

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 JULY 2017 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Nick Coster, Sue Johnson, Steven McDonnell, Tony Whittle, Sue Brophy and Frank Lightfoot.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Nicola Francis and Krys Gaffney.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 6 June had been distributed to Committee members. **FL** would cost buying a new generator with a capacity to power heat and light and would pass the results to **SP**. **SP** had spoken to the plot holder of 60b. Some help had been provided for the tenant of plot 59. The member on plot 7 had been given the go-ahead to erect a greenhouse and build a shed. The police had no information regarding the intruders on the site. **Richard Littlewood** was still investigating solar powered CCTV.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTION

There were 34 people on the waiting list with no lettings during June. The companion of the tenant of plot 83 may not be returning for medical reasons. The new tenants of plot 83a had rarely been seen on the garden, ditto the tenant of plot 60a. The monthly inspection was combined with the shortlisting of competition nominees. There was a discussion about commended plots and the criteria to be followed. **SP** had spoken to nominees, excluding commended. The internal result for Best Wildlife plot had been agreed. There was a discussion regarding the judging and criteria for this category; consideration would be given to a possible change of judges in future to take advantage of a different experience. **FL** does not wish to have his plot entered for Best Wildlife plot in 2018.

BEE GROUP/BEE GARDEN

There was nothing to report.

NAWG MATTERS

The response to the Forum discussion regarding the future of parks and allotments was poor. It is expected that further information would follow by September with a possible implementation regarding parks in October, and April 2018 regarding allotments.

REPORT FROM SHOW GROUP

A Wanted poster was in progress. Tombola would be situated on **SM's** plots who will also display photographs. **FL** has donated tickets for the Life Science Centre. Jonathan Wallace (specialist in butterflies and moths) will take a stall. Northern Print will provide an estimate for printing costs. A volunteer is required for the bookstall. The SHE Choir will provide entertainment. **TW** agreed to be photographer on show day. **FL** and **SM** are evaluating new tents for 2018 to enable tables to be erected the night before the event and thus allow more time than currently for produce display. **FL** and **SM** had made the first videos regarding the preparation of produce available on You Tube, currently public but to be changed to private viewing. **SP** advised that 40mm gravel with integrated dust will be available for the path area.

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2017 PLANT SCHEME

The garden closed from 25 June for a summer recess and work is in progress to raise plants for autumn planting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROPOSALS/PROGRESS

A query was raised regarding the fish tank on **FL's** plot. **FL** stated that he will be moving it anyway. **FL** suggested that labelling should be on packs sold from the Shop in plastic bags. **SP** said this was not practical and that many more products were now being sold in retail packs rather than loose. She would look into putting up a general notice highlighting risks associated with certain products sold loose. **SM** raised a query regarding the risk assessments for the Trading Hut and toilets being overdue; **SP** advised that they had been done but not circulated and were in the shop ready for collection. **SP** confirmed that health and safety issues would continue to be prioritised by the committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FL asked why minutes are kept. **FL** queried the distribution of minutes and any objections arising, suggesting that objections could be collated before the following meeting when final minutes could then be presented. This was not agreed. **SP** suggested that conflicting interpretations raised regarding the previous month's minutes could be put to a vote at the following meeting **SP** pointed out that minutes are posted on the Moorside website for members to view. A folder in the shop had lapsed but would be restarted. The gate on plot 101 had suffered some damage.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 1 August 2017 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

SJ

20 July 2017