

EDEN ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Committee Meeting
Carrickfergus Town Hall
Wednesday 7th October 2009

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Ronnie Allen (Chairperson)
Melanie Brown (Vice – Chair)
Ivan Johnston (Treasurer)
Muriel Phillips
Myrtle Fraser
Andrew Gault
Stephen Kinnon
Freddie Blair
Brenda Cameron
Phil Allen

10.1.09 Apologies

Austin Herron (Secretary)
Pauline Whittley
Thomas Howells

10.2.09 Minutes

Proposer - Muriel Phillips Seconder Brenda Cameron

10.3.09 Matters Arising

Phil Allen pointed out that the five year rolling plan was a suggestion of the Council.

10.4.09 Correspondence

None noted

10.5.09 Reports and Liaison with Council

Received application for small trees. **ACTION Phil**

Ronnie Allen intends to join the monthly meeting with Stephen Daye and Austin Herron.

Tree Week. The proposed date of Saturday 5th December was accepted. Time 11.00am (In association with C.V.N.I.)The autumn clear up will be on the 31 October, as arranged with Stephen Daye.

10.6.09 Reports from Sub Committees and Working groups

Report on bio diversity circulated . Phil to work with John Wann and Raymond to finalise 5 year plan. There was strong support for tree planting on all allotment field boundaries.

10.7.09 Fun Day Issues and Finances

Ivan reported today's bank balance at £1178.

Open Day surplus £1160 (estimate) and so far received £250 in members subscriptions.

There was some discussion on the boundaries between committee matters and private arrangements. Request for co-ordination through the committee if at all possible.

10.8.09 Outstanding expenditure approvals

None outstanding

10.9.09 Ruda Slaska Group follow-up

No movement at this time. Some doubt expressed as to whether there is sufficient in common between Eden Allotments and Ruda Slaska.

10.10.09 Dog fouling and meeting with Dog Warden

Mel said that we need stronger efforts to keep dogs under control. Tenancy agreement needs to be observed. Notice at Car Park contradicted by Tenancy agreement. Dog Warden's number to be put on notice board. Letter requesting action to be written cc S Daye, informing Dog Warden that complaints have been received re plot holders 26C; 26B and one other. ACTION Austin.

10.11.09 Notice Boards and their Usage.

Ronnie and Austin have keys to the Associations Board. Committee Minutes to be posted if space available.

10.12.09 Presentation by Carrickfergus Community Form

Janice Cherry, Community Development Officer, attended the first part of the meeting. Said the Forum considered the Allotments part of the Eden Community and offered help with funding applications.

10.13.09 Conservation Volunteer Proposals

Mel mentioned a CVNI application for a grant for a portacabin and other items. Concern was expressed that a plot holding organisation appeared to be claiming our support for a grant application without the Committee's approval or knowledge.

CVNI (Drug abuse, Sense & Women's Aid) to be contacted with a view to coordinating grant applications. **ACTION Mel**

10.14.09 Committee Member Expenditure & Expenses

Ivan requested formal applications for expenses.

10.15.09 New Agreed Agenda Items

10.16.09 AOB and date of next meeting.

Provide details of the work of the external liaison committee. Ask the Council to provide further delivery of compost. **ACTION Austin**

It was agreed there would be a bulk purchase of seeds.

Agricultural grant application – part of the Rural Challenge programme for 2011 – it was agreed that Ronnie would attend a workshop at the Crumlin Community Centre.

Proposed to purchase two incinerators for burning diseased plant material. **ACTION Ivan**

Agreed Girl Guides to be invited to come on Clear-Up days and seek sponsorship **ACTION Brenda** There was a suggestion that we build a temporary shed / meeting room, as there will be some delay in the community centre being built.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 4th November 2009 at 1900.