

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2016 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Frank Lightfoot.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 5 July 2016 had been distributed to Committee members. **SP** had received two quotations of £2,000 and £1,200 for laying and flattening chippings on the path fronting the Trading Hut; she would apply for funding to pay for the project. Moorside had fared well in the City Allotments Competition; individual plots had won prizes and the site won third prize in the city overall.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had received the show schedule for the Newcastle Allotment and Garden Fete to be held in Leazes Park on 24/25 September 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF had little of note to report.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Trading Hut sales were steady; many members were on holiday so takings were relatively low but not much fresh stock was being bought in.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTION

There were 35 people on the waiting list. A heavy stainless steel table on plot 83 would be moved to the Trading Hut area. The tenant on plot 100 was being helped on his plot by a non-member who wished to become a co-tenant. It was agreed that whilst gardeners could accept help from friends or family members or pay people to work on their plots, this did not constitute grounds for helpers to become joint or co-tenants. The tenant on plot 83 was experiencing difficulty in cultivating the whole garden and it was suggested that he may consider giving up half of the plot. The Inspection team had expressed concern about the state of cultivation on plots 60b, 68/69, 85 and 91; the tenants would be written to.

BEE GROUP/BEE GARDEN

It was felt that some beekeepers on the site had more hives than they should. The bee garden was looking attractive.

WILDLIFE AREA PROPOSAL/PROGRESSION

FL would need planting containers for the project in the autumn.

NAWG MATTERS

SJ had been appointed as Treasurer for NAWG.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROPOSALS/PROGRESS

SM recommended that there should be a noticeboard dedicated to safety information and advice. He would put together a series of bullet points on health and safety and a risk assessment sheet for the monthly inspections to bring to the meeting in September.

MOORSIDE SHOW GROUP

The printing of the show brochure was imminent. Marquees for the show would be erected on Friday 9 September at 10.00 a.m. The deadline for entries would be at 2.00 p.m. on 9 September. Val Douglas would accompany the judges during the judging process.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ **SP** had contacted the Allotments Officer about a large infestation of rats on the site; several wasp nests had also been reported.
- ◆ The noticeboards had been re-organised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 6 September 2016 at 6.00 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

5 September 2016