

GRENFELL ROAD ALLOTMENTS

APRIL 22 MEETING

April 22

Location: Grenfell road allotments

Date: 24/4/22

Time: 10:30

Attendees:

Agenda Items

1. Self Management
2. Health and safety
3. Finance
4. Site and plots
5. Shop
6. Projects
7. AOB

1. Self-management;

Meeting held by NWAA late 2021 and it was voted and duly passed to release Grenfell road allotments to go self-managed, In another meeting the treasurer of NWAA offered us £2000 (a years rent) as part of the NWAA pot, this was refused and requested the money should be divided by the amount of plots each site has, which eventually was agreed and we got £4735.00.

Now we are self-managed we are responsible for the cost of running the site which is insurance-water bills-maintenance, NSALG etc all to come out of rent collected.

After lots of meetings and conversations, the council have finally put in writing all the requirements we set out, we are just awaiting the final draft of the lease which will be signed. Questions?

2. Health and Safety

The trees at the back of the site are due to be totally removed, a meeting was had with the local councilors who are putting pressure on the council to get the job done ASAP. The bridges are going to be assessed and a weight limit applied to them. The Fence running alongside the school is due to be done at any time. The brook has been dredged which did cause some upset but this needs to be done and the dredging's will go on the opposite bank so any wild life can return to the brook. The new toilet block is expected this year but we are not holding our breath though the council were on site in March assessing. Questions?

3. Finance

Rent collected £2421

Self management payout £4745.00

Money in bank £9155 as of 23/04/22

Questions?

4. Site and Plots

Currently there re no plots available and 10 on the waiting list, we have several new plot holders with differing levels of knowledge so please offer help if requested. There has been several requests for skips which can be provided but needs to be remembered that the money comes out of the rent so 4 skips a year would be £740 which would be 38% of current rent collected, we could increase the rent to cover this if plot holders requested it, Clearing and maintenance of plots is down to the individual plot holders, the plot is taken on as it is seen and a suitable timeframe given to get it to a decent standard. Mowing around the site will start shortly, herbicides are allowed but they must be friendly to insects especially as we are now keeping bees on site. Two water points have been repaired with one left to do, we may need harder wearing taps... several plot holders have started storing rubbish/metal next to the roads please refrain from doing this as it is a tripping hazard looks unsightly and could cause punctures. Questions?

5. Shop

Fertilizer prices are starting to increase in price and are going to continue for the foreseeable future, we have a good stock in the shop at the cheaper price but will not last forever. Canes have already gone up considerably (40%) which has to be passed on.

We would like someone else to help out in the shop so we can open on a more regular basis so if you are interested let me know. Questions?

6. Projects

We received 420 trees/bushes from the woodland trust which 80% have been planted around the site, we still have a lot left that needs planting at the back of the brook and anywhere else we think appropriate ideas and help planting appreciated. Crowd fund- we still have £ left to spend on the bees and crafts the orchard now is virtually complete just time required, there were a few trees lost but these were replaced with the trees provided by the woodland trust, we have planted over 200 whitethorn bushes around the apiary which seem to have all taken off and also Elder Rowan Dogrose Hazel, and willow planted, there are items left that need to be purchased for extraction of the honey but we need your help with crafts what would you like to do on site? candle making-flower arranging- ideas are welcome it would also be useful if someone could lead the craft side of the site to hopefully include craft days, open days, BBQ's etc. Pebble fund- this was for £2100 which was specifically for 2 new hives and 2 colonies of bees, the hives were purchased in late 2021 and the 2 colonies were collected from Coventry on 21/04/22 and £900 for trees / Bushes, due to the Woodland trust grant we will not need to use the full £900 so can use it for items requested in the original application. I will be applying shortly for a grant to repair the large polytunnel and bring it into use to generate some more revenue for the site.

7. AOB

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