

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2022 AT 5.30 VIA ZOOM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Steven McDonnell, Joyce Ozouaki

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

Agreed, after one deletion.

MATTERS ARISING

Green material was still leaning against the fence line of the Comfrey Project which had been reported previously and for which problem SP had contacted them. SP reported that compost bins were going to be built at the back of the plot but that she would contact them again in this regard.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Comfrey Project were expecting to appoint a new co-ordinator,
The tenant of plot 108 had suffered bereavement and condolences on behalf of the Committee had been sent. Friends would be helping on his garden.
The willow on plot 73a had been removed leaving a stump and some wood as requested by the plotholder. The plotholder of 73b had been working the garden.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There was nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A question arising regarding a double payment of rent by a plot holder had been resolved.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

The takings for July amounted to £312.00

WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There were no lettings.

The tenant of plot 46 had been allowed to retain a plot on another site until crops had been gathered. This done he had been contacted by TW to remind him that he cannot have two plots and one would have to be given up.

The tenant of plot 30 reported that her registered helper was caring for her plot following an accident.

FL had inspected the trees overshadowing the front of plot 97 and concluded that nothing needed to be done. He had spoken to the tenant.

The tenant of plot 73b had worked on her garden. SJ would write to confirm that a possible eviction letter would not be issued but that work on the garden must be maintained.

Plot 75 was neat but without cultivation.

The Comfrey Project had new clients and were also to use a construction company both of which should help towards cultivation.

The tenant of plot 11 had cut back overhanging tree branches from plot 10.

The tenant of plot 57a had used cardboard weed suppressant and planting through it.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The front fence of plot 19 required repair.

A dead branch from the willow on the East Lane required attention. UGN had been notified and SP would do so again.

PLANT SCHEME

The scheme was now closed for the season

COMMUNITY PLOT

Plans were underway for the Open Day on 20 August, including activities for children and refreshments. Members would be given information by email. UGN would be advised especially to their Beelines team. It was agreed that non plotholders would be allowed on a garden only if the plotholder was present and invited the person to enter.

A further event involving Dane Allen's School would be debated.

URBAN GREEN /NAWG MATTERS

Meetings had taken place between UGN and NAWG regarding the City Show. A paper application form and details for entrants were being sent from UGN for plotholders who were not able to apply and pay online. Secretaries of sites would receive information and liaise with members and UGN. UGN were continuing to organise entries but were reluctant to allow entries "on the day", that is, Saturday 17 September. FL commented that entry forms were late compared to previous years.

Information for entrants had been distributed by SJ. FL commented on the shorter period of time allowed for entrants setting up compared to previous years.

A date was expected for the Allotment Officer and A.N.Other (s) to inspect the plots put forward for the City Competition.

FL commented on the lateness of the inspections compared to previous years.

The Freeman had been contacted regarding the change of Landlord to them from UGN due at the end of September.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Comfrey Project had been made aware that produce should not be removed from a plot without the plotholders consent.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

The Committee thanked RL for once more facilitating the meeting by ZOOM.

The meeting closed at 6.51 pm

SJ 4 September 2022