

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020 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 3 December had been distributed to Committee members. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kevin Batey had met with the Freeman in December and would be meeting with them again later this week to discuss the proposed rent and lease for Moorside; it was not certain what the rent would be. **NF** proposed that concessions should be maintained and suggested that the 2020 AGM be postponed to a later date until the situation became clearer; this would allow another committee meeting before the AGM and 19 February was agreed as the proposed date for the meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF was completing the annual accounts and had renewed the insurance for Moorside at the end of December.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

The stocktaking had been done and **SP** had ordered additional stock as a result. Takings for December amounted to £252.70. Paraffin sales were lower, presumably as a result of the mild weather during the winter.

COMMUNITY PLOT UPDAT

There was no update available on the group's progress who had been given a trial year at the 2019 AGM. It was agreed that Rich Littlewood should prepare and submit a plan for 2020. **SP** had received an email from a group which is looking for a project on an allotment site; it comprises 240 members, to work in small groups on recreational activities. It was felt that they could be added to the waiting list as a group.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

SM had nothing to report; he was still waiting for a new noticeboard.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There were 36 people on the waiting list. Some members had not responded to correspondence about the state of their plots and would be sent a final letter giving them notice to quit; they would not be invited to renew their membership.

NAWG MATTERS

There was nothing to report. The next meeting would be later in the week.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **SP** would inform individual members when the tree surgeons were due to arrive.

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- The outcome of grant applications was expected in February; this would hopefully pay for repairs to the less able garden.

The meeting closed at 6.25.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 4 February at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.

KG

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