

The Marlow Allotments Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting at 7.30 pm Thursday 5th January 2017 at 3 The Chase

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

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies from Scott Pickard.
2. Minutes Secretary: SM volunteered to undertake the minutes.
3. Minutes of last meeting those present agreed the report was accurate:
4. Matters Arising from the minutes: PE mentioned that the minutes from the last AWP meeting have still not been circulated. FT requested that MTC is contacted as the donation from Waitrose towards the water levy has still not been posted on the website. SM will action
5. Matters arising from AGM minutes: all present agreed with the final minutes report, PE will circulate with the newsletter. Action points from the AGM, it was agreed that the size of the room was inadequate, there is a need for more action for publicity of the Allotments ie notices in garden centres & doctor's surgery & the Allotment Open Day. Members will seek volunteers to help with events. The increase in NSALG rates are to be clarified in the next newsletter. FP to be inspected by DB, FT & SP to assess any improvements or repairs required & feed back the results to BC. SM to follow up on the additional BBQ events to be planned.
6. Treasurers Report: MT further amendments to the year end report & reported the accounts for the current year to date and advised that the 4th cheque signatory is in progress. SM made a personal donation of £50.00 to go towards events costs. DB questioned this as she felt that MAA funds should reflect income from fees not donations.
7. Waiting Lists: PE reported that FP has 6 on the waiting list & 5 vacant plots & HH has nil on the waiting list with 9 vacant plots. So far non renewals are FP9 & HH 13.
8. Rules & amendments: DB stated that she did not think it was appropriate for Committee Members in receipt of rent concessions to participate in meetings with the Council that covered rent issues. DB said that the Committee had a role in challenging the Council's reasons for raising rent but ultimately it was the Council's decision. PE clarified that members that have rent concessions are as a result of the help & assistance they supply to MTC, not because they are Committee Members, MT agreed with this fact. PE proposed that MTC does not discuss any rent matters at any future AWP meetings, this was seconded by SM. The next newsletter will clarify these points to ensure complete transparency.
9. AOB: MT suggested that emergency contact numbers are posted on the exterior of the main gates to both sites. The Committee Members prepared to have their phone numbers posted were PE & SM. SM will organise this with MTC. SM mentioned the monthly BBQ events planned for the year are still to be arranged, and the Summer BBQ was agreed to be 24th June. SM brought up the idea proposed at the AGM by an FP tenant of an Open Day at FP site, which has the ideal location for easy access by the public & would encourage passers by to join in. The suggested date would be late May and DB will approach FP tenants for volunteers. The meetings for the coming year will be 1st March @ 3 The Chase, 14th June @ HH, 2nd August @ FP & 25th October @ 3 The Chase.

The meeting was closed by DB @ 9.00pm. The next meeting will be 7.30pm on 1st March 2017 @ 3 The Chase.

