

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 19.00

PRESENT: Christina Fox, Kim Tompsett, Mark Tompsett, Christine Charles, Crispin Harris, Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted (the meeting had been on-sight). Minutes to be kept in both Ealing Dean and Google folders.

2. Chairman's Report.

SECTION A

- Christina has created a number of documents to send with applications for help, grants, vouchers etc.
- ACTION POINT. There are one or two changes and clarifications in the constitution. When they are done Mark is going to post it on the web site.
- Christina reported on the Green Redeem scheme and is applying for Edas/Radbourne walk to be a possible beneficiary.
- Christina has already applied to the Mayor's scheme (Capital Clean up) for £1500 for Radbourne Walk stressing both the environmental and community benefits.
- Mr Steve Maxton has offered £250 and the Council a possible £1000.
- Wilkinsons (the hardware store) is offering sponsorship and vouchers. Christina is asking for vouchers for a Communal shed.

SECTION B

- The Communal Plot is an ongoing project. Diane has moved to 243 and Simon has really helped with overseeing that with lots of help from various people.
- The situation with the Community group is not clear as meetings have not been able to take place. Starting on a half plot may be a possibility? Christina and Christine are having a meeting with Pathways to try and clarify the situation.
- There is a tricky plot 230B which is very shaded and may be used by Bee Keepers. They are going to check that they are complying with Council regulations and there is one plot holder who needs to be contacted about any objections.

SECTION C

- Community Payback are providing 5-10 participants in the scheme every Thursday from 10th April.
- Simon is overseeing their planned work. They will have their own supervisor with them.

- The Church is providing them with toilet facilities and somewhere to eat lunch.

3. Treasurer's report.

Kim has been sorting out the bank account. It is due to be in place within the next few days although Kim thinks she might have to chase it up.

4. Secretary's report.

Christine has been going into Pathways to help with Allotment matters.

- New applications
- About 30 people had returned their agreements/payment by last Friday.
- Christine is filing in plot order to make things clearer.
- Cash day on Wednesday.

5. Maintenance Report.

Simon gave a very detailed report on works so far.

- Radbourne is transforming into a special space. Investment in time and care is paying off. It is bringing different groups of people together and becoming a wildlife haven and a pleasant place to walk.
- The top plot has been worked on by volunteers with a big input from Simon. Beds moved, trees cut down, beds dug. The soil is very good.
- Notice boards are painted and have been commented on by plot holders.
- Simon has had the opportunity to help several plot holders. This has helped them to see the possibilities of their plot and energised them.
- This fits in with the idea of helping/mentoring/supporting people who need it.
- Simon has mowed a section of the grass and cut some trees. The Council's tree surgeon is going to provide help/advice.

6. Action points on Other items for Discussion.

- Jon is chasing up documents and contacts on Asset of Community Value. He has discovered that a designated ACV does not provide protection against a Compulsory Purchase Order or being bought by a "School or Academy". Christina to ask questions at Ealing allotments
- Christine and Christina visited the Blondin site to look at their Composting toilet. Christine has pictures and the link to Nat Sol. Finance for their system would be 7-10K. EDAS could be the special elements and construct around them. To be continued.
- Paths to be "mown and maintained" with grass for the moment. Overseen by Simon. Asking for Volunteers for each section.
- Flexibility with non- cultivation. Christina is walking through the plots when she can and talking to people. Individual plans to be agreed with the

plot holders; help offered. If a non cultivation letter is issued that is with agreed timings and a sensible plan. Two letters is the maximum.

- Novice plots to be marked out.

7. A schedule of committee meeting dates to be worked out based on the second Monday/Tuesday in the month.