

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022 AT 5.30 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (Chair), Sue Johnson (Sec), Tony Whittle, Rich Littlewood, Frank Lightfoot, Sue Brophy, Joyce Ozouaki (joined at 17.35), Nick Coster

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nick Coster

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

Agreed after one deletion.

MATTERS ARISING

SP had contacted the Comfrey Project and the fence line had been cleared of rubbish which had caused it to lean as noted in the June minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Several quotations had been obtained regarding the felling of the willow tree on plot 73a. Northumbria Water had also been consulted. The cost would be borne by the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Payment for the cost of the internet domain had been approved.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

The takings for June amounted to £827.14.

Following the resignation of SP as Manager, she had organized with the volunteers the division of future tasks such as the ordering of stock and deliveries. The volunteer managing the accounts and banking agreed to continue to do so. SP will circulate further information to the volunteers and elaborate on the requirements in a July ("Housekeeping") newsletter.

WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

Plot 70 had been let.

The tenant of 73b would be advised in writing that one month ending on 7 August would be given to have the plot fully cultivated. If the plot remained uncultivated at the end of this time an eviction letter would be issued.

There was still a lot of rubbish on plot 20b.

It was agreed that most plots were being worked on and several improved.

The tenant of plot 10 expressed a wish to erect a greenhouse but two problems would have to be addressed, viz. trees and a culvert at the back of the plot. It was agreed that sapling trees could be removed and crown lifting where possible. FL would contact the tenant.

The tenant of plot 97 had spoken to SJ regarding trees overshadowing the front of his garden. FL would inspect them.

TW to confirm with the tenant of plot 46 that he could not have two plots in the city and seek clarification that their former allotment plot on another site had been given up.

The Comfrey Project had appointed a new co-ordinator.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

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There was nothing to report

PLANT SCHEME

The scheme was now closed for the season

COMMUNITY PLOT

An Open Day was planned for Saturday 20 August between midday and 4 pm. A core group would organise and man refreshments. A discussion followed about possible events. RL would provide further information and detailed arrangements at the next meeting.

URBAN GREEN /NAWG MATTERS

The Moorside Plot Competition had taken place and winners would be notified. Winners would be put forward for the City Allotment (plot) Competition to Urban Green Newcastle. The date of notification had been moved from 1 July to 8 July by UGN. There was a discussion about the description of the area as a Community Plot when the gardeners were internal members only. It was decided to make no award for the Community section this year. UGN had not finalized plans for entries to the Allotment (produce) Competition.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hedgehogs had been seen across the site.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

The Committee thanked RL for once more facilitating the meeting by ZOOM.

The meeting closed at 6.48 pm

SJ 28 July 2022