sup>st</sup> September for a reply yes or no to repairing in house plus choice of supplier. If no reply is forthcoming, I am recommending we go immediately to the contractor we identified as being the cheapest back at the beginning of 2020. The figure was around £600 which was approved by our Treasurer at the time.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

SB and Jean Hannon have continued their work on the bee garden. They plan to give the flower tubs a top up of compost and investigate bulb planting. They also plan to tidy up the front of the site in late September or October.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was nothing to report.

#### **TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT**

SP has reverted to normal shop opening since the beginning of August and have a small team of volunteers willing to help. Takings for August amounted to £420. 01.

SP has made regular trips to the West End Foodbank with the generous donations of excess fruit and vegetables from Moorsiders' plots. The baskets to place contributions in are on the table outside the shop and SP goes down weekly either on Monday or Tuesday to drop off the produce. The Foodbank is so grateful as at the moment they are very short of fresh produce.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE**

SM reported that there were no H&S issues.

#### **WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS**

There are 44 people on the waiting list and no lettings.

#### **NAWG MATTERS**

The Virtual City Show is the item of interest and details are shown below.

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### **CITY SHOW**

The entry date for the virtual show has been extended from 4 September to 16 September. Moorside gardeners have been advised and the updated Urban Green poster also circulated and added to the Moorside website. Photographs and videos have already been sent in but please continue to send more of your stories of what have been happening on your garden this year. Details are on the poster and Urban Green website.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The tenant of plot 7 was advised that the Committee rejected his 2020 plan for a greenhouse which did not conform to the Buildings and Structures regulations but re-approved his plan from 2017.

**SJ**

**10 September 2020**