

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 6.00 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Sue Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Nick Coster, Sue Johnson, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Nicola Francis and Frank Lightfoot.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 2 August 2016 had been distributed to Committee members. **SP** had applied for funding from Newcastle Building Society to finance the chippings for the path fronting the Trading Hut; the application would be considered in October. **SP** had also arranged for the rat infestation on the site to be dealt with.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had received the second half of the site rental from the Council; it amounted to £2,269.31.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF was not present at the meeting.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

SJ had banked around £300 from Trading Hut sales for August. It had been a quiet month and there was little of note to report.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTION

There were 37 people on the waiting list; there had been no new lettings in August. The members whose plots were causing concern at the previous inspection had been written to; all had responded and improvement was evident on their plots. The tenants on plots 20, 89b and 90a would be written to since their plots were looking neglected.

BEE GROUP/BEE GARDEN

There was little to report about bee activity on the site. Some of the vegetation around the bee garden would need to be cut back before the show. The tubs were looking attractive.

NAWG MATTERS

The City show would be held on 24/25 September; the Allotments Officer would be asking for surplus produce from allotments for sale at the show, to raise money for NAWG.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROPOSALS/PROGRESS

SM would prepare a document on health and safety for the next committee meeting.

MOORSIDE SHOW GROUP

The show brochure was now available. Only association members are allowed to compete in the show. **TW** would be retiring from the show committee after the Moorside show.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ **SP** suggested John Reid should receive a special award at the Moorside Show and this was agreed.
- ◆ Some thefts and break-ins had been reported; notices on the gates would be reinforced, urging members to keep the gates locked at all times.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 4 October 2016 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre. There will be a site inspection at 2.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

KG

2 October 2016