BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Chair - vacant

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Secretary – Neil Jacques (01652 632438 – secretarybartonallotments@hotmail.com)

MINUTES

of the Committee meeting held at **7.00pm**

on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

**Present:** Anthony Blanchard, Mike Corlyon, Ed Cunnah, Sam Drew, Neil Jacques, Andy Roberts, Penny Thornton, John White.

Ed Cunnah took the chair.

1. Apologies: Colin Andrew, Liz Cooper, Kevin Sharp.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. p.PT s. AR
3. Minutes of the Kazuba Complaint Meeting - approved as a correct record. p.MC s.PT
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
   1. Carnival – MC reported it was a great success. 150 plants were provided and they had all gone by around 4.00pm. Lots of interest from families in the show, and the bags provided were very noticeable being carried around the Carnival. Congratulations to LC and PT for their awesome organisation.
   2. Garden Party – another success, with around 70 people attending plus the Llamas and guest from Cleethorpes Beacon Hill Allotments who will be helping judge the best kept plot later in July. PT appealed for photos of the food. £148 raised on the raffle and £22.50 in donations.
   3. Response to Kazuba Complaint. PT read out the letter. Agreed some of the contents were factually incorrect. It was further agreed that the committee would express their sincere regret that the plot holder was so upset by the Kazuba which was a great asset to the allotment community. The Plot Holder would be offered plot 2b as an alternative with offers of help with moving and the bond could be returned if 48a was left in a good condition. The committee has no powers to consider any other requests for refunding the costs of working the plot during occupancy. PT/NJ to draft letter for response.
5. Correspondence

5.1 Offer of beehives for collecting stray honey bee swarms. No -one was aware of an occasion when a swarm was spotted on the plots, but depending on size it may be useful to have one. NJ to follow up.

1. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Monthly Statement – MC reported the main income was from the Garden Party and donation for a shed. There was little expenditure during the month with small amounts for the Carnival and £30 for gazebo hire for the garden party.
   2. Funds available at 30/06/23 £5847.85 - Reserves (£2334.34) = £3513.51

Overall increase in funds over month £5847.85 (June) - £5676.02 (May) = £171.83

Overall decrease in funds over year £5837.85 (June) - £7048.17 (16 Dec.’22) = £1200.32

6.3 Investments. MC still exploring options for investing on behalf of the Society.

1. Site Managers’ Report
   1. Plot inspection report – AB had inspected the plots on 2 July with KS who provided a report which was circulated to all committee members.

The following actions were agreed:

* Notices to Quit – none
* Red Notice – Plot 55 weed removal in central quarters required
* Amber Notices – Plots 24a and 47 down from red in June. Further improvements expected.
* Green Notice – 8a, 18,19, 40 down from Amber noticing improvement made and request to continue with the good work. 40 required to dismantle IBC stack.
* Advice given – Plots 32 required to reinstate path to north of plot. 39 requires further work to clear weeds.
  1. Hedge Plants – KS was thanked for the report on the options for purchasing hedge plants. Agreed not to place an order at this stage to hold the quoted price as permission is still needed from the hedge owner to remove elder and plant hawthorn. AB to assess the extent of the work involved in elder removal.
  2. Water system – possible changes suggested by members – KS was thanked for the comprehensive summary of the state of the borehole and options for increasing water capacity around the site. These include installing more IBCs and installing a submersible pump to get better access to the water reserves. The committee agreed with the recommendation to consult with members on the options in the autumn, and requested that KS find some indicative costs so that an informed decision can be made. Any required work can then be done when the central road is closed to vehicles.
  3. Request for a plot for a group – agreed to add the name to the waiting list and seek more information about the organisation/group behind the request.

1. Land Registry – No further progress to report.
2. Horticultural Show -12 August 2023
   1. Update – All in hand. Next meeting 12 July.
3. Events
   1. Possible Harvest event – not huge enthusiasm for an event at this stage. Discuss at next meeting.
   2. Christmas Meal – tickets on sale in September.
4. Web site
   1. Update – Carnival Event and Garden Day photos added.
5. Any Other Business
   1. Gate repair. SD and AB to sort out welding required.
   2. Report of possible poisoned rabbit. A plot holder reported a dead rabbit which they feared poisoned. The committee are now aware and will keep a watching brief. JW subsequently reported that the rabbit population is increasing again.
6. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 1 August 2023 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange