

Quarry Road Allotments Association

Minutes of Quarry Road Allotments Association meeting held on
Tuesday 8th November 2011 at The Sportsman, 6:30pm

Present:

Committee members; Unal Metti, Helen Wright, Richard Carr, Jill Hobson, Tim Place, Alan Oliver, Janice Cooney

Additional members; Fionnula Hatem plot 88a, Judy +Geoff plot 69,

Apologies: Don Rutter, John Chambers

1. **Correspondence** - from a starter plot holder no longer wishing to have a plot, Unal mentioned that we now have 30 people on the waiting list
2. **Audit of accounts** - Still in progress, Richard Carr to contact accountant
3. **Trustee insurance** - NSALG are suggesting that we change our insurance company as they have found a cheaper one. Helen Wright to contact them for quotes on all our insurance. To be discussed and finalised at next committee meeting.
4. **Update of Trustee details** - The five trustees are to remain the same for the association. Any changes can be dealt with by our solicitor when needed.
5. **Shop, the coming year** - further supplies for the coming year have now been delivered, price list in the notice board. Kings seed sale's has proved successful with the order now to be placed.
6. **Allotment rents** - Letters are to be sent to the remaining 10 plot holders and if there are no replies then eviction notices will be served. It was discussed that there are now more concessions on site this year due to the change of rules made at the AGM. This does affect the income for the association but the success of the shop sales and seed orders do counteract this.
7. **SBC and land rent** - a cheque for £200 is to be sent and this will cover us for one more year. When the association took over the lease it was agreed that for the first 5 years the land rent would be £50 yearly.
For the following 5 years, from 2014, this is due to increase to £400 yearly.
8. **Apiary netting** - in progress and soon to be put in place.
9. **Locking of main gate-** a notice will be put on the main gate to make all plot holders aware of the state of the tracks. Please can vehicles only be used for loading and unloading and not left on tracks. During very wet conditions plot holders are requested to park in the main car park outside the main gate. The main gate will remain open as long as the weather conditions make it possible.
10. **Drainage update-** many thanks to Don for all his hard work. A small team of helpers have assisted and the only remaining part of the site to be drained is now at the top near the cabin. Any plot holders with concerns should speak to him for advice on how to connect to the main drains.

11. **Rotavator purchase**-the association now has a rotavator which will be made available to use by plot holders. Alan Oliver, plot 14, will advise on this.
12. **Generator request**- a request was made for this so we can have power on site and to the cabin. Prices are to be found. Solar panels was also discussed Tim Place is to find out further information before any decision is made.
13. **Water tap replacement**- this is in progress but will not begin until the water has been turned off on site.
14. **Water**- it was agreed to try and leave the water on as long as possible but plot holders should be aware that it may have to be turned off at short notice, depending on weather conditions.
15. **Fundraising**- Janice Cooney reported on fundraising support being offered by a group called Dig it. She is going to seek further details and report back at a future date.
16. **A.O.B. - Plot inspections**- these are to begin again with Don and Janice to check the site. Plot holders will be informed if their plot is causing a concern.

Rats- the number of rats spotted on site is increasing. Please can all plot holders be aware and check their plots. Old heaps and wood piles in particular should be checked. Rat traps are advised to be used. All dog owners to be particularly aware as some plot holders are using poison on their own plots only.

Tree planting- the cost of buying hawthorn/blackthorn whips is to be found. These will then be put near the boundary fence.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Next meeting Tues. 13th December, venue to be arranged

All members are welcome to attend the meeting