CAMPION HILLS ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 15th Dec 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Malone - Secretary Joanna Bloomfield - Treasurer Russell Moseley - member David Limmer – Letting's officer Chris Berry – Chairperson

ABSENTEE Keeran Paleerathan

APOLOGIES

John Malone

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th Sept 2019 were read, agreed and signed.

REPORTS

Treasurer – At the end of 2019 we have a reasonably health bank balance of about £2,500 after all bills paid & accounted for.

We would like to replenish some of our savings account next year if possible. Website for CHAA now all updated & need to purchase our domain name now too.

Secretary -Town council have awarded us £1,250 for our proposal for funding to clear site where necessary, pay for skips, etc, also awarded us an additional £450, which they had asked for proposals at the recent town council, relating to an eco friendly environment & we submitted our proposal for water harvesting, i.e. water butts, pipework where needed, so delighted to receive this additional funding.

All members, existing or new, please contact a committee member if you would like to take this opportunity to harvest surplus water, of which we have had an awful lot of lately, we can then arrange bulk purchase of materials.

In January next year we will be starting site inspections, as it has become very noticeable of late that a good number of plots are being used as dumping grounds & not used for growing vegetables, etc!

Any members plots that we feel need attention will be formally notified to take action, then if our observations are ignored a member may lose his or her plot, which is sad, as I feel most of us take pleasure & satisfaction in keeping a tidy site.

We shall be asking the RSPCA to pay a visit to our site next year, just to check that all livestock is being cared for responsibly, which I'm sure all responsible livestock owners would welcome, also we have a duty to show the RSPCA that we are a caring site. I'm sure they would be pleased to offer advice if wanted.

Lettings Officer – We have had a lot of interest from new members who David has shown around the site & have paid their fees & joined.

Non payers, who were repeatedly advised that subs were overdue & still not made any contact are to lose their plots now & these will be re- let to new members.

Any other business We are hoping to purchase compost bins or develop a communal compost area next year, as many of the plots need feeding & need new nutrients to produce bumper crops.

We would also like to enquire about re-surfacing areas on the site, top soil, hardcore, as since all this flooding much of the site washed away & inaccessible.

Next meeting January 19th 2020

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas & Bountiful New Year on your allotment.

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