

HAA Committee Meeting 10th November 2019 Minutes

Agreed

1. Welcome, present

Don Adams (DA)
Jim Greenhill (JG)
Sara Jolly (SJ)
Geoff Kemball-Cook (GKC)
Maggy Meade-King (MMK) Meeting Chair
Iain Shiels (IS)

Apologies:

Dan Hackett (DH)
Hilary Laurie (HL)
Graham Laurie (GL)

2 Approval of Minutes of meeting of 8thth September 2019

These were approved.

ACTION: GKC to post on HAA website and Shed Shop Noticeboard.

3 AGM Report (GKC)

A brief verbal report was given. The accounts were accepted and pre-circulated reports discussed.

ACTION: GKC to finalized draft AGM Minutes and circulate for amendment where necessary.

4 Committee Posts and Volunteers

Following the AGM on 10 October 2019 when nine HAA members were elected unopposed, the following post allocations were agreed for the coming year:

Shed Shop: JG
Shed Shop Volunteers: SJ
Letting Manager: MMK
Probationers: DH
Site Secretary: GKC
Treasurer: GL (assistant required for training up)
Environment: DH
Rubbish Removal: DA
Facebook: IS
Newsletter Production: IS
Mailchimp Listing: HL
Website & Simplelist Email: GKC
Meetings Chair: Rotate
Meetings Notetaker: Rotate

Ideally we still require to co-opt further HAA members to act as a Committee Minutes Secretary and a replacement for GL as Treasurer.

5 Accounts/Finances (GL)

GL sent his apologies as he is abroad.

6 Shed Shop JG

JG is grateful as always for volunteers' efforts and reported that trading is going well.

SJ presented draft volunteer rota instructions for finalisation.

ACTION: GKC to finalise instructions and laminate for the Shop

7 Site Secretary Report GKC (circulated)

Tenancies and Waiting List: actions since last meeting on 10 September 2019

MMK is handling Lettings and will report. We have had one confirmed voluntary termination since 10 September (the plot has been re-let), with another expected shortly. As of 6 November 2019 there are no vacant plots on site and 151 entries on the Waiting List (up 6 since last meeting) with 10 new applications since September 10 (continuing the late summer rush). Despite the long waiting list, the most recent people reaching the top of the list are still only waiting 29 months before being offered a viewing.

2019 Plot Inspections

It has been confirmed that there will be no second inspection by the Allotment Coordinator in 2019 due to lack of time. However problem plots can be reviewed individually if necessary.

Haringey Issue of NCNs for Non-Payment of Invoices

A recurrent complaint at the quarterly public Haringey Allotment Forum meetings over recent years has been the incorrect issuing of demands for plot rental payment by Haringey to tenants who have already paid. GKC put this forward for the Agenda of recent HAF meetings where it was discussed and a plan for improvement agreed, which will be put into action in 2020.

Site Mowing

GKC has continued mowing the lanes and main paths, plus the picnic area and orchard.

Hire of HAA Equipment

Hire of the strimmer, mowers and the chipper continue by arrangement.

Proposed Container Area

GKC has buried the plastic conduit underground within a large scaffolding pole (found on site) in case of later adding of mains power from the street. Next step is to lay the weed fabric (in Shed Shop). We have some stock of cement in the Shed Shop but will still need to order in a large bag of sand and perhaps some more cement in order to prepare the base. Once the area is paved we can proceed with purchase of the flatpack shed and assembly.

8 Lettings report MMK

MMK made a verbal report.

9 Probationers DH

Apologies from DH.

10 Newsletter HL

Apologies from HL.

Suggested items include:

- List of agreed committee posts
- Renewed appeal for HAA Committee Minutes Secretary and Trainee Treasurer
- Rubbish Removal: interested tenants to contact DA via email
- Shed Shop Volunteers always needed – contact SJ via email
- Potato orders: sign up in the Shed Shop before 30 November
- Winter apple and pear tree pruning – contact GKC for a pruner contact and hire of chipper

ACTION: GKC to send text to IS

11 Website & Facebook IS

ACTION: GKC to look into adding Facebook link to our HAA website

It was generally agreed that both the website and the Facebook group are well-used and are effective methods of keeping the majority of plot holders in touch with what is going on.

12 Environmental management DH

Apologies from DH.

13 Rubbish Removal DA

ACTION: GKC to send DA contact details of three tenants who need rubbish removal via Man with Van.

14 AOB

ACTION: IS to provide details of CPZ parking permits to GKC

15 Next Committee meeting: SUNDAY 19th January 2020

JG to chair. IS to take notes. Apologies from SJ

Future meetings in 2020:

Sunday March 15 2020

Sunday May 17 2020

Saturday NB July 11 2020 – then BBQ/Plant Sale on Sunday July 12

Sunday September 13 2020

AGM Thursday October 15 2020

Sunday November 15 2020

All meetings at Family Centre Gaskell Rd at 10.30 except AGM

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