

## **Ashfield Allotment Association**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### **Present**

Eddie Wilson  
Teresa Wilson  
John Byrne  
Petrina Tremaine  
Ritchie Naylor  
John Morris

### **Apologies**

Colin Langeveld  
Neill Davies  
Daniel Barrington  
Joe Roper

### **Minutes of Meeting May 2012 - Matters Arising**

- Neill Davies asked to enquire from Daniel when the skip would be coming as promised from last meeting. As Daniel is not at the meeting we cannot answer, although the council are unlikely to pay for the skip in these times of cut backs; therefore the committee are agreed it will be ordered by the committee, be paid for from our own funds.

### **Correspondence**

- There has been an invitation from Sefton Park allotment and society to visit their allotments on 1st July National Open Day Scheme.

### **Membership Report**

- Colin was attending the Trooping of the colour today but has told us that plot 76b will be handing in the keys.
- Colin and his wife Joan have also spoken to Derek Dottie regarding Probationers and plot holders who cannot maintain their plots; he has told Joan 'the council will be serving the eviction orders and are agreed to back up the decisions of the committee'.
- Patrina suggested that an empty plot like plot 10 be given over to probationers, divided into squares that probationers could manage. She told the committee that this had worked well on other sites. The committee thought that maybe a small plot would not have the realistic effect of the work that is required on a normal half or full plot.
- George had made the suggestion that plot holders get one warning and three letters to be sent consecutively after that.
- As the council have their own official letters to be sent by the committee it was thought the best way was to leave the final decision in the hands of the council who have the real authority.
- The committee have put forward to vote on scrapping the probation period for new plot holders, as it will make the collection of deposits too difficult now that the council will be collecting their rents directly. The vote was unanimous in favour of scrapping the probation period.
- Richie thought we should add the proviso in the ACT that we would inform the council.

### **Secretary's Report**

- Open day was a real success this year it was well attended and each store had done well in terms of raising funds. The amounts will be given when the treasurer attends the next meeting.
- I paid a visit to Thingwall allotments to compare the prices for George in the stores.
- Ritchie from plot 40b has asked can the committee help toward the cost of the poster that can give lots of information about bees and the bonus or advantage to all plot holders of having them on site. The committee held a vote and it was carried through unanimously.
- Best allotment competition will be held soon there is a criterion that must be obtained from Lyn Easby who will be Chairing the competition this year.
- George has managed to raise another £28 for the remaining potatoes.
- The date for the summer show will be on the 18th of August this year.

**AOB**

- Eddie has requested that enquiries be made about the profuse Japanese Knotweed growing on back plots. Although spraying has taken place twice the re-growth is stronger than ever.
- A skip must be ordered for the benefit of the site.

**The next meeting will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012**