Minutes of EWAA Committee Meeting

14th November 2024. 7.30pm (Shop Building)

**Present:** Jane Millar. George Murray, Jon Willis, Mike McNaboe, Maurice Leen.

**Apologies:** Meryl Wilford, Chris Clifford, Tony Flett, Bridget Henderson, Dan Thorpe, Vicky Bell

**Approval of 12th, September 2024 Minutes and Matters Arising**

Minutes approved.

Matters arising:

Overgrown elder on the Children’s Allotment behind the shop still not completely resolved by Stig.

Car Park by shop cleared by work party.

**Membership Report- GM**

Three new members since last meeting. It is likely that a further 5 plots will be let at the next allocation meeting on 16th November.

There have been 6 reductions in plot size from existing plot holders and 3 resignations.

The waiting list stands at 8 people with September 2024 as the oldest name on the list.

**Action Point** JM to ask MW for file/notes regarding plot divisions on the Shop Lane.

**Action Point** GM and MM to address issue of ‘plot creep’ on starter plots on shop row.

**Financial Report**

£4,785 collected since September 2024 with £ 1,215 still owed in rent.

£1,300 collected in sales since 1st September.

Children’s Allotment group have paid £1,300 bill for utilities.

Stock of keys in hand worth £1,300 (majority of keys from vacated plots are coming back but only about half ask for return of deposit).

Savings ac is getting eroded but still constitutes a reasonable buffer.

**Shop Report**

Two more shopping days before winter closure, no more orders till next spring. Garlic is available.

**New Water Policy**

New water policy needs to be advertised to members. Timetable for rollout in new season to be finalised in January with pre-season seminar to maximise best practice.

**Lease Matters**

Issues still ongoing with City Council wanting to impose unclear licence agreements on plot holders. Timing of various provisions in a mid-year situation remains problematic, hope to get clarification from ODFAA.

**Site Matters**

Water has been turned off and the members notified.

Work party to be thanked for clearing shop car park.

**Action Point** JM to post notices on website.

Shop lane front boundaries are encroaching onto road and need reorganising.

**Action Point** GM to ask DT to quote for remedial works.

**AOB**

Middle Lane Encroachment-OUWG to deal with hedge and clear buffer zone in reserve between hedge and trees.

**Action Point** JW to communicate with OUWG and provide text to clarify ownership/responsibility and maintenance of boundaries, which will be posted on the website for all members to see.

Loo seat - To be replaced by George Liddell.

Wood chips - Issue of cars parking in woodchip area-may need demarcation of some sort (either physical barrier or spray paint). Shortage of woodchips also an issue.

**Action Point** JM to ask Penny M if she could get in touch with local tree surgeons again to ask if they could deliver unwanted chippings to either car park.

Notice Boards - Resolved that they are no longer fit for purpose and that notices attract more attention when put on gates.

Padlock on shop car park gate problematic and may need Varsity to replace if irresolvable.

**Action Point** MM to graphite lock.

List of Key Holders – the log of who has which keys for various locks is no longer current.

**Action Point** JM to collate an up-to-date list and pass it to JW for storage as an additional sheet in the Master Spreadsheet.

Howard’s suggested list of maintenance jobs - Resolved that it is probably better to have list of chores to be done than of people willing to do something.

**Action Point** MM to DT to go round site to survey potential jobs.

Donations-Appeal to be placed on Website for such.

**Action Point** JM

Children’s Allotment to be billed more often to keep arrears at bay. ML willing to act as liaison to keep site matters under review.

Next Meeting Thursday 9th January