

Minutes of Quarry Road Allotments Association meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2011 at The Sportsman, 6:30pm

Present:

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

Additional members; Fionnula Hatem plot 88a, Judy +Geoff plot 69, Peter Wood plot 10

Apologies: John Pearson plot 13

1. **Correspondence** - from a plot holder no longer wishing to have a full plot. It was agreed that a half allocation be allowed.
2. **Audit of accounts** - Still in progress, Richard Carr to contact accountant. If no progress made by end of December then another accountant to be approached.
3. **Trustee and general insurance** -Helen Wright found new cheaper quote for all our insurance. This still to be finalised and agreed before payment due at the end of December.
4. **Shop** - now closed for winter but due to open early spring 2012.
5. **Allotment rents** - only two outstanding rents awaiting collection but these should be in by the end of next week
6. **SBC and land rent** - a cheque has been sent and we are now paid up for the coming year.
7. **Power for the cabin** - following further discussion it was agreed that in March 2012 we hold a trial of a generator to see if we still need one. Unal Metti to organise this for the committee meeting for that month.
8. **Water off and tap replacement** - notice have been put up informing plot holders that the water has now been turned off until Spring 2012. Tap replacement is to take place in stages, thanks to Don and Marshall for organising this.
9. **A.O.B. - Whips** - Alan and Helen have managed to get approx. 40 whips to be planted around the boundary fence. Many thanks to Preston Primary School for providing us with these.

Gate repairs - the side gate has been reinforced by Don and Alan following a spate of vandalism on site.

Plot inspections - these are to take place before March 2012 by Don and Janice.

Facebook - Janice is to set up a facebook page for the allotments, so making it easier for some people to stay in touch, share information etc.

Rats- these are still a main concern on site. SBC are to be contacted to view the site and give advice.

If all plot holders turn compost heaps at regular intervals and remove any unwanted/unused materials then hopefully the disturbance will help keep the problem from increasing further. Dog owners please be aware that some plot holders are using poison.

Bait stations should be used where appropriate.

Meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Next meeting, A Tuesday in February 2012, venue and date to be arranged

All members are welcome to attend the meeting

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

