

Kingsley Allotment Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
16 November 2013
Kingsley Centre, Kingsley

Present Chris Rigden (Chairman)
James Palmer (Treasurer)
Sue Scrivener (Secretary)
Linzi Spong
Sandy Parrott
David Parrott
Robert Pearson
Liz Peacock
Alan Peacock

1 Opening Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. The agenda for the meeting and minutes from the previous AGM had been sent out to all members by e-mail and posted on the allotment notice board prior to the meeting on 16 November.

2 Agree and Sign minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3 Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report, which is attached to these minutes.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which is attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer expressed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his work over the past year.

5 Election of Committee Members

Janet Hargreaves has resigned from the Committee.

Chris Rigden, James Palmer, Sue Scrivener, Linzi Spong, Sandy Parrot and Robert Pearson put their names forward as prospective Committee Members for the next year. The election of Robert Pearson was seconded by David Parrott and Alan Peacock.

The meeting agreed that the following people would comprise the Committee:

Chris Rigden
James Palmer
Sue Scrivener
Linzi Spong
Sandy Parrott
Robert Pearson

6 2014 Fees and Subscriptions

It was agreed that the 2014 fees remain the same as the fees in 2013: £15.50 for a half plot and £31 for a full plot, as the rent has not increased for 2014. The next rent review will be in 2014. Fees are due by 1 December, and James will chase any non-payers on 1 January. If fees are not paid by 1 February the Committee will decide whether or not to terminate Tenancy Agreements. Vacant plots will be offered to people on the waiting list at the end of March.

7 Open Discussion (for review by the Committee)

- Mower – Alan Peacock spoke to Mr Ansell regarding second-hand mower. However, it was agreed that the Committee would not buy a mower, but ask Malcolm Rust to continue mowing the common areas
- Membership cards - An e-mail will be sent to all members informing them that membership cards will be issued once membership fees have been paid. Cards will be left in the Noticeboard on the site. Springfields Garden Centre has also confirmed that they will continue to offer all members a 10% discount on production of an up to date membership card. Anyone requiring two membership cards should let the Secretary know.
- Vacant plots - there are two vacant plots: one half plot and one whole plot, both non-organic.
- Car park and hedge - Linzi Spong is checking who cuts the hedge at the entrance to the site with the landlord, as it was not cut when the rest of the hedge was cut recently.
- Communal compost bins - these were discussed and it was agreed that they would not be maintained or that people would use them appropriately
- Website - looks good, but need maintaining. A request will go to plot holders asking if anyone has IT knowledge and would be able to maintain it. David Parrott offered to have a go. The website file will be forwarded to James.
- Manure – the Secretary was asked by a plot holder for a source of manure, and it was recommended that he contact Charlie who works with Sharon Watt on Plot 12.

8 Any other business

There was no other business. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their participation and contribution to the open discussion.

Signed:

Chairman: Chris Rigden

Date