

SAUGHTON MAINS ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2019

Present : Yvonne Dawe (Chair), Jean Carletta (Treasurer), Jan Bradbury (Sec), Ed Irvine, Douglas Pyper, Sandy Dundas, Susan Deebanks, Jenni Wilson

Apologies: Peter Shaw, Peter Moir, Chiara Puppi, John McCleary

1. Welcome and apologies

Yvonne agreed to chair the meeting and welcomed the new members of the Committee and looked forward to working with them.

2. Minutes of AGM on 8bSeptember 2019.

The minutes were noted and approved.

3. Site Maintenance, Tasks and Need for Volunteers.

Volunteers play a vital role in helping to maintain and keep the allotment site in a good condition and in fostering the community spirit of the site. A number of maintenance items have been identified which need people to lead on and have support from other people. The following list identifies those discussed

- i. **Cut back undergrowth and brambles** around the site boundary.
Tamsin/ Jean to organise mid November.
- ii. **Zoo Poo.** Jan and Cathy, November £355 collected over 2 days giving a shortfall of about £53. Very popular this time, all gone by Saturday lunchtime. Need to find different (cheaper) haulage contractor and look at limiting the number of barrowloads people can have on Fri / Sat.
- iii. **Broken tools** taken. Assume Chiara has given them to the prison.
- iv. **Bulk potatoe & onion orders, and dry goods,** Nov & Feb. Peter S, plus help as requested. Alan McStay ended up moving all the dry goods by himself. Need to try and be clear when the bulk order is arriving and arrange for people to help put it in the chalet.
- v. **Dry goods container on porch.** Jean, Jan
- vi. **Mapping and maintenance of communal fruit areas.** Jan has plan from Ian Woolard (see attached). 2 main areas, located to the N 9 Vehicle access) and S (main carpark) of the site. Marjorie looks after the southern one, Cathy, Jenni Wilson have offered to help; Peter S has maintained the northern one in the past, to be asked if he wants help.
- vii. **Composting toilets,** Donald and Gill maintain these
- viii. **Liaison with Ian Woolard.** Jan, Yvonne
- ix. **Fedaga,** Yvonne, Jan and Ed
- x. **Communal skip.** Best time is March /April when new siteholders clearing sites. Jan to organise
- xi. **Email, Facebook and website.** Jean to lead, Yvonne to provide a second recovery email.
- xii. **Scrap metal container.** Request for it to be moved to another site to be considered, Ed. Location always tricky, needs to be used responsibly

- xiii. **Odd Jobs, maintenance of chalet.** Donald, Malcolm plus working parties as required.
- xiv. **Grass cutting.** 2 rotas to be organised, Jan / Andrew (plot 58) to look at northern area, Alan R (plot 180) to look at southern area.
- xv. **Excess furniture in chalet.** This has been removed. However, Rosina had put a coatstand in the chalet while she moved house and would like it back as it was her mother's. If anyone knows where it is, or what happened to it please let Rosina or one of the committee know asap.
- xvi. **Third bank account signatory.** Jean. Agreed that Jenni Wilson to be the third bank account signatory. Jan to ask Fedaga who they bank with. Committee would prefer an ethical bank, and provision for online banking with 2 signatories.
- xvii. **Green waste/ hot composting.** Jan to ask Ian Woolard about using one of the bays for green composting, Douglas to look at hot composting.
- xviii. Susan asked about opportunity to have an area which voluntary groups could use for therapeutic purposes, helping people take exercise outside and get involved in growing things. There is a neglected plot which Ian Woolard is keen to bring back into use, Jan to contact IW.

4. FEDAGA Update.

See attached report.

5. Discussion with Ian Woolard re Neglected /Problem Sites.

JB met with Ian Woolard and walked round the site with him. He has already emailed to a number of ploholders about the state of their plots to ask about their intentions and to suggest reducing the plot size where appropriate. He will keep an eye on these sites to see if any improvement is made in the next few weeks and contact them again. It is recognised that people do struggle from time to time but it was felt important that people should be treated equally. Important to stress that decision is Ian Woolard's and not SMAA's
Jan to ask about secondary pedestrian access to site from south, although concern about security.

6. Letter of support for the Welcoming

Jan had circulated a sample letter from the Welcoming for the Committee to consider issuing to support them in a funding bid. Principle of supporting the Welcoming in their funding bid agreed, Jean to discuss details of letter with them on behalf of the committee

7. Date of Next Meeting

23 February 2020, 11am in the Chalet