

Quarry Road Allotments Association

Minutes of Quarry Road Allotments Association meeting held on Tuesday 7th December, 2010 at The Sportsman, 6:30pm

Present:

Committee members; Unal Metti, Helen Wright, John Chambers, Tim Place, Richard Carr, Jill Hobson, Don Rutter,

Additional members; Judie + Geoff plot 69, Alan plot 14

Apologies: None

1. **Rent Collection** - all rents now collected. Audit in the process of being arranged by Richard.
2. **Seed selling** - order now completed and to be sent off this week. A further order to be placed early next year. Take up for ordering seeds has been good and should be even better next year.
3. **Shop** - It was agreed to start trading from the allotment shop during the last week of January/ first week February. A separate bank account to be set up specifically for the shop to use. Jill to place an order in the coming week for general supplies of compost, seaweed, canes, fertilizer etc. Plot holders and members will be able to purchase goods on Sunday mornings.
4. **Shed sizes** - Jill Hobson is still awaiting reply from Stockton council regarding this matter. According to our lease agreement SBC have to be consulted. If any plot holder does wish to have any temporary structure on their plot then can they please approach the committee first so it can be discussed.
5. **Plot allocation** - Plot 81 is now to be taken, which leaves 2 other free halves on site, these will be allocated to the next people on the waiting list. Don's learner plots will also be allocated for the new growing season.
6. **Insurance** - Again this was discussed at length. As well as insuring the cabin we also have to have public liability insurance and also employer's liability insurance. Insurance is due from the 1st January. John Chambers and Unal are still to do some further research into this matter but since the meeting The National Association of Allotments and Leisure Gardens are offering a very reasonable rate for all. This issue to be raised at the next AGM as plot holders may have to be asked to pay slightly more, to cover all costs. At present the association is paying for everyone on site.
7. **A.O.B.** - Don to make a large notice board to be sited near the cabin.

Many thanks were expressed to Don for numbering all the plots.

Website - Unal reported that the website he has put together is nearly ready. John Chambers to help check through it before it goes on line.

8. **Plans for 2011** – ideas were exchanged for the coming year and included drainage, health and safety assessment of site, improve roadways, boundary hedging, post box, plan of utilities on site and fencing.

No committee meeting to be held in January so next meeting will be
Tues. 8th Feb. 2011 6:30pm Allotment Cabin

All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all