

## MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

**PRESENT:** Sue Pownall (in the Chair), Kryss Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Sue Johnson, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Nicola Francis.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 6 October 2015 had been distributed to Committee members. **KG** would book the hall at St. James' and St. Basil's church for the AGM on Wednesday 27 January 2016.

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

A skip had arrived on Thursday 29 October and was gradually being filled.

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

**NF** had contacted **TW** about the statistics for the key account. The movement of all monies was up to date. **SP** and **SJ** would do a stocktake at the end of November.

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

The Trading Hut had run out of landscaping fabric; CTS now charge for delivery but as not many items needed to be ordered from them, **SP** would obtain a supply from Lawsons. Forty 12ft scaffolding planks had been delivered and **SP** would calculate the selling price. 75-litre bags of Sinclair compost were available in the hut at a competitive price. A delivery of 20 tons of topsoil, screened and enriched with farm and chicken manure, was expected shortly. **SP** and **TW** would complete the order for potatoes.

#### **WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTION**

Three people had been added to the waiting list, bringing the total to 26. There had been no new lettings in October. The next inspection would be at 2.00 p.m. before the committee meeting on 5 January 2016.

#### **BEE GROUP**

**SJ's** bees had swarmed in August. There was little to report otherwise.

#### **NAWG MATTERS**

The Allotments Officer had confirmed that site rents would remain unchanged in 2016; the issue of concessions had still to be discussed. He would let **SP** know when to expect the tree surgeon's visit to Moorside; it would be necessary to collate a list of the trees that needed attention and the tree surgeon would be consulted about the safety of the poplar trees on the site.

#### **OTHER SITE GROUPS**

**Bee Garden group:** **SB** and **KG** would liaise with Scotswood Wildlife group about their interest in setting up a bee garden. Snod's Edge gardening group had asked to re-visit Moorside; **KG** had suggested a date in May/June 2016.

#### **PLANT SCHEME**

**SJ** had ordered some organic seeds through the Kings seed scheme.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- ◆ **SP** would liaise with Tony Francis about turning off the water supply. Some ploholders had reported leaks which they would repair themselves once the water was turned off.
- ◆ Tom Riley from the Geography department at the University of Newcastle would not be proceeding with his Moorside flooding project.

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- ◆ There was discussion about resurfacing the area between the huts with hardcore or similar for the 2016 show; the wet weather in 2015 had made the path muddy and slippery. It was agreed to leave the surface as it was for the present and to monitor the situation nearer the time of the show.
- ◆ Two new members, Fiona Douglas and Jill Dales, had joined the Show Committee.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.**

The meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.

**KG**

**22 November 2015**