

Minutes: Kelvinside Allotments Association: Committee Meeting 20th April 2016

JH indicated he wanted to make a statement that he was willing to withdraw from the meeting if that would make it easier for the Committee. TG responded by confirming JH was welcome at the Committee as a member. JH objected to the fact he could not vote and TG explained her approach was to avoid voting and she did not expect the Committee ever to vote.

Present: Vicky, Catriona, Mo, John, Trish, Gordon:

Apologies: Emma, Marliese, Marilyn, Isobel;

Acceptance of minute of meeting March 2016: Minute agreed with amendment Vicky present and CR as chair in absence of President and Vice president.

- JH indicated he wanted the January minute changed. CR noted the minute had been agreed as accurate at the March meeting was accurate and as JH had not been at the meeting he could not amend.
- JH indicated he wanted an EGM his view was the Committee was not legitimate.
- TG asked JH not to disrupt the meeting, the points he had circulated including Committee issues would be discussed under AOCB as they had arrived after the agenda had been prepared.
- JH indicated he wanted his issues discussed now. TG responded that if he continued to disrupt meetings she would seek advice from the Council about what to do.

Matters arising

- **Meeting re complaint:** update on response from plot holder; CR noted that position at last meeting had been she would follow up plot holder willingness to meet with one Committee Member. Plot holder interactions with JH have led plot holder to view that he will not now meet as Committee not legitimate. Agreed that as we have an outstanding complaint to deal with CR will reply to plot holder; and again seek a meeting and report back to next Committee.
- **Japanese Knotweed:** TG to follow up with flats agent.
- **Committee:** correspondence from plot holder; proposed reply noted TG to send.
- **Communication:** Need a further communication perhaps early May. CR to discuss with MB.
- **Paths at Kirklee:** update; IB has discussed with Kirklee, reinforce in next communication with reminder on numbers.
- **Inspection proposals:** agreed at last meeting that CR would contact responders who raised wider issues with offer of a meeting. One response received indicating plot holders happy with response.
- **Meadow area Kirklee:** IB/VW/MP to resolve
- **Correspondence with JW:** CR had replied as agreed at the March meeting, nothing further received.
- **Website development and domain name:** CR confirmed that as agreed at the last meeting Barbara De La Rue was running website. CR explained she had written to JH to ask if KAA domain name which he runs in a personal capacity could become the official site. JH indicated he had paid for the name and that as Committee is not legitimate he will not transfer. CR noted she had suggested reimbursement to JH. JH indicated he would not discuss. Suggestion of meeting with JH and BdLR to find a way forward CR to progress on behalf of the Committee. JH indicated he was leaving

the meeting as he had better things to do with his time but he was not withdrawing from the Committee. CR to follow up with JH and BdeIRue

Treasurer's Business

- Financial position is around £2k in bank with rents paid and compost purchased for which we would expect to generate £1500+ income.

Committee Secretary's Business

- Correspondence: BM correspondence in relation to Committee and AGM discussed above.
- Community Grants application: MC updated on application, approach to presentation agreed and communication to members MC. TG thanked MC for her work in putting in the application

Membership Secretary's Business

- Plot changeovers update; report from MB noted.

Site maintenance report

- Compost;
- Skips;
- Clear ups:
 - Saturday and Wednesdays now communicated to members;
 - List of jobs on the Board;
 - Circulate list to Committee of next dates asking for confirmation for cover. MB
- Noted range of help from the Allotments Officer including gate at Julian, help on tree review and review of fences

Inspection 17th April: Good state of plots noted no warnings and supportive communication to two Kirklee plots holders.

Open Days:

- Advert done 2 until 5: CR agreed to look at wider advertising nearer the time;
- Hot food GMcD to consider paella option;
- Frog life: VW to liaise with RB;
- Cakes:
- Plants: Maggie doing;
- Tombola: CR
- Cut flowers: Stella to lead asking J and F to help;
- Childrens activities: VW to ask Angela B;
- Communication to members: CR to work with MB

Kirklee suggestion date 3rd September

AOCB

Prizes noted.

Sustainability next agenda.

John Hancox correspondence was discussed as follows:

- **EGM required:** the Association's Constitution is clear on arrangements for an EGM, three members seeking and EGM does not meet the Constitution's requirements. TG noted we have a functioning and legitimate Committee which will continue to carry out business including plot inspections and handling our money. JH continues to

dispute the outcome of the AGM, however, the Association's Constitution is clear that in the event of a dispute about the outcome of a meeting the Chair's decision is final.

- **January minutes:** the January minutes were agreed as accurate by those present at the meeting. JH was not coopted as a Committee member until after that meeting. JH issues are recorded in the march committee minutes. There is no role of head of plot inspections; all decisions on inspections are collective of members present and discussion at Committee if required.
- **E mail account:** Office bearers who correspond on behalf of the Committee have access to the email account. Routine correspondence is dealt with by Office bearers on behalf of the Committee and issues which require Committee discussion for example Jane's letter and issues with Bert, are put on the Committee agenda.
- **KAA website:** JH had asked BdLR to put on material I from him and she had refused as she regarded it as inappropriate. Agreed site is for official communication not communication from individual members. Agreed to ask JH to share his proposed material and we can discuss it at the next Committee?
- **Notice boards:** there is a Committee member for each site who has the notice board keys and can post material for members. If a proposed item was controversial we would discuss it at the Committee.
- **Members communication:** Anyone is free to run facebook groups, but it would be helpful if JH did so that he makes clear it is a personal site and does not relate to his Committee membership.
- **Newsletter:** MB put together the newsletter (agreed at the March meeting) with technical help from MP. No one else saw the communication until it was circulated to all members.
- **Open emails:** We have very few urgent matters and try not to circulate things between Committee meetings. If something is circulated and there are differences of opinion then the secretary will share that. A number of Committee members have asked JH not to email their personal addresses and he has continued to do. Agreed TG will raise with him.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 24th May 2016 Mirrlees Drive. Inspection 22nd May 2016 11am.