

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

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

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 2 October had been distributed to Committee members. Members of the Comfrey Project were willing to help gardeners with their plots; it was agreed that information would be published on the website and on noticeboards so that individual members who needed help would be able to contact the group directly.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF was not present at the meeting. The end of November is the financial year-end so any payments or expenses need to be submitted before then.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Trading Hut takings for October amounted to £287.03, mainly due to manure sales. Another delivery of manure was expected on 11 November. **SM** enquired whether a load could be delivered to the crossroads on the west lane for members at the top end of the site; **SP** would ask if smaller machinery was available to make such a delivery. **SP** would be doing a stocktake at the end of November.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

SM reported that the fence on plot 7 was in a state of disrepair; the plothead had informed **KG** that he would attend to it shortly.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTION

There were 25 people on the waiting list and plot 78 had been re-let. **SP** had written to two of the members whose plots were causing concern.

MOORSIDE BONFIRE NIGHT

The evening had been well-organised and well-attended and **SP** would write to thank the organisers of the event for their efforts. Beverley Sawyer had made £18 on jam sales and Emily Sweetman and Angus Aitchison had made around £20 on refreshments. There had been no official approach to the committee but **SM** reported that there was a mood to retain plots 64/65a as a community area where similar events could be staged in future, including the Moorside show. The committee was not opposed to the idea in principle but agreed that the execution of such a scheme would need to be planned and co-ordinated. **SM** would set up a sub-group to explore the establishment of a community area.

NAWG MATTERS

Association officers had been invited to a Freeman site meeting on 17 October. As one of five wartime sites, Moorside's tenancy agreement with the Council runs until 2020. Parks Trust officers would need to identify the association's needs (e.g. fencing, tree maintenance etc.) if the Freeman decide to directly manage Moorside, although the wartime sites would prefer to remain part of the Parks Trust. To remain viable, Moorside

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would need to continue to generate its own income. Under the Parks Trust, rents are likely to rise by 10% over five years.

2018 MOORSIDE ANNUAL SHOW

(This item is carried over from the October meeting). The show had been a success and had broken even. Pat Francis would not in future seek sponsorship for printing the show brochure. It was felt that the show was becoming over-complicated and it was agreed that a member of the committee should sit on the show group to assist with, and offer advice on, show matters.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ **KG** would order an autumn skip.
- ◆ The fallen branch from the willow on the east lane had been removed but the tree surgeons would need to return to balance the tree; surrounding gardeners would need to be consulted in the event of possible damage to their plots as a result of any remedial work that is done.
- ◆ Beverley Sawyer had attended the Nunsmoor Apple Day and had made £95 in jam sales.
- ◆ There had been more thefts from plots; **SM** reported that there was a den at the top end of the site on the moor which the police should be made aware of.
- ◆ The tenant on plot 25 had submitted a plan to erect a 10' x 8' greenhouse which would be aligned with existing structures on the plot; there was no objection to his proposed plan.
- ◆ **KG** and **SB** would liaise on tidying up the tubs and the bee garden.
- ◆ Four years ago, **SM** had made a film about allotment life which he planned to bring up to date.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on (a date to be arranged in January 2019) at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

KG

30 November 2018