

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 19.30

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins. Christina Fox, Kim Thompsett and Christine Charles

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted and the following are points arising.

- Jon is going to set up a new sim for the Allotment Phone
- Simon is going to buy the letterbox for the Main Gate
- The Newsletter is completed
- Jon is going to the "Lock" shop to see if we can synchronise the replaced lock.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Christina and Simon were invited to go to the City Hall to speak about the Radbourne Walk project.

- We did not win the voucher but we came second
- Our Stag Beetle Blog was the most visited.
- 9 groups spoke

Christina went to a day organised by the Eden Project. (The Big Lunch)

- There were attendees from different parts of the country
- The Finance Doctor was very informative about matched funding. If we keep a record of our Volunteers on the special days we can use them as evidence of Skill Bank and resources to use those as offset against funding.
- The "Bee Man" gave Christina a list of organisations who donate to projects and also get involved matching groups to corporate volunteers.
- Christina will work through all the above groups web-sites.
- EDAS has been signed up for Capital Growth/Sustain
- Dulux donate paint to non-profit/charity groups.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Kim had a copy of the RHS Affiliated Society Certificate

The Bank Account has £2985.98p in it

- Simon has some expenses to be re-imbursed
- Jon has some web-site details and payments

- Christina has some expenses to prepare over the next few weeks
- The second portion of Pathways money has to arrive. (25%)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Christine is continuing to check any Communications coming in to Pathways. Preparations for the AGM agenda etc.

MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATES

- Radbourne Walk day was very successful. Strimming, Tilling, planting of bulbs. Some people stayed all day.
- The shed has been completed and fitted out.
- Over the Winter the machines are going to be stored off site.
- Simon has turned off the water. He wants to check the figures from the water metres to see the extent of leaks.
- Simon will decide which Volunteer days will be "Allotment" and which "Radbourne Walk"
- 6th December will be the next Volunteer day.

JON'S REPORT

- Jon has been eliminating Spam. The "web stats" are now more genuine.
- The allowance on the web-site has run into problems with photos. Jon is sorting this and looking at a new host. He and Simon are going to look at the "size" of the photos
- Jon is going to create a new e-mail for Christina

DISCUSSION POINTS.

Ealing Council Grant

- We have been asked to think big and long term rather than just for the next year
- Christina went to the Walpole Ward Forum Meeting
- Christina has filled in the forms as far as she can. Gareth was positive although he could not move the form forward.
- We need some consultation with an opportunity for both the plot-holders and the residents of Loveday Road to contribute. What would they like?
- Space Hive messages on the web
- Christina to design "Business cards" for the work of Edas and the Radbourne Walk project.

Volunteering page on website.

We discussed the merits of a donation page for Radbourne for people who wanted to help but may not have the time.

- We discussed the merits of Paypal
- We are only expecting a few small donations so " What does it buy" should be in the £5 bracket. (seeds, tools etc)

THE PLOTS

- Christine is going to write to Karen for clarification of what is happening on the plot re the shared path and rubble on the site.
- We need a maintenance plot to store prunings, cuttings and clippings and a place to burn them that is away from houses and near a committee plot so it can be overseen. We no longer need 243 c as a maintenance plot. Therefore, that can be let. The shed from 243 will be moved to the pump area on 229. 170 b will become the Maintenance plot.
- 241 needs to be looked at because its path has been taken over by a hedge.

IDEAS

- Composting toilet
- Rambling roses for the gates
- Water pipe repairs
- Pumps for the wells
- Signage for EDAS
- A banner for open days with a replaceable/changeable date.

AGM

- SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2015 7.30

The next meeting will be November 11th. 7.30 at "Wilkins Towers."