

The Marlow Allotments Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting at 7.30 pm Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 3 The Chase

Present - Officers: Chair – Denise Bagge, Secretary – Peter England, Treasurer – Maren Talbot

Members: Sylvia Miller, Scott Pickard and Fred Tillier.

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies from Bill Kilner-Smith
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: FT asked if MTC has now posted onto their website the details of the donation from Waitrose towards the water levy, SM confirmed that this has been uploaded.
5. Treasurers Report: MT reported the accounts for the current year to date, there has been no action from Waitrose regarding the request that DB submitted for funding towards the notice boards. DB will action.
6. Waiting Lists: PE reported that FP has 17 on the waiting list & no vacant plots & HH has nil on the waiting list with 4 vacant plots. Neglected plots @ FP had 6 letters sent by MTC with 3x responses due to illness, HH had 9x letters sent and all but 1x have begun work on their plots.
7. The coming events are the Annual Summer BBQ on 24th June and possibly another in July. SM is organising a stand at the Marlow Festival to promote allotments and will be handing out leaflets and free plants to all who visit the stand. DB is organising an Open Day @ FP the following weekend and has volunteers organised to conduct tours of the site.
8. Judging: The first visit will be 19th June, with a second in August notices will be displayed at both sites informing tenants of this. A new ruling was placed last year that Master Gardener must stand down from that prize the following year to enable others to have a chance. DB will enquire regarding the Mayors Prize for the most unique plot at each site. Action DB
9. There has been a request to have Bee Hives on site and MAA will supply information to MTC regarding restrictions and stipulations which must be in place. Action MT & PE
10. Site Maintenance at FP – an area of the water line needs protection, the perimeter fencing repair is in progress by MTC. At HH Thames Water have re-imbursed tenants that suffered damage from the burst water mains but still need to repair the damage to pathways and main track areas, MTC is dealing with this.
11. AOB: MT asked if the main track can be repaired. MT mentioned that there was low water pressure on her plots and requested a plan of the stop cocks to check they were not tampered with. DB mentioned that Henley Allotments site has the NSALG fee collected by the local Council and asked if MTC could do the same for MAA a matter to be considered & discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed by DB @ 9.30pm. The next meeting will be 7.30pm on 3rd August @ FP site.