

Shepherds Hill Allotments Association

AGM

15th November 2018 7.00 – 8.00pm

First Floor, Victoria Stakes

Present:

Annie Griffiths, Eve Featherstone, Juliet Mann, Jo Murray, Gary Sycamore, Biba De Massa, Liane Payne, Kathy Riddle, Ian Potts, Jill Russell, Ginny Ludlow, Yukiko Putman, Richard Rogers, Jo Shehan, Eugene McConville, Jane Bywaters, Greg Hone, Chris Bell, Geoff Clark, Liz Denver, Nick Findley, Jeff Somerfield, Fran Smith, Geoff Finch, Kim Valdez, Anil Yogasundram, Jill Pack, Julie Yogasundram (chair), Lynn Malloy (minutes).

Apologies:

Esther Coles, Sue Heap, Eliot Hodges, Andy Wright, Nigel Shervey. Natalie Jones, Lambros Avramides, Jane Shallice, Fran Blackburn.

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM.

No corrections

Proposed as a correct record by Annie Griffiths

Seconded by Jo Murray

Accepted

Matters arising.

Issue of treating knotweed was followed up with Haringey Council by KR but no action to date. JY to pick up again with the new allotments coordinator.

3. Annual Report.

This had been circulated electronically to all tenants on the email list and hard copies were available in the room. JY introduced and invited questions and comments.

4. Treasurers Report.

NF presented a summary of the site finances. A detailed spreadsheet is posted on the site website with the AGM papers and hard copies were available in the room. NF clarified how the account was divided into three sub-accounts and the reasoning behind this.

5. Plans for the coming year.

5a Plot 15

JY spoke to the proposal for a 'community shed' on plot 15 and the consultation results; over forty people made written comments, the majority being in favour.

Queries and comments in the room included; what will it be used for, is there a call for such a facility, a query on the necessity of a concrete base, alternatives to a concrete base, queries on the materials used for the structure itself, the hidden costs of converting a shipping container, what about a cob built structure such as at the Meadow Orchard Project on Park Road, alternative toilet designs, why install a toilet at all.

JY emphasised that no decisions have been made at this stage and the committee proposal is that a sub-group be established to take the project forward. Tenants who would like to be involved in this sub-group were invited to approach IP after the AGM meeting or email the site committee.

Suggestion from YP that plot 15 be clearly identified (notice board with more information, roped area) as a community space under development. This may also deter further dumping of rubbish.

Five resolutions in regards to plot 15

- 1. That £5000 of funds from SHAA account be set aside for the development of a community shed on Plot 15
- 2. That the committee be authorized to make an application for funding for the development of the community shed Phase 1
- 3. That we set up a sub-committee of the main SHAA committee to help develop this work (all final decisions remaining with the elected committee) and authorized tenants of SHAA be invited to join the subcommittee.
- 4. That the committee are authorized to apply for any permissions (planning etc.) in relation to construction of the community building.
- 5. The committee ensure that consultation with plot holders continues through the process of development

The five resolutions were voted on together.

Proposed by Eve Featherstone

Seconded by Jill Pack

Against 0

Abstentions 3

Resolution agreed.

5b Annual Outing.

On the dissolution of CHADAHS at the end of 2017 it was agreed that the Shepherds Hill site and Alexandra Palace site alternate organising this annual event. In 2019 it is SHAA. Ideas for places to visit can be forwarded on the site email.

5c Trading Shed subscription

The Committee recommends the continuation of the Trading Shed subscription at £2.00 per annum per plot.

*Proposed by; Jo Murray
Seconded by Eugene McConville
Resolution agreed.*

5d Security

Security of the site continues to be a concern.

Resolutions

- 1. The committee to undertake a comprehensive survey of the perimeter fence taking action, with other landlords and the Council, to improve the security of the site
- 2. The committee to investigate the introduction of a new locking system for the site in consultation with plot holders with the aim of making any proposals for change to the AGM in 2019.

*Proposed by Jill Russell
Seconded by Annie Griffiths
Resolution agreed.*

6. Extension of temporary constitutional amendment.

The committee asked that the temporary status of a constitutional change agreed at the 2017 AGM be extended to be included in a wider review of the constitution which will be brought to the 2019 AGM.

No objections.

7. Election of committee members.

Nine nominations were received and all nominees were voted in.

8. AOB

JY reported that the committee plan to increase the visibility its members, with photographs and identifying who takes the lead on each of the committee tasks.

JM thanked JY for chairing the AGM and the committee meetings throughout 2017