

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. 12TH APRIL 19.30

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Christina Fox, Paul McConnell, Christine Charles and Kim Tompsett

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jon Wilkins

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- **"ACTION POINT: ONE PAGE SUMMARY OF PAUL'S DOCUMENT FOR COUNCILLORS. CHRISTINA TO ADD A SECTION AT THE END. " CRISPIN TO DO SUMMARY**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Asset of Community Value. All completed and a Press Release has gone out.
- Christina went to Loveday Road Residents Association to update them about the allotments.
- Christina went and spoke at the Ealing Ward Forum. There were several allotment holders there. Christina spoke and was well received. There was a lawyer there who could offer some pro bono advice.
- Christina also spoke at a Labour Party Meeting. There was a person strongly pro the development because of the social housing aspect but there was also some support.
- Clive Wilson is leaving Pathways and Christina is hoping for some more information at the next Quarterly Meeting which is due.

MAINTENANCE

In the storm a tree came down and Kevin has also pollarded and lifted the canopy of two trees in Radbourne Walk. Volunteer day continued to clear rubbish.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- £2815.58 in the bank account as the End of Year Figure for the audit.
- Fund raising Bank Account has £5981.32p

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Nominations for AGM committee are in
- Christina, Christine, Jon, Paul, Crispin are re-standing
- Lucan and Alix are new nominations
- Eat Me Drink Me in Northfields on the 3rd Saturday in the month have asked if Edas would like a presence.

WEBSITE

- Jon has analysed the 2800 names on the petition and 1070 are Ealing residents.

SECTION B POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

AGM PREPARATION

- Nominations in (see above)
- Thursday 25th May. Check date in The Forresters
- 4th May. Notifications
- Reports and Audited Figures
- List of nominations and warning people they may have to speak
- **Christine is sending figures to Paul**

BONFIRES

- SUMMER MONTHS NO BONFIRES
- **As in Item 2 T in the Agreement, Bonfires are at the discretion of the committee in exceptional circumstances. (e.g for the bee-keepers who have to burn diseased combs)**

VACANT PLOTS

- These are being looked after by caretakers and the Gardening Club volunteers. We are getting to the point where there are enough vacant plots to move people if we have to

METAL RE-CYCLING

Because there are items in the re-cycling that have obviously been brought onto the site we are going to discontinue the facility.

We still have some asbestos on the site which will have to be professionally dealt with.

SUNFLOWERS AND PUMPKINS

- We will run the sunflower competition again
- We will add a pumpkin growing one as well in connection with the Halloween event.

BARRISTERS LETTER

- The Barrister will right a letter to Pathways
- Paul is going to e-mail a list of comments and questions to the legal team

NO FEAR GARDENING

- This is the running of events and talks to introduce gardening to new horticulturalists.
- We all thought it was a good idea but not at the moment.

BATS

- A bat survey will be undertaken by Patrick

WATER

Because of the dry conditions we will turn the water on earlier and taking the readings

NEXT MEETING **10TH MAY**