



Wincheap & District Allotments Association 2017 Annual General Meeting

Held at the Scout Hall, Heaton Road, Canterbury on 15 November 2017 at 7:30 pm

Present:

Committee:

Officers: John Osborne (Chair); Don McFadyen (Treasurer); Sally-Ann Bryan (Competitions Officer); Doreen Kalideen (Membership Secretary); Peregrine Swann (Minutes Secretary).

Members: Norman Evers; David Applin; Peter Sudell; Tom Reid; Nick Barnes

Association Members

Dave Seager; Cliff Liles; Gillian Northcott Liles; Dave Goddard; Alan Robinson; Chris Ives; Lynn McFadyen; David Watts; ? Price; Natasha Ives; ??

Apologies

Alan Makey; David Hanagan; Concha Hyde; Jane Elder; Heidi Gerard; Karl Gerard; David Burton; Deidre Hawkes

Chair for the meeting

Norman Evers reported that Alan Makey, was unwell and so was not able to attend the meeting as the chair as he would normally do. Norman Evers as Vice President stood in for Alan Makey.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2016 AGM had been circulated in advance of the meeting and there were no comments or objections. The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last AGM.

Chairman's Report (John Osborne)

It has been a good year for cultivation with kind weather resulting in a good harvest. The new toilet was installed and is working well. The community area has been improved; it is now nearer the site shed, which makes for easier management of social events. The social events have been very well attended and have gone smoothly. Derek Marsh resigned as Site Manager (so there will be no Site Manager's report); John voiced the feeling of all when he thanked Derek for all the hard work he has put in, and continues to do so, to improve the site. The Association is looking to invite tenders from contractors to do the hedge cutting. John mentioned that both Doreen Kalideen and Don McFadyen were resigning so the Committee is looking for a new Treasurer and Membership Secretary. John thanked both Don and Doreen for all their hard work over the years.

Treasurer's Report (Don McFadyen)

Don McFadyen circulated detailed accounts for the Association. The income for the year ended 20 September 2017 was £11,143.23 against expenditures of £5,903.86 leaving a surplus of £5,239.37. Although the surplus is slightly less than the £6,471.39 surplus at end

September 2016, the accounts remain in a healthy state. Although the accounts have not been audited, they will be in December 2017.

Doreen Kalideen asked what had happened to the old toilet and the meeting was informed that it had been advertised on ebay but there had been no interest but it had been removed free of charge.

Competitions Secretary (Sally-Ann Bryan)

Sally reported that the social events this past year had gone very well. The money raised from the various events have been ploughed back into the social fund. Sally said it was hoped that the Association would be able to re-roof the site hut and to put in a tap. It was agreed that before going ahead with replacing the roof, the Committee would look into how to reduce the condensation by perhaps dry lining the roof internally as condensation rather than leakage seemed to be the main cause of dampness within the hut. Sally thanked all those who had given donations and also all those who had helped her with the social events.

Election of Committee Members

The following members were proposed and seconded for the positions shown below:

Officers

Chairman	John Osborne
Vice Chairman	Deidre Hawkes
Site Manager	Nick Barnes
Treasurer	Don McFadyen until replacement found
Membership Secretary	David Applin
Minutes Secretary	Peregrine Swann
IT and Communications Secretary	Nick Barnes

All nominations were accepted. To note there are currently 4 Trustees: Peter Sudell, John Osborne, Laura Maclean and Derek Marsh. There will need to be changes but it is planned that both outgoing and incoming Trustees can be handled with a single document to save the considerable expense of making even minor changes to the legal documentation. It was explained to those who might be interested in becoming Trustees that there was no financial burden involved. The role of a Trustee is to oversee the working of the Committee and the Association. The role includes deciding how to distribute any monies to members in the (unlikely) case of the Association winding down.

Other business

Members were asked to be aware of the cost of water which is a significant component of the Association's expenditures. The suggestion of getting a leak detection consultant in was mooted.

Chris Ives mentioned that he would be happy to organize the questions another quiz night if there was interest.