

Millfield Allotments Association

6th AGM November Fri 9th 2007 7:30pm
At the Age Concern Hall, Faversham

Minutes

1. Present : Sandra Todd (Chair), Carol Bullen (Treasurer), Matt Care (Secretary), Alan Stanford (Site warden), Rob Longman (Seed Secretary) plus 16 Members of Millfield Allotments Association
2. Apologies were received from Gordon and Shirley Bullock, Nick Gurr and Tim Hopper
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: These were accepted as a true and fair representation of the previous AGM and signed off by the Chairman and Secretary
4. Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising

5. Chairman's report (Sandra Todd):

A full transcription of this is available on file, but main points are as follows

- Social events were listed
- ST described the "Best Allotment" competition, which was deferred to the 2008 season
- Break ins and thefts, plus the recovery of the rotovator
- ST will act as a fully confidential "whistle-blower" point should anyone wish to report criminal or antisocial behaviour on site
- Sale of the "aerial" plot, high price set by Swale Housing. This plot has now been bought by a local resident
- Toilet-building plans are progressing
- Certificate of Excellence from South and South-East in Bloom
- Anonymous donor continues to subscribe to Wildlife Trust on behalf of MAA
- ST thanked all volunteers who join in on work days, but also who work quietly on their own for the good of the site public areas
- ST thanked the Committee for their efforts
- MC returned this on behalf of all plot holders, thanking ST for her continued efforts

ST then described the Toilet build in more detail. The architect had contacted the Environment Agency. This was a legal requirement as we had asked for septic tanks – it is necessary to obtain quotes for piped sewerage connected to the appropriate works with any necessary pumping facility

6. Financial Report (Carol Bullen): A set of audited accounts were presented by CB who drew attention to the following points

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| • Income | £1363.32 |
| • Expenditure | £717.42 |

- Total reserves at Nov 2007 £1810.99
- A full set of accounts was submitted and is on file

CB noted that pressure of other commitments may lead her to step down as Treasurer and asked that anyone interested in taking over give their name to the Committee

She further noted that the Auditor used up till now will not be available by November 2008 and that therefore the MAA will need to find another Auditor

7. **Approval of Accounts** : These were approved unanimously
8. **(Re)-Election of Committee**: The existing Committee were re-elected unanimously. A vote of thanks to the Committee was proposed and seconded
9. **Key Money**. AS noted that the key money cash in hand was unchanged from 2006, being £30 plus 4 keys

Any Other Business (and Open Forum)

- AS noted that with scrap metal prices very high, there is increased risk of theft from the site. He asked all plot holders to remain vigilant for suspicious behaviour
- MC noted that the site Waiting List had now grown to 22 names – probably at least a 3 year wait now.
- There was a brief discussion of the “back” (Northern) entrance – whether to keep this open with a locked gate, or close it off all together. The consensus was to leave it open via a locked gate, but possibly via a new key which would be given out only to the limited number of users of that route. It is felt that the “top gate” (South West entrance) key has now been in use for many years and many copies of the key have been passed from ex-tenants to persons who have no proper right to own one.
- Several Water taps need replacement collars

Closure of meeting. The meeting was closed at 20.10pm for refreshments and the raffle

Year 2006/7 Committee, now approved to continue into 2007/8

- Sandra Todd (Chair)
- Carol Bullen (Treasurer)
- Matt Care (Secretary)
- Alan Stanford (Site Warden)
- Rob Longman (Seed Secretary and Container Key Holder)
- Priscilla Toop, Nick Gurr (Container Key Holder)