

Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Committee Meeting Minutes - 18th February 2024

Present	Apologies for Absence
Adrian Hawthorne – Chairman	Eddy Haydon
Debra Collins – Secretary	
John Hollands - Treasurer	
Ray Mitchell	
Linda Hartard	
John Young	
Richard Collins	
Roy Seymour	
Mary Harrison	
Ray Mudie	

Min	Item	Action
1.0	WELCOME	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies given.	
2.0	OPEN ACCESS	
	None	
3.0	Previous Meeting	
	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
4.0	MATTERS ARISING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised 	
5.0	CHAIR'S REPORT	
	Adrian shared that he was glad to be back to feeling almost normal following his surgery, and is now able to work on his plots again. John Hollands said that he is also virtually back to good levels following his surgery too.	
6.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See sheets shared by John Holland for full information. • Accounts have been audited by Kirsten Gibbs. We have a surplus of £1288 for the year. • Bank rates have increased. Adrian asked if we had considered changing banks. John said no as we have a free account. Other societies have to pay for their account. • John Young asked where the water rebate is shown on the account sheets. John Holland explained within the total water expenditure, it has been credited there so amount is less. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Holland said that he thought the council were going to put our fees up, but they haven't at this time. • The roof felt blew off the committee shed roof in the recent storm. The wood underneath the felt was rotten so this has now been repaired and the cost included on the accounts sheet. • John Holland will present the accounts at the AGM. 	
7.0	BUSINESS PLAN	
	<p>We were asked to do a Business Plan a few years ago by the Local Authority, but due to Covid it wasn't done.</p> <p>John has now completed one and shared the details with the committee. The business plan is a forecast of associations income and expenditure. See separate sheet for full details, there are notes on the sheet explaining several points.</p> <p>The business plan will be uploaded to the website for members to see prior to the AGM. John Holland will present the Business Plan at the AGM.</p>	
8.0	PLOTS REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael Iaquaniello Plot 72, he has already completed a lot of work on this plot. • Currently we have 7 new members on the waiting list and 5 current members waiting for specific plots. • I have sent 2 warning letters to new plot holders for plots 126b and 94b. • 126b had to the 18th Feb to get the plot up to the required cultivation level of 25%. John Holland said that no work has been done on the plot. Debra to send termination notice giving 10 days to remove anything and then the plot will be re-let. • 94b has another 2 weeks to respond. Debra will try and contact them by email. 	
9.0	SITE and MACHINERY REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new build of houses is very close to the fence. John has spoken to the council but they say it is ok. The concern is that brambles etc will grow and intrude on both the properties and plots and we can't do anything about them as we won't be able to get between the building and the fence. • Last year we had a complaint as one of the residents believed the brambles were coming from the allotment but these are wild and growing between the green wire fence and their fences. The brambles 	

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	<p>had gone through the fence and was growing over and in their summer house. This is likely to reoccur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fence was put up by the council, it is their responsibility <p>Machinery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blades replaced 2 new strimmer heads Gerry and John will check all machinery in the next few months, to ensure that it is all working ok. 	
10.0	PROPOSED ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT	
	No new updates	
11.0	FEDERATION REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new information 	
12.0	SOCIAL MEDIA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John young shared that they have failed to meet up at the moment. Trying to find a time when all 3 can meet has proven difficult particularly at the moment due to personal reasons for John Harrison. John Young will continue trying. Committee Whatsapp group set up. Ray Mudie not on group, Debra will add him. Ray's phone is too old to have Whatsapp, DC to let Ray know by email any updates or discussions. 	JY DC
13.0	WEBSITE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Y shared a print out with the stats from the website. See print out attached. 2 new entries on the website: minutes from last meeting and a pruning guide. Need to encourage other member to submit items for the website. Debra to mention this in the next newsletter. 	
14.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM Hall booked for 5th April 2024, agreed that every attending plot holder will receive a raffle ticket, the prize will be the same as last year a £25 gift voucher that can be spent in the on site shop. New Constitution on the website please look at it. No more bonfires after the end of March If anyone has anything they would like to add to the newsletter please let Debra know. 	

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	<p>Next Meetings 31st March 2024 AGM – 5th April 2024</p> <p>Future Meeting Dates: To be arranged at the next meeting.</p>	
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