

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the Allotments Committee was held in the Town Hall, Stokesley on Monday 19 February 2018 commencing at 7 pm

Allotment Committee Membership

Cllrs Alex Chisholm, Carol Lewis, Caroline Seymour, Graham Sowerby and Andy Wake.

Present: Cllrs Stewart Brennan (covering for Cllr Caroline Seymour), Carol Lewis (Chairman) and Graham Sowerby.

Clerk – Mrs Julie McLuckie.

1/19/02/18 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

2/19/02/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Alex Chisholm, Caroline Seymour and Andy Wake.

3/19/02/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

4/19/02/18 MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes from the meeting held on the 2 November 2017 were agreed.

Agreed.

5/19/02/18 TO RECEIVE THE FEEDBACK FROM THE TENANTS RENT NIGHT HELD ON 255 JANUARY 2018

Tenants raised the following issues:-

Traffic Mirror to be installed;

Hedge to be cut – Broadacres;

Request for a toilet on the allotment site;

Ongoing problem with rats and moles;

Concerns regarding the increase in rent charge.

6/19/02/18 TO REVIEW EVENTS AND PROGRESS FROM 2017/18

Bee Garden Project – is all set up and ready to commence. Six couples have expressed an interest in becoming involved in the scheme and the Allotment Caretaker was also interested in attending a ‘bee keeping’ course. **Noted.**

Voluntary Caretaker Role – the introduction of this role has proven to be a great success and the allotments have seen many improvements thanks to him. **Noted.**

Broadacres – we continue to have problems securing Broadacres to carry out the maintenance work to the hedge leading up to the allotment site and this is now severely overgrown. The Clerk would contact Broadacres to try and resolve this issue and if appropriate arrange to meet with them on site. **Agreed.**

Registration as an Asset of Community Value – the Clerk had submitted the application to HDC and they were now progressing. **Noted.**

7/19/02/18 NOMINATION FOR ALLOTMENT HOLDER REPRESENTATIVE

Unfortunately, there had been no response to the newsletter request for nominations to become the Allotment representative on this Committee. The Clerk would send an e-mail to all allotment holders asking if anyone would be interested and provide them with further details on the role. **Agreed.**

8/19/02/18 FORWARD PLAN FOR 2018/19

Composting Toilet – following requests for a toilet on site Cllr Lewis had looked into the possibility of installing a composting toilet. The Clerk would e-mail all the allotment holders to see if they would like us to pursue this option. Dependent upon the response we would then look for funding opportunities. **Agreed.**

Traffic Mirror – to be purchased and installed. **Agreed.**

Notice Board – the Clerk would obtain quotes – this would be installed into a community corner and would need to be free-standing. **Agreed.**

Stokesley Allotment Society – to try and establish a group that would oversee future events activities. **Noted.**

9/19/02/18 BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/19

Composting Toilet – would look for possible grants towards this scheme and additional fundraising events if required.

Traffic Mirror.

Notice Board.

General Maintenance.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed

Date