

Marlow Allotments Association. Committee meeting : 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016

Present: Chair – Ms Denise Bagge, Secretary – Mr Peter England, Treasurer - Mrs Maren Talbot Members: Mrs Sylvia Miller, Mr Scott Pickard, Mr Bill Kilner -Smith and Mr Fred Tillier.

1. Treasurers Report: Total memberships currently stand at 136 over both sites. The report shows a small overall deficit, but there is confidence this will be a positive figure by the end of the year.
2. Waiting List & Vacant Plots: vacant plots at HH & FP are currently 2 at each site. Waiting list for FP has 8, with 2 @ HH. Letters to tenants with neglected plots this year has been 17 for FP & 15 for HH.
3. Website: marlowallotments.org & MTC have set up a link from their website - traffic will be automatically diverted from the old website.
4. Allotment Judging: judge visited in June and plans second inspection in August. The Mayor will be awarding a prize for the plot with the most Unique Feature and will visit in August.
5. Summer BBQ: charcoal provided for the BBQ, and volunteers manning gate from 5.30 to 6.30 to enable FP Tenants access to the site.

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6. The proposal to ban all bonfires between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> August was raised by the Town Council at the Allotments Working Group meeting after DB and most of those present had left. MAA's view was consequently inadequately represented and the view of the Town Council prevailed. The minutes of the MTC meeting (that were not circulated to attendees for clearance) did not unfortunately reflect the Association's position that there is no need to change the existing regulations on bonfires, which are working satisfactorily.
7. MAA will monitor the Local Plan and any developments regarding the area @ Foxes Piece used for the Trading Hut and report facts in the next newsletter.
8. Rubbish dumped in the HH car park – new signs needed by MTC.
9. Triangle is continuing well with the BBQ event planned for August.
10. No progress with the communal shed or fence line.
11. A tenant has modified the Berwick Road gate to enable it to be locked securely.

The next meetings will be 3<sup>rd</sup> August @ Foxes Piece site.