

# Capel St Mary Allotments Association

## Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

**Date:** Monday 17th April 2023

**Location:** Plotters' Retreat

**Present:** CH, GC, DS, TL, ML

### 1. Minutes of Exec meeting of Mon 17th October 2022

No matters arising

### 2. Chairman -CH

**AGM** – discussed final details. Weather permitting will be outside, if not in polytunnel – will be assessed on Sunday am at the work in. Angie/Di have co-ordinated food and drinks. Edie has organised raffle/draw prizes. **TS** confirmed all necessary paperwork in place. **CH** commented that usual bar cannot be used due to site work – **TS** to confirm with Angie/Dave that they will be ok to set up in Plotters retreat instead. Brief discussion on schedule of AGM took place.

Rent increases – **CH** mentioned that PC may want to increase - general discussion. **CH** will discuss at the MANCOM meeting following week and put together some draft figures to present at said meeting.

**CH** invited **DS** to MANCOM/site visit to stand in for **ML** who is unable to attend. **DS** accepted.

### 3. Treasurer & Membership – GC

Grand total cash	£11,076.21
Available cash	£9,041.71
Rotovator fund	£1,075.97
Site Maintenance	£2,040.75
Site Maintenance Budget	£2,241.00
Site Capital	£4.77
Ride-on mower fund	£5,528.00

Membership:-

Start of year ( Sept 22) 342

New members 15

Resigned - 32

Plus 3 honorary members

Hut sales to date £7,365.00

### 4. Site Manager – ML

Discussed new perimeter fencing installation that has commenced. Originally expected 4 - week completion but appears will take longer.

Drainage on site discussed esp for large polytunnel as flooding inside in parts of tunnel. **ML** asked if we could approach PC for funding. Agreed this would be discussed in MANCOM with PC.

All plots are let and we have a waiting list. Plots generally in good order – a couple of ploholders to be contacted by **ML**.

Brief discussion on jobs for work in on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **5. Hut – DS**

Sales are good – averaging £550.00/weekend. Compost is selling very well. Cost of all goods we offer in hut are increasing in price – **DS** is looking into other suppliers etc to keep prices competitive.

Cobra lawnmover to be serviced and petrol mower in shed is intermittent bad starting – **ML/DS** to look at. **DS** also mentioned that the newest electric lawnmower is not being cleaned after use – this will be monitored further.

Further discussion re peat ban – some conflicting info over when ban will begin for amateur gardeners. **TS** to contact RHS and NAS for clarification.

## **6. Secretary – TS**

Confirmed Banksian medal received.

Funding from SSALG for show still up in the air – next meeting is in June where question will be asked again.

## **7. AOB**

Beverly Dowsett is leading a presentation at Felixstowe Allotments Ass on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you for undertaking on behalf of Capel Allotments Ass.

Liaison areas discussed – new development road names and number of houses needed for the show flyers. **TS** will start to collate info.

Circulation: AA, DA, RB, GC, MD, CH, PH, ML, WR, DS, TS, SB and notice board.

Signed .....