

## **Ashfield Allotment Association**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010**

#### **Present**

Christine Quirk (CQ)  
Lol Doyle (LD)  
Joe Roper (JR)  
Eddie Wilson (EW)  
Teresa Wilson (TW)  
Colin Langeveld (CL)  
George Holmes (GH)

#### **Apologies**

Daniel Barrington  
Charles Labone  
Louise Whittaker

#### **Minutes of meeting 1st August 2010**

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted.

#### **Matters Arising**

Apologies were made regarding the time changes to the constitution meeting. This was due to personal reasons also the fact that it was impossible to up date the web site in time.

DB will ask for estimates to be produced to complete work on the turbine.

#### **Correspondence**

Letter received from Dovecot Day Services; they have brought out a new policy for their service users, who will be required to travel direct to the allotment. It was asked of the committee, could they use the facilities of the classroom, to provide shelter eat lunch etc? It was agreed that, subject to certain conditions, they could hire the classroom. LD suggested that a probationary agreement should be drawn up, and a letter sent to Dovecot MAC, for their approval.

E-mail received from Knotty Ash youth centre regarding their absence from the site, which was due to lack of funds. LD will write to advise they need to work the plot regardless of funds.

Letter received, inviting people to enrol on a one year horticulture course, (see poster on plot 51A).

#### **Members report**

There was one new application in August and two new members.

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

A letter has been received from the council regarding plot inspections, the committee members have been asked to resume monthly inspections due to long waiting lists.

They have also pointed out that 75% of the plot should be cultivated.

Plot inspection arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> September.

LD wished to recognise all the hard work done on the day of the Show and thank all

those who took part. It was noted that this was our most successful show of all. It was also noted that the new tenants appear keen and eager to work their plots and have made a good start.

Anybody wishing to keep chickens on their plot must fill in an agreement form.

### **Treasurers Report**

The annual Insurance for Ashfield Allotments needs revising to take account of depreciation. This will need addressing in April, before renewal in June 2011.

The Flower Show made a profit of £480.

Total water bill for the last 12 months was more than we collected from tenants, due to the long dry spell.

We've purchased some seeds and bulbs, which we intend to locate in the Wildlife Area, with some help from willing volunteers.

### **Constitution update**

JR has been asked to go over the proposed new constitution regarding the financial issues and make appropriate changes.

Copies of the new document will be available at the AGM, which is scheduled for 11.30 on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **AOB**

It has been noted that the office is being misused. It was agreed that it should only be used for the purpose of committee work or official use.

Website information must only be displayed subject to agreement by a Committee Officer.

It was proposed that plot 50A, and the poly-tunnel thereon, be used by the Association, as a plant nursery area. This would free up a ½ polytunnel behind the offices, which could be used by Dovecot MAC.

Proposed by EW, seconded by TW.

A new tea urn will be bought, while on special offer, for Shows and Open Days.

The committee wish to remind people of the procedure for dealing with complaints.

If you have something that you wish to be discussed, put it in writing to the secretary, at least 7 days before the next committee meeting.

Do not go around picking off individual committee members, and "harassing" them with your grievance/complaint.

The committee work as "a team", on your behalf, and do not make individual decisions.

Please respect their right to some peace and tranquillity whilst at the allotment.

Meeting closed at 12.55. Date of next meeting 11.00am, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.