

**EDEN ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Monthly Committee Meeting**  
**Carrickfergus Town Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Present:

Myrtle Fraser (Chair)  
Gary McCabe (Vice Chair)  
Austin Herron (Secretary)  
Ivan Johnston (Treasurer)  
John Wann  
Pauline Whittley  
Phil Allen  
Raymond Hanna  
Richard Cochrane  
Maxine Law

3.1.08 Apologies

There were no apologies

3.2.08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were presented to the meeting and proposed as a true record by Pauline Whittley and seconded by Raymond Hanna and adopted by the meeting

3.3.08 Matters Arising

On 2.10.08 Pauline reported that she and Ivan had yet to meet to look at a procurement procedure but that they might get the chance over the holiday period, and Austin indicated that he had met with Bill Johnston and Stephen Daye and would try to get the necessary paperwork organised for the manure payment to Bill.

3.4.08 Correspondence

There was no written correspondence for this meeting but Myrtle had an email listing the hedge plants available from the Council for windbreaks which she agreed to forward to Phil and Raymond

3.5.08 Reports and Liaison with Council

With respect to ongoing items Raymond reported that the problem with the leaking tap in field B had now been resolved. Myrtle indicated that she had been in touch with the Council regarding our funding request and she understood that we might receive £8,000 of which half could go to the access tracks and half to some form of communal building.

### 3.6.08 New Agenda Items

Myrtle suggested that since this was the last meeting before Christmas that the committee might wish to keep discussions short. Maxine indicates that she had an urgent matter regarding items been taken from her plot which she wished to report and this was tabled as new item 9

### 3.7.08 Work Programme Items

There was no progress to report on any work programme items

### 3.8.08 Additional Allotment sites in Carrick Area

Austin indicated that he had noted in some past Council minutes that there had been possible plans to open up other sites for allotments elsewhere in the Council area possibly in Whitehead and/or Greenisland. Following some discussion it was agreed that while the committee would support this in principal it would not be a priority for us at present.

### 3.9.08 Items taken from allotment holders plot

Maxine presented a confidential report raising her fears and concerns regarding a cooking stove taken from her shed. She stated that this was carried out by another site user and that she had discussed the matter with the Council. She indicated that she wished the person concerned put off the allotments. Following some protracted discussion and given the possible legal complexities involved it was agreed that Maxine should write formally to Austin as committee secretary giving full details of the incident and the committee could then take advice on how it would proceed with the matter.

### 3.10.08 Any other Business & Date of Next Meeting

There was no further business and the Chair wished everyone warmest season's greetings. The date and time of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. in Committee Room 2 in Carrick Town Hall.

The meeting Closed.