

Ashfield Allotment Association

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2012

Present

Joe Roper
Eddie Wilson
Teresa Wilson
Colin Langeveld
John Morris
Daniel Barrington
Petrina Tremaine
John Byrne
Ritchie Naylor

Apologies

None

Minutes of Meeting January 2012

- There was no meeting in January

Matters Arising

- At the last meeting it was debated by the committee that those who were resident plot holders with half a plot, who should wish to move to a whole plot, or have another half plot, should not have to wait on the waiting list. The committee could not agree so the decision made last June has been resurrected. The committee have referred to the June minutes of 2011 see below; this was voted on then because of the long waiting lists. *"Membership report - The waiting list is to give priority to new members as the list was growing ever longer. The giving of a half plot to present members was with hindsight not the fairest way of giving out new plots. As this results in no plots becoming available meaning that people can be on the list for 2 years and more. The council have made it plain that those waiting for a plot must take equal priority."* It was proposed by Colin seconded by Teresa. This was put to a vote and all agreed this made sense.
- There is a waiting list of 53 waiting for plots

Correspondence

- Derek Dottie, who is responsible for Parks and Green spaces, has given allotment holders notice of future changes to the current tenancy arrangements.
- The Dovecot Mac has been in contact regarding the change of name and address.
- Rod Massey has sent me a notice regarding Seedy Saturday was you can swap seeds. There is a notice on the web site and on the boards, with venue and times.

Membership Report

- There were no applications for this month

Secretary's Report

- The rent collections have taken place and the all the rents have been collected successfully. I wanted the opportunity to thank those members of the committee who sat in the freezing cold to collect the rents.
- Due to the council making, many cuts it looks like the Skips will not be paid for by the council in the future.

Treasurer's Report

- Joe has received the price list from Alty's and it looks as though although there have been some price increases the main items, for example the compost price, remains the same.
- The bench in memory of our late president Jeff Frost is to be purchased along with a rotavator, trophy cups and inscriptions to be done in readiness for the new season.

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- The water board have been in touch and two men will be visiting the site to replace the Water meter. There will be no charge for the new meter.
- Regarding Ritchie Ballard from plot 38 who is attending bee keeping classes he has informed the committee that the beehives will be placed in the wild life plot. This is good news and the committee feel this can only be beneficial for the site at Ashfield. Ritchie has mentioned there might be a need to have fences erected the committee are to discuss this with Ritchie.
- John Byrne thought it might be a good idea to purchase calor gas heaters for the classroom for when we have meetings. The committee thought this was a good idea considering how cold it can be to hold the meetings there. John Morris is to Google and find out prices Joe said we should have enough money and it would be good idea to use for the flower show when making the teas and coffees.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 11th March at 11am followed by a plot inspection.