

ASSOCIATION OF MANCHESTER ALLOTMENT SOCIETIES

Minutes of bi-monthly conference September 2017

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, at 7.30 pm.

Apologies: Gorton, Lambpits, Fallowfield, Hough end and Broadlands

Minutes The minutes were read by the attendee's.

Proposed by: Gordon and seconded by George.

Matters Arising: Just explained why the BBQ was cancelled.

Sites attending: Pleasant street, Acorn close, Bradley Fold, Ivy green, Brighton Grove, Southern, Clevelys.

Guest: Alice Wilde

Secretary Report

- 1) Just said that we are still meeting with MCC and handed over to the Chair to update on our latest meeting.
- 2) Chairs report, We are meeting with Gary crate, as Neil Fairlamb is too busy to attend the meetings, there are to be minutes from all future meeting as a set of action points, approval received to have a new allotment lead in March, went through the eviction process with Gary, chair and secretary feel that we are wasting our time with these meetings as we seem to be going over the same ground, the general consensus was that we must attempt to keep our communication lines with the council open.
- 3) Alice Wilde then talked about the project of Russian seeds and the artist and the Dinner that is being held on 6th January. The exhibition opens on 20th October and runs until 6th January.
- 4) The question was asked about the presentation night, as yet we have no news, secretary received an email response of "not booked or arranged yet"

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer gave the report and the balance at bank is £5522.55

AOB

- 1) The question was asked as to why we need the MCC, it was pointed out they are the landlord and it is better to have a line of communication with the landlord, but at this moment in time there are no positive reasons to need the MCC. Sue brought up that it was AMAS and the NAS that saved Edge lane when the council wanted to close it for building upon. Martin stated that we really need a proper agreement and the only way this will happen is if we continue the communication link. George stated that with loss of the allotments officer was the start of things going downhill for the allotments.
- 2) Martin suggested that we try to arrange a meeting with the councillor for allotments, suggested we write to Neil to make contact.
- 3) The Eviction process was discussed and people are getting confused between the eviction process and the complaints process, secretary to write something up that we can put on the web site, remembering of course that the current eviction process is only advised as MCC have never agreed this.

The next meeting will be on 8th November 2017 venue to be notified

The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.30pm.