

Quarry Road Allotments Association

Minutes of Quarry Road Allotments Association meeting held on
Tuesday 11th October 2011 at the Allotment Cabin, 6:30pm

Present:

Committee members; Unal Metti, Helen Wright, Jill Hobson, Don Rutter,
John Chambers, Tim Place, Alan Oliver, Janice Cooney

Additional members; Fionnula Hatem plot 88a, Peter Wood plot 10,
Julie and Shaun Chilton plot 81, David Baker plot 36

Apologies: John Pearson plot 13, Richard Carr

1. **Correspondence** - requests for plot changes and waiting list was discussed. Plot 48 to be allocated to new member. Plot 97a remains empty but hopefully soon to be allocated. Discussion held about the association's web site and any contributions to it can be forwarded to the committee for approval before Unal puts them on the site.
2. **Audit of accounts** - As Richard Carr, treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting Unal is going to contact him regarding this issue.
3. **Trustee insurance** - A quote has been obtained to update our insurance. Helen to contact Bluefin insurance for further details of what the policy actually covers. To be discussed and finalised at next committee meeting.
4. **Update of Trustee details** - names and addresses of the current trustees are to be clarified and added to the lease agreement that the association has with SBC. Jill to ask Angela Fenton, SBC, if there is a cost to do this. Unal to contact Merritts solicitors also.
5. **Shop, the coming year** - Due to a healthy bank balance Jill will be able to place an order for further supplies for the coming year. A possible separate cheque book to be made available for the trading account is to be asked for; this will make it easier purchasing goods.
6. **Community Asset Transfer** - Further guidance has been sort from SBC and also National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners. We are waiting for any responses.
7. **Rent day** - rents to be collected and signatures obtained of plot holders. New rules to be given out as well as new membership cards with details of rent paid.

Cash and cheques payable to Quarry Road Allotments Association please on the day

8. **A.O.B.** - **Land Rent to SBC** - SBC are still in the process of finalising this

Green house request - forwarded by plot 81 and approved

Apiary netting – various plot holders asked for the remainder of the apiary to be netted in order to control the bees. This was a request put to the committee and it was voted against paying for it from the association's funds. It was felt that it was the bee keeper's responsibility. The bee keepers are to hopefully have it completed and netted by the end of November'11

Main gate lock – gate to be locked for the week beginning Sunday 16th October 6pm until the morning of Sunday 23rd October

Extra fencing – to be bought by the association as and when needed. David Baker offered assistance hedge laying along the side track near brick building.

Request for rotavator – a request was made for the association to purchase a rotavator for plot holders to use. Prices and further information to be found out ready for next meeting.

Raffle/ fundraising – the possibility of holding a raffle was discussed. Again to be discussed in more detail at next meeting

Water taps/ containers – The replacement of water taps is to hopefully be completed ready for next spring. Access to water barrels is being sort. **The mains water supply will be kept on for as long as possible before the really cold weather begins and notices will be posted to warn everybody when it is to be turned off.**

Site improvements – the main drainage work is to begin from plots 93 to 97. Permission was given to pay for drainage pipes and gravel. This will be the last of the main drainage work to be done on site....many thanks to Don and Alan for this.

Vermin – rats have been spotted on site and dog owners should be made aware that some people have put poison down to prevent them. The committee would prefer spring traps/rat traps to be used instead. Plot holders are advised to purchase metal or plastic traps rather than wooden ones. Vermin control is to be contacted regarding this issue.

Meeting closed 8:05pm

**Next committee meeting Tues. 8th November, venue to be announced
All are welcome to attend**