

Quarry Road Allotments Association

Minutes of Quarry Road Allotments Association meeting held on
Tuesday 14th June 2011 at the Allotment Cabin, 6:30pm

Present:

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

Additional members; Alan plot 14, Peter plot 86, Carol plot 71, Chris. and Chris Brown
plot 99, Janice Cooney plot 86, George Oxley plot 63

Apologies: none

1. **Trust status** - Phil Denis, local conservative councillor, provided some information about how a trust could be formed by the allotment association. It was stressed that we do not have to rush into this and a general discussion was held to ask specific questions. It was agreed that this is to be considered at some point in the future and more information about our present status compared to a possible trust status is to be sort.
2. **Unworked plots** - various plot holders are to be contacted and asked why their plots have not been worked. Two eviction notices are now also to be served on plots 97A and 13. Any existing plot holders, who wish to move to these plots, please can they contact a member of the committee to arrange this, where it will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
3. **Gate locks** - a combination lock is to be trialled on the side gate from the coming weekend-18th June. Please ask a committee member for the combination number.
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4. **Steel cabin** - Various quotes were supplied to the committee. Unal and Richard are to enquire about other containers available. It was agreed that a final decision is to be made at the next committee meeting then one can be purchased, to store equipment in for all plot holders to use.
5. **Health and Safety** - John Chambers reported that he and Unal completed a health and safety checklist, focussing on hazards onsite near public areas. They have compiled a long list ranging from jagged metal fencing to sticking out nails.

The committee are now requesting that all plot holders to make their boundaries safe as soon as possible in the coming month. If anyone is in doubt as to what is needed then they can ask a committee member or put a note in the cabin post box for them to be contacted.

A policy statement is to be produced with a checklist of hazards. Further inspections of the site will take place in the coming months.

6. **Chicken Keeping** - a request was put to the committee for a communal chicken keeping area for plot holders to learn about keeping chickens. This is to be sited on a section of the site that could not be used for cultivation. After much discussion this was agreed.
7. **Overhanging branches** - it was agreed that the council should be contacted to sort out the most dangerous branches that are currently causing a potential hazard. Further work is also to be requested so making the tracks clearer and making easier access for tractors and trailers delivering manure.

8. **A.O.B.** -

Site taps - Don and Marshall are to find prices of new taps and fittings for all the water points.

Drainage - 80m of drainage pipe and a further 2 tons of gravel are to be purchased in order to complete the drainage of the whole site.

Skip - Unal is to seek prices for a further skip on site.

Please can all plot holders try and take as much of their own rubbish home.

Land Rent - Jill reported that, having been in touch with the council, that an invoice will be sent in the coming month.

Vermin - A request was made to invite a person to control the number of rabbits and pigeons on the allotment site. It was agreed for permission to be given in writing, from the committee, for this to occur.

Green house request - permission granted to plots 83 and 88A

Meeting closed 8:15pm

Next meeting will be

Tues. 12th July 2011 6:30pm Allotment Cabin

All members are welcome to attend the meeting.