

## **Ashfield Allotment Association**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2010

Present: Christine Quirk, Lol Doyle, Joe Roper, Eddie Wilson, Teresa Wilson, John Byrne

Apologies: Colin Langeveld, Daniel Barrington

### **Matters arising from minutes:**

Lol has had no communication from Dovecot day services regarding the rental and deposit for the classroom/porta cabin.

Joe proposed the minutes to be true and correct and Eddie seconded his proposal.

### **Matters Arising:**

Lol sent out letters this month regarding plot inspections.

Plot 73 has received a letter suggesting they have a half plot due to the plot holder recovering after surgery.

The committee agreed that it might be appropriate to wait for the renewal of plots in January when the rents are due, to negotiate the keeping up of plots.

It has been decided that a tick list might be appropriate to make decisions when doing plot inspections. For example are the rules being followed? is cultivation being carried out? plot holders are not just growing flowers or fruit, each plot has composting and water butts.

### **Correspondence:**

Web site is up and running thanks to Allan Wilson's sister who has sent a bill for £9.40 this covers the licence for 2 years.

The estimated cost of running and building up a web site is £150.00. Richard will have access to the site to update it. £100 was an amount we could afford. It was agreed that this was good value for money.

Lol proposed John seconded.

### **Membership report:**

See separate sheet

### **Secretary's report:**

New Constitution is in operation now.

Lol suggested we have copies made for all plot holders.

Rang Paul from City Council re building applications. For instance in the case of all sheds being painted one colour.

Lol asked the question should poly tunnel owners be charged extra water rates? Water butts cannot be piped to poly tunnels therefore will use more water, also will need all round year watering when cultivating. At the present there are 41 full plots and 49 half plots @ £10 and £5 would not meet the water rates bill of £737.

Four people working on plots that are not in their name. Should there be a limit to the time? Should they be associate members?

Cockerel must be shifted off site it is against the rules and also complaints have been made by the neighbours.

**Treasurer's report:**

Not much happening at this time of year

**Monthly report:**

See separate sheet

John Morris suggests using other suppliers to create more competition.

Teresa to contact Rod Massey at NGLSA regarding suppliers.

**AOB:**

Must compile list of dates for regular plot inspections.

As much information to be given out beforehand about best plot competition.

Dates for next shows to be discussed.

Insurance dates and payment assessments are to be considered.

Wild flower meadow needs to be operational volunteers etc.

Paths are to be inspected and measures to be discussed.

Rent collection dates have not been given out at present moment.

Waiting regarding rent adjustments.

Richard will be soon moving mast, florescent lighting must be replaced with low voltage lights. Must consider safety issues around the batteries.

Skips are to be ordered Lol to speak to Peter Cowel in first instance.

Next committee meeting 11am Sunday 5th December 2010.