

Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Minutes 26th May 2020 by Zoom		
	<p>Present; Juliet Mann, Ian Potts, Annie Griffiths, Jill Russell, Trevor Wyatt, Julie Yogasandram.</p> <p>Apologies Nick Finlay, Gary Sycamore</p>	
1.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u></p> <p>These will be approved at the June meeting, as Jill had circulated the wrong draft of the minutes.</p>	JR
2.	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Annie had picked up the tables from Peter Campbell and these are now in the store shed.</p> <p>Eliot Hodges has offered to take on the job of looking after water issues on the site. Ian will liaise with him.</p> <p>Annie had talked to Peter Campbell about the polytunnel at Ally Pally, to find out more and whether we might install one on plot 15. The feedback was that it's invaluable in helping AP make money on their plant sales, but the work largely falls to Peter. We agreed it's a nice idea to one day have one on plot 15, but it would need someone interested in taking it forward and extra funds.</p> <p>We'd received feedback from tenants with plots nearby plot 15 who we'd consulted about the plans. Everyone who was consulted responded, overall with positive comments. Tenants who raised some concern about whether having a firepit would mean regular bonfires were reassured that the firepit would only be used at an agreed time, occasionally.</p>	IP
3.	<p><u>Site inspections</u></p> <p>We have had no communication from Emi about when these will re-start, it probably won't be until September.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Trading Shed</u></p> <p>The trading shed has been re-stocked, and Annie and Liz are going to put in another order shortly. The committee thanked Annie and Liz for keeping the trading shed ticking over; tenants have been very grateful to be able to purchase stock.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>Wheelbarrows – Andy had summarised the following in an email – until</p>	

	<p>about two months' ago there were ten wheelbarrows in use. There are currently two broken barrows and one with a puncture. Andy has 'decommissioned' the broken barrows and hopes to repair the puncture so at least one wheelbarrow can be returned to use. He suggests that the two broken barrows can be 'cannibalised' to make one that is useable. All the wheelbarrows are in a poor state and need increasing amounts of attention.</p> <p>Andy no longer has the time to maintain the wheelbarrows and we agreed to ask for a volunteer to take it on. Our thanks to Andy for his maintenance work.</p> <p>We will ask if anyone knows of a supply of second hand builders barrows, or if anyone would like to donate a wheelbarrow to the trading shed for communal use.</p> <p>We will also remind tenants to sanitise their hands before and after using a trading shed wheelbarrow, and to return the barrows to the shed immediately after use so they're available for others to use.</p> <p>Possible leak – Gary and Ian have investigated. They don't think it is a leak, it's more likely to be run-off from people watering. We need to remind tenants about watering guidelines, and not to leave hoses running.</p> <p>There's a big oak tree with a large branch that's dead and could fall near Plot 16. Ian will contact John Newton of Shepherds Cot to ask if it can be removed. Jill to forward contact details.</p> <p>Ian is in contact with the person with the garden on Shepherds Hill where the poplar tree fell earlier in the year. He's been very accommodating, and has got a quote to replace the fencing. The shed that was destroyed will also need replacing. Annie said that someone in Crouch End has offered a shed, which might be suitable as a replacement shed. Ian will offer it to the tenant, and if not suitable, we can then advertise it in the newsletter.</p> <p>The padlock for the trading shed is getting more and more unreliable. Annie to check with Gary and if there are no spares, we will have to buy another one.</p>	<p>IP</p> <p>JR</p> <p>IP</p> <p>AG</p>
6.	<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering guidance • Wheelbarrows (as above) • Reminder about how to buy from the trading shed • Details of next plant sales • Covid-19 guidance update • Reminder about locking gates • A cheerful song 	<p>JR</p>

