

Ashfield Allotment Association

Treasurer **Joe Roper**

President **Eric Shaw**

Chairman **Daniel Barrington**

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Sunday 14th July 2013, Meeting opened at 11am

Present: Daniel Barrington, Colin Langeveld, Joe Roper, John Morris, Neill Davies

Apologies: John Byrne, Terry and Eddie Wilson

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING : Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – John M said that the Costco Gazebo was out of stock but he had found a similar one elsewhere which was slightly more expensive. It was agreed to go with other supplier for the gazeboes.

CORRESPONDENCE A letter of the complaint had been received from a plotholder about some damage to fruit bushes on the plot, weed spraying on the pathway by the plot and destruction of plants at the front of the plot. The committee went to inspect the plot. The committee will investigate these incidents. Daniel will write a letter in response.

A member had raised a question regarding the Allotment Competition and whether a trophy/prize will be given. It was agreed that we would purchase a trophy/cup which the winner could keep for one year then it would be given on to the next winner to keep for a year. We will engrave the names of the winners each year.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – There were 4 new applications for plots in June, including request from James P61B, who would like to move to a plot which is not in the shade – maybe we should assess if indeed this plot is fully usable. 1 new member on P71A. TOTAL ON WAITING LIST = 37

TREASURERS REPORT – Membership subs to the NSALG have been paid. Another water bill has been paid but it was noted that the next bill will be higher due to the dry weather. John M said that a member had asked if we could look at changing the rules around the use of hosepipes. Arguments for and against the idea were given, if we did allow hosepipes to be used to water plots the water rates would have to be increased. We will try and find out what some other sites do and how much they charge with a view to taking a proposal to the AGM.

PATHWAYS – Questions had been raised by a committee member regarding responsibility for the upkeep of pathways. The council tenancy agreement 3e states -***to keep any pathway or cart track included therein or abutting thereon (or in the case of any pathway or cart track abutting on the plot and any other plot the half width thereof) free from obstruction and reasonably free from weeds;***

And Rule 8 states

Plot-holders must keep all paths adjacent to their plot, reasonably free of weeds; and if grassed, cut and maintained. Paths must also be kept clear of obstructions, debris, overhanging branches, etc., which could impede access to neighbouring plot-holders.

FLOWER SHOW: - We'll have the trophy presentation and raffle draw at 2.30pm.

PLOT INSPECTION: - all of the letters have been sent out to plots identified at the last plot inspection. We will do another plot inspection after the meeting and send letters to any plots identified.

A O B: Cart – we agreed not to purchase another cart as we already have the flat bed truck and small cart.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.00am.

The next committee meeting will be Sunday 10th August at 11.00am