

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. 8TH MARCH 19.30

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Jon Wilkins. Christina Fox , Paul McConnell and Kim Tompsett

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Christine Charles

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- **ACTION POINT: AERIAL PHOTO behind glass. Kim had some frames.**
- **ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE: waiting for Pathways response.**
- **ACTION POINT: ONE PAGE SUMMARY OF PAUL'S DOCUMENT FOR COUNCILLORS. CHRISTINA TO ADD A SECTION AT THE END.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Plots rented out: Pathways has instructed us not to rent out any plots at the moment.	Plots available: Plot 152B Plot 217A Plot 227
Waiting list >>> 72 people Person at the top of the list joined in October 2014	

I have been invited to speak of the Loveday Road AGM on Tuesday 14th March.

I have also been invited to speak at the Walpole ward forum – to give them an update. They have also invited Pathways to speak too. (Monday 27th March)

Emailed Pathways (23 Feb) the quote for tree pruning by Kevin at Wildwood. Resent again on 8 March. No response yet.

Handed out around half of our bird boxes and feeders over the volunteer weekend. I have left all the remaining in the shed on plot 178 for people to help themselves. I will email a reminder to make sure as many ploholders as possible put up the feeders or a bird box.

I have emailed all the people on the waiting list to join our gardening club and arranged to meet with them next weekend.

The application for asset of community value has been delayed in order to give Pathways more time to respond “as a courtesy”. Hopefully we should have news about the application very soon.

Craig has done a huge amount of work in finding us a direct access barrister. Today I completed the paperwork to engage the barrister on our behalf.

ACTION POINT :

- GARDENING CLUB Contacting people at the top of the list to see if they want some practice with a section of a plot.
- Bird boxes are being distributed.

MAINTENANCE

The volunteer day was very well attended this month. Eighteen people turned up and we prepared plot 227 ready for pumpkins for the open day. The compost bins by the Mattock Lane gate were turned and Sim thinned

out the willow trees which are growing back vigourously after their pollarding last year.

Simon has started making the new notice boards for the gates. Two of the notice boards will be A3 size. So, Simon has asked if we would buy an A3 laminator.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- £2815.58 in the bank account including Bird Boxes
- Everything completing over the next weeks for the audit

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Ongoing)

- Fund raising Bank Account has £5981.32p
- Ongoing process to check plot holders contact details are correct
- The TAWNEY CLOSE address will be the best one for Pathways as they are moving at some point.

JON'S REPORT

- 2,300 have signed the petition; 700 in Ealing.
- Calendar being created including volunteer days and possible skip days.

SECTION B POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

BONFIRES

- SUMMER MONTHS NO BONFIRES
- **CRISPIN TO CREATE FORM OF WORDS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO PLAY WITH**

AGM PREPARATION

- Paper copies. Christine to sign
- Crispin to photocopy the rest.
- Post Box on the Allotment by the Communal shed.
- Christina to organise envelopes and postage.

LETTER WRITING TO HOUSE OF LORDS

ACTION POINT: Ian to use interest in allotments as a PR article?

AOB

OPEN DAY PLANNING.

NEXT MEETING **12TH APRIL**