

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Nick Coster, Nicola Francis, Frank Lightfoot, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle. Rich Littlewood was also present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from and Sue Johnson.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 5 February had been distributed to Committee members. The tree inspection that was due on 31 January was not carried out since the inspection team had not visited Freeman sites. **SM** had the measurements for the new H & S noticeboards.

COMMUNITY PLOT UPDATE

Rich Littlewood joined the meeting at 5.45 p.m. He confirmed that the group had decided to use a single plot for the project and that digging had begun; he was advised to clear the plot in the first instance. The sub-group would need some financial help to erect fencing between the adjoining plots. It was agreed that members would be notified via the website that the scheme was going ahead; members would be able to opt not to receive emails about the scheme if they did not wish to do so. Progress would be reported monthly on the website and via Facebook and events would be posted on the noticeboards.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had received notification for renewal of membership of the National Allotment Society. Members receive a quarterly magazine, a discounted seed scheme and information and advice through the NAS website; at £3 per member, this still represents good value for money.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF had received a large proportion of the rents and was in a position to check which ones were outstanding.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Trading Hut takings for February amounted to £547 and there had been a recent delivery of manure.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

SM reminded the meeting that risk assessments had to be carried out before Easter.

WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS

TW reported that he had re-opened the waiting list. Plots 72 and 101b had been re-let. The tenant on plot 63a would be offered the half-plot next to the community plot for a probationary period of one year.

2019 PLANT SCHEME PROPOSALS/PLAN

SJ reported that seed sowing had begun and that she had ordered soft fruit bushes. The plot was being dug over and George Kell would rotovate the ground. The fence would also be replaced.

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NAWG MATTERS

James Cross was the CEO of the Newcastle Parks and Allotments Trust. Wartime allotment sites wanted to be part of the trust but there would be no change for Moorside until 2020. **SP** had asked for the perimeter fencing to be repaired.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ♦ **SM** had raised the height of the tap near his plots.
- ♦ **KG** would order a skip for mid-April.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 2 April at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre. The first site inspection of the year will be at 2.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

KG

31 March 2019.