

SHA ASSOCIATION AGM (INTERIM) 18th June 2023 MINUTES (draft)

Present: Liz Denver, Jill Pack, Tim Macnaughton, Sonia Bell, Nicola Woodward, Phil Chinn, Nevil Yildiz, Dudley Yeo, Clare Ritson, Susan Teece, Marie Mangan, Julia Grant, Andy Wraight, Richard Rogers, Esther Coles, Juliet Mann, Ian Potts, Jill Russell (chair), Jo Sheehan, Charlie Sweeney.

Apologies for Absence: none

Minutes of the last AGM and matters arising: Jill reminded the meeting that at the Nov 22 AGM it was agreed to move the timing of the AGM to the spring as this is when the programme of activity usually begins and it fits with the beginning of the financial year. As it is only six months since the last AGM, this AGM is an interim one to present the treasurer's report and plans for 2023/4; the next full AGM will be held in Spring 24.

A SHA Facebook group has been established to support connections between tenants, share practical advice, resources, ideas, events and informal buying/selling/recycling or swapping of allotment produce or equipment. To join the group search on Facebook for 'Shepherds Hill N8 Allotment Community', and then there is an option to join the group.

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Jo presented the 22/23 treasurer's report (see attached). At the 31st March 2023 the resources available totalled £13,359.59.

A tenant asked about the Haringey budget allocation for site maintenance of £2,219.00. On what basis is this calculated – is there a formula e.g. based on the number of plots on a site? And does the amount vary year on year and if so, how? We will put these questions to the Haringey Allotment Officer and report back.

Plans for 2023/24: The priority for the year is to rebuild the trading shed, which urgently needs replacing. Ian summarised where we are up to – the architect who helped with the Barn has prepared some drawings to rebuild on the same footprint, and once we have full costings we will make a lottery grant application for £10,000, with some additional funds coming from SHA resources if necessary. The meeting confirmed the priority of this project.

There was some discussion about how to manage the period when the shed is being rebuilt, the aim will be to do this in the quieter winter months. The building team will need to liaise closely with Liz Denver and Annie Griffiths who manage the stock and selling.

A question was raised about how the track next to the trading shed might affect the structure of the building, and also the size of delivery lorries using the track. Ian to follow up on this.

AOB: none.