

## MILLFIELD ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the old St. Johns Ambulance Hall,  
Faversham

PRESENT: Sandra Todd (Chair), Graham and Sheila Lennox (Secretary), Pauline Miles (Treasurer) plus 15 members.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Siobhan and Robert Timoney, Ann Morris and Carol Ratcliffe

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM: The Minutes of the AGM held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING: With reference to item 2, the provision of bays by the railway line had not been completed in this year's improvements.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: ST presented her report for the year.

- The new system of taking 'clean-up' deposit of £20 from new tenants and a higher key deposit of £20 has been working well.
- Winter maintenance last year included cutting back of trees on the boundary of an allotment plot with a neighbouring garden. The neighbour was consulted on this - maintaining good relationships with adjoining neighbours is important to us. Fencing repairs were also carried out.
- The social calendar was enjoyable. The Open Day and Halloween bonfire was enjoyed by members. ST congratulated Wendy and Glen Scott for their hard work in coming first in Faversham Best Plot as well as our own Peoples' Choice Best Plot.
- Millfield Allotments was part of Faversham Town's entry in South & South East in Bloom which won Gold. In the RHS Its Your Neighbourhood competition we dropped from 5 the top mark to 4.
- Planning consent has been obtained for the social building and we need to raise a further £4000.
- We experienced a break in via a hole being cut in the fence. ST thanked Mike (Plot 22) for repairs and Kevin and Derek (plot 8) for their work.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS: PM presented her audited accounts. (copy with Minutes)

- Income for 2015 included grants for the community building of £4500 and for the raised bed of £200. £192 was made from sale of gates. The commission from the annual seed order was £73.
- Income for the year totalled £8133.14
- In expenditure planning costs for the community shed totalled £895. Planning consent lasts 3 years.
- Expenditure for the year totalled £2956.72, giving a surplus of income over expenditure of £5176.42.

- The balance in the bank at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 is £9483.83

The members approved the accounts.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Officers confirmed that they were willing to stand for re-election and their being no other nominations it was unanimously agreed that the officers be re-elected.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) A different format is proposed for Open Day next year. It is the site's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we will theme the Open Day around that. It is proposed to combine the Open Day with the Scarecrow Competition which will provide more interest for visitors to the site. We will have this event on a Sunday. There was discussion around more advertising needed as well as volunteers.

b) Dan Frings thanked the Committee for their hard work over the year.

Meeting closed at 19.55 p.m.