

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

+MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021 AT 5.30 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Sue Johnson (Sec), Nicola Francis (Treasurer), Tony Whittle, Frank Lightfoot, Rich Littlewood, Nick Coster.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Steven McDonnell, Sue Brophy.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 7 September 2021 had been distributed to the committee and taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Intruders had been using the shed on plot 10. The police were informed. FL had reported the theft of a "wildlife" camera. It was agreed that the Association would offer a contribution towards a replacement. One of two vans permanently parked outside the plot had been removed but the second remained. The police advised that in the first instance, and before they would be able to take action, a notice should be placed on the windscreen.

TW revisited the question of a defibrillator being bought for the site. It was agreed in principle and that TW should provide the Committee with further information, including cost.

SP had a contact via the Council regarding obtaining a large notice board. SJ to follow up with costings, size etc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SJ had received two letters from the Council regarding the termination of the Tenancy Agreement between them and the Moorside Association with effect from 29 September 2022 and the proposal from the Council to arrange a meeting between Moorside, the other three Wartime Sites, and the Freeman of the City. A Tenancy Agreement with the Freeman had been first proposed in 2019. SJ had emailed copies to the Committee and would advise the membership. The next step in the proceedings would be a meeting with the Freeman, a date for which was awaited. The other Wartime Sites had agreed verbally that a joint approach was preferable to each site acting separately in the lead-up to the sites being managed directly by the Freeman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The second half year rent had been paid to Urban Green. The 2021 accounts were in hand.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Takings at the end of September amounted to £308.15. SP agreed to do a stock-take before the November year end.

WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There were 49 people on the waiting list and there were no lettings. Temporary closure of the waiting list would be considered at a later date.

SP had written to the tenants of plot 17 and 95. SJ had written to the tenants of plots 73b and 75.

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The monthly inspections would be suspended until spring 2022 but plots of concern, particularly 17, 52, 73b, 75 and 95 would continue to be monitored.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

There was nothing to report.

COMMUNITY PLOT

A bonfire, but no fireworks, was being planned for 5 November and a poster would be displayed and emailed to members. Wood for the fire would be welcome after 30 October.

URBAN GREEN /NAWG MATTERS

The post of Allotment Officer had not been filled.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SP would liaise with the Council regarding any tree trimming or removal. The Committee members were asked to let plot holders know that they should contact SP.

There was discussion about the water supply and metering.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 2 November at 5.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm

SJ

22 October 2021