

EDEN ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION
Monthly Committee Meeting
Carrickfergus Town Hall 7th January 2009

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

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

1.1.09 Apologies

Phil Allen; Maxine Law

1.2.09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 3rd December 2008 were presented to the meeting and proposed as a true record by P. Whittley and seconded by G. McCabe and adopted by the meeting

1.3.00 Matters Arising

Myrtle raised the issue of Maxine's concerns regarding the items taken from her plot (3.9.08) and Austin reported that as yet he had not received any written details as agreed. In this context the meeting agreed to let the matter rest until further information was forthcoming.

1.4.09 Correspondence

Austin reported that he had received a letter from Sunnybank nurseries agreeing to offer discounts to plot holders who are members of our Association. It was suggested that this approach should be explored with other providers and Austin agreed to draw up a list of possible companies to approach for committee approval.

1.5.09 Reports and Liaison with Council

Apart from the matters to be covered under item 8 there were no matters to raise under this standing item at this meeting

1.6.09 New Agenda Items

There were no new agenda items requested at this time

1.7.09 Work Programme Items

John reported that he had worked up a draft on his considerations for the hedgerows and would try to email some details to everyone in the near future. Austin indicated that he had also firmed up a number of administrative procedures and policies and would present these for further discussion and approval as soon as he had a chance to clarify some items with the council. Pauline said that unfortunately she and Ivan had been unable to make any progress of procurement arrangements which was very unfortunate given the current need for some form of joint purchasing in the near future. She would try to discuss this in some more detail at the next meeting

1.8.09 Access Roads/paths on the Site

Myrtle indicated that we had been invited to meet with members of the Councils parks and Countryside Committee on Friday morning (9/1/09) to discuss the problems and possible solutions of vehicular and disability access on the site. Following some discussion it was agreed that all members who wished to do so should attend to represent the committee and that the solution we should press for was that all the perimeter paths should be upgraded to a similar standard as public park pathways. All vehicles should be excluded from the site except for heavy deliveries and disabled access. The council should consider putting locked access barriers so that people needing vehicular access should arrange this with their officials.

1.9.09 Funding Application with Northern Health Board

Austin presented funding application details which he had circulated to most of the members by email and suggested that the Association might be able to apply for this to help with some of its future proposals. Some of the members had already explored some possibilities and following some discussion that a proposal based on a community outreach and volunteer worker should be worked up for submission. Also give the tight timetable for submission it was agreed to have an additional committee in one weeks time to consider the final proposals.

1.10.09 Any other Business & Date of Next Meeting

Myrtle indicted that she wished to use this item to record the committees sincere condolences to their colleague Richard Cochrane on the sad loss of his mother and the committee fully concurred. The next meeting was set for Wednesday 14th January 2009 at &.30 in the Town Hall. The meeting closed.