

Ashfield Allotment Association

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2012

Present

Eddie Wilson
Teresa Wilson
Ritchie Naylor
John Morris
Neill Davies
Petrina Tremaine
Daniel Barrington
Joe Roper

Apologies

Colin Langeveld
John Byrne

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- No actions reported

Matters Arising

- There was a question arising regarding the hire of a skip. Daniel said he would order one after the show had taken place.

Correspondence

- A company that supplies toilets have been in touch and that there was a possibility of claiming a grant toward the cost. There was much discussion regarding the toilets at the allotments. For instance, the council have told us on previous occasions that our site cannot be piped to the main sewerage, as the cost was excessively high. The fact that compost toilets are supposed to be better than the chemical type was discussed; it was thought that they could be just as smelly. Daniel suggested that we arrange to view the compost toilets. Patrina suggested that we try to raise more funds for this purpose. Joe said it was more a question of cleaning and those costs.
- Terry suggested that we make an application to enter the annual allotment competition. Is to get in touch Lynn Easby from the ALA.

Membership Report

- Two new members have been given their tenancy agreements.
- Total on the waiting list is now 50
- There is a problem regarding those named on plots that no longer work them. For example, a relative or friend does the main work and the person whose name is on the plot no longer attends and is in name only. Permission is needed from original plot holders now that the council need the address etc of those who have plots on Ashfield.
- John Morris said we should inform Joan Langeveld to proceed with the amnesty.

Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

- Joe has purchased gas boiler for use on open days etc.
- There were a lot of potatoes and shallots over in the stores.
- In order to sell as many as possible John Morris suggested it, we make an offer of buy one get one free.

Open Day

- Large gazebo frame will be erected on Friday, along with the three pop up versions.
- There had been a request for more help with the open day and Natalie and Ritchie have both offered their services.
- It has been suggested we use the camping stove for the hot dogs this year.
- John Morris said we would need a 25-metre cable for an external extension.
- It was agreed that the gazebo would be erected between 9am and 10 am.
- John Morris has new marker boards for advertising use on the day.
- John Morris is to put up the Banners and phone the radio.
- We are to ring Rod Massie to give him the information regarding dates and times so he could e-mail other secretaries of allotments who could then invite their members along to our show.

AOB

- Ritchie asked would council rates be increased to £80 when forms have be completed but the increase for our council is to be for £40.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 10th June 2012.