

## MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 AUGUST 2021 AT 5.30 VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Tony Whittle, Rich Littlewood, Steven McDonnell, Sue Johnson, Nick Coster and Nicola Francis.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Sue Brophy, Frank Lightfoot

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 6 July 2021 had been distributed to the committee. A plot of concern had incorrectly been numbered and would be corrected by SJ.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

It was agreed to hire a skip mid to late October

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Fencing at the West Lane gate had been repaired. It was noted that the lock on the West Lane Gate was causing difficulties

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

SJ had contacted the Police regarding several thefts mainly of crops.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The annual fee was paid to the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd (NSALG) in order to continue membership. David Vincent has made the autumn King's Seeds catalogue available and is taking orders. He will liaise with the Treasurer when the bulk order is complete. SP will receive copy invoices from the Clydeside Trading Society when orders are fulfilled.

#### **TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Takings at the end of July amounted to £454.62 and more orders of supplies made.

#### **WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS**

There were 48 people on the waiting list and 1 being number 56 was let. The tenant of plot 37 wished to downsize to a half plot which would become numbered 37b. The tenant of plot 53b wished to move to the created half plot 37a. Plot 53b would be offered to the tenants of 53a. Whole size plot 53 would thereby be created.

SP has attempted to contact the tenant of plot 10 without success. The tenants of 9b and 11 have worked on the plots. SP had written to the tenants of 27a and 75.

Others plots of concern were 17, 20b, 27b, 46, 52, 60, 73b, 91, 97, 83b and 108.

The tenants of 27b had acquired a 12 ft by 8 ft greenhouse which exceeded the maximum size allowed and the tenants would be advised accordingly. A sycamore growing on plot 91 would be included with any other trees to be cut or trimmed by the Council. SJ agreed to contact the tenants of plots 83b and 97.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE**

There was nothing to report.

#### **COMMUNITY PLOT**

Consideration would be given to an event towards the end of summer and a November bonfire.

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### **URBAN GREEN /NAWG MATTERS**

In the absence of a City Show and Allotment Competition Urban Green promoted National Allotment Week 8 – 15 August. Urban Green requested contributions of photographs, videos or stories to be posted on their Facebook page or via email. Urban Green confirmed that a new Code of Conduct and Dispute Resolution were being written.

Before leaving Urban Green Allotment Officer Mark Todd visited Moorside and paid particular attention to derelict and unkempt plots. He confirmed that, at least until an allotment officer is appointed, the NAWG would remain as the interface between Urban Green and plotholders.

### **MOORSIDE ALLOTMENT COMPETITION**

The Committee made the final choices of best gardeners under the categories of Best Plot with Glass, Best Plot without Glass, Best Half Plot, Best Newcomer and Bee Friendly Plot. The results would be advised to the plotholders. There was also discussion about a Long Service Award 2021.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that a van advertising a service was parked and taking up a valuable place. There was a discussion regarding researchers having access to plots and it was confirmed that there would have to be supervision of such persons / groups.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 7 September at 5.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7 pm

**SJ**

**3 September 2021**