

SMAA Committee Meeting, April 14th 2019.

Present: Rosina, Jean, Peter S, Yvonne

Apologies: Peter M, Chiara, Mary, Neil, Jan

1. Minutes of the previous meeting proposed by Jean, seconded by Yvonne and approved.
2. Accounts: approximately £4700 in the bank, excluding potatoes and onions. Honesty box is more or less breaking even. Jean is keeping a record book.
3. Skip hire: went well. Was picked up completely full on Saturday. Possibly not needed every year.
4. There are surplus potatoes and onions for sale, at a small discount. Peter S will speak to Redhall about possibly donating some bags. Financially they have broken even. Possibility of giving away any remnants at the end of the planting season.
5. Sale of dry goods: advertised by email and word of mouth.
6. Tools in metal container: Peter keeps shovels and forks in here to replace the ones that disappear from the leaf container. Other appliances (mower, strimmer, rotavator, etc) are not for lending out. Some stuff belonging to private owners is kept in the container, Peter will tag everything with the owner's name and make a list for future reference. Owners will be notified, diplomatically, that they may want to store their stuff on their own plot, though some do have a 'quid pro quo' arrangement. Anything unclaimed could be taken as public property eventually.
7. New plot holders: nothing to report.
8. The Welcoming: they are teaching people how to garden at home. They want to open their plot monthly, on a Sunday, to clients for lunch and English conversation. They will keep the gate locked, provide a mobile number and escort visitors. Peter proposed and Jean seconded. They need to send a representative to committee meetings, which they have not done recently.

9. Rosina will put a notice on Facebook about the tap by the small carpark being knocked off. The water ran for a long time before it could be turned off at the mains.
10. Emergency measures and contact details will be discussed at another committee meeting.
11. Gate padlock need oiling regularly. Malcolm Dawe has agreed to take this on.
12. The chalet porch needs oiling.
13. Scarecrow Competition: £25 was approved for prizes. The prizes will be Nutscene twine and a rosette. The categories are, 'Best Child', 'Best Recycling' and 'Most Creative/Unusual'. Entrants should put their plot number and contact details on Facebook, in an email or in the grey box. Jean will liaise with Jenny Wilson as to who should judge it.