

## MILLFIELD ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Social Building, Millfield Allotments

PRESENT: Sandra Todd (Chair), Graham & Sheila Lennox (Secretary), Pauline Miles (Treasurer) plus 14 members

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Adams, Peter Adams, Mike Callaway, Dave Fulbrooke, Viorela Migliorina, Gill & Mike Barnes-Webb.

### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved (proposer Jude Garland seconder Hazel Burford) and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising:

a) With reference to item 5a Faversham Town Council were approached regarding the times for lighting bonfires and in the winter months (October – March) this is now permissible from 1 p.m.. Outside of these months bonfires can be lit at 3 p.m.

b) With reference to item 5b) the asbestos on the building on the Amicus Horizon TV mast plot has been removed and renovation works have been completed.

### 2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Sandra welcomed members and presented her report.

- Millfield has enjoyed a full list of events this year starting with a talk on plant feeds in the Social Building. The weather for the ploholders barbeque was good – thanks to Roly Burford for being such a good chef at this and on Open Day. We had a coffee morning in July which was not well attended - we aim to involve the local community in this sort of event in future. Sandra thanked everyone who helped at our Open Day which was very successful and we welcomed the Mayor to judge the scarecrow competition. More good food was enjoyed at our Halloween Bonfire and the winner of the largest pumpkin competition was Julia (plot 1a) whose pumpkin was 6 inches larger than the next contender.
- Jude Garland won Faversham Town best plot competition and our own Peoples Choice competition was won by Mike & Gill Barnes-Webb.
- In RHS Its Your Neighbourhood competition we won top marks. The allotment site was entered in Wild about Gardens run by Kent Wildlife Trust and we improved on last year to gain a Silver Gilt and we helped Faversham Town retain its gold as part of the entry in SE in Bloom. Well done to Pete Bullen who looks after our bees and tends the wildlife garden with his wife Carol.
- Well done to the tenants of plots 4a and 47a on clearing their plots and bringing them up to such a high standard this year, and the new tenants on plots 43a and 43b who took over a mess and have cleared their plots ready for next year.
- Sandra thanked the Committee and all ploholders who help out on site.

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT – Pauline presented the audited accounts (copy filed with the Minutes). Main points of note are:

- Income for the year was £11,157.36. This included a grant of £8000 for the Social Building.
- Income from ploholders' rents was £1577.25

- Income from Open Day and fund raising events was £478.31, with costs being £102.91.
- Honey sales raised £161 and the expenditure by the beekeeper was £19.04 – the bees are self-financing.
- Total expenditure for the year was £9330.
- Expenditure on the Social Building was £2000 repayment of a loan, £5105 building costs and £70 purchase of a wheelchair ramp.
- The bill for water was £715.46 which is an increase on the previous year
- The balance in the bank at 31.10.18 is £3680.40

#### 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Officers confirmed that they were willing to stand for re-election and there being no other nominations they were re-elected. (Proposer Jude Garland, Seconder Terry Cheesman)

#### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Car Park – the car park currently has piles of leaves, woodchip and top soil which are encroaching and this means there is less room for parking. The latest pile of leaves could be pushed back nearer the fence (ST to ask the contractor to do this). We may also have a work party to tidy up the area.

b) The rules regarding allocation of second plots were clarified by Graham - if a tenant with a half plot is working it well and requests another half they are allocated it without having to go on the waiting list.

c) It was clarified that the First Aid Kit is kept in an enclosed container in the toilet. There is a notice up stating this but it was felt to be helpful if another notice was put up on the site.

d) Plotholders are reminded that it is prudent to have a bucket of water nearby when having a bonfire, especially when it is very dry in summer. We do not want fires to spread to surrounding land. GL to produce a poster.

e) Offers of help on work parties are always appreciated and thanks go to plotholders who have helped out with particular skills, particularly Jeff Forsyth with plumbing jobs.

The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m