

## **COTTONMILL AND NUNNERY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 The White Lion, Sopwell Lane, St Albans**

#### **PRESENT:**

Keith Reynolds (Chairman)  
Terry Beckett (Cottonmill Plot Officer, Treasurer)  
Janet Wyatt (Secretary)  
Jane Ridge (Nunnery Site Representative)  
Michelle Mackenzie (Facebook Administrator, Cottonmill Site Representative)  
Erica Weindorf (Project Officer)

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Maria Jose Martin (Sopwell Site Representative)  
Juliet Foxwell (Website Developer & Administrator)  
Jane Fookes (Newsletter Editor) (JFk)  
Paul Littlewood (Ver Project Sub-group)  
Helen Littlewood (Ver Project Sub-group)

### **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting on 7th August 2018 were agreed as an accurate record with one amendment under AOB. These will now be placed on the CNAAs website.

### **2. ACTION UPDATE and MATTERS ARISING**

The entry numbers to the Summer Show were less than in the previous year but it was agreed that the growing conditions had been difficult and it was not necessarily due to the change of date. The cup presentation is to be at Aylett's on 19th January 2019 at 10-00. Discount vouchers will be given out to those attending. When JW sends out a message to members about this event she will also ask for feedback on the change to the date of the Summer Show to see what opinions are expressed by members. **Action - JW**

### **3. REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

This will be circulated by email to the Committee when it has been updated.

#### **Membership**

At the time of the meeting the membership was 106 including one life member. Cottonmill has 63 members, Nunnery 1 has 14, Nunnery 2 has 22 and Sopwell has 7 members.

### **Cottonmill**

There are 6 vacancies and 12 on the waiting list.

### **Nunnery**

There are three vacancies on Nunnery 1 and 2. No waiting list figures available.

### **Sopwell**

No report available.

### **Communications.**

- The Committee thanked JFk for an excellent Summer Newsletter.
- JFx has informed the Committee that she is moving to an allotment site outside of CNAA and will be unable to continue to support the website. The Committee is actively seeking a website administrator to maintain the website.

## **4. AUTUMN FESTIVAL**

- The Sub-aqua Club has been booked from 13-00 on 28th October and the Festival will start at 14-00. The competitions will be:
  - Largest pumpkin
  - Best carved pumpkin
  - Sweet produce
  - Savoury produce
  - Best gourd e.g. squash, marrows, pumpkins
  - Fancy dress-halloween themed

There will be a free plastic propagator for entrants whilst stocks last.

- Some snacks will be provided and members given the opportunity to bring along produce to share.
- Surplus produce will be offered for sale.
- This event will be advertised through email, Facebook and website.  
**Action-MM to draft text to be used.**

## **5. RIVER VER AND VERULAMIUM LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

- KR is waiting for a date for a meeting of representatives of the Ver Project Sub-group with Liam Dennis (Environment Agency) and Dan Flitton (SADC) to ask for answers to CNAA's position statement and discuss other issues surrounding this project. When this has been arranged the Ver Project Sub-group will meet to prepare for the meeting with EA and SADC. **Action-KR to press for meeting date.**

- KR had an informal meeting with Frances Leonard (SADC portfolio holder for the Environment) at Cottonmill and took the opportunity to set out CNAAs position on the Ver Project proposals and show her why CNAAs is raising concerns and issues with SADC.
- CNAAs has been alerted to a meeting of the District Council Community, Environment and Sport Scrutiny Committee to discuss the River Ver Project. This meeting is to be held on 31 October 2018 at 7.00pm at the Council offices and Committee members will attend if possible.

## **6. COMPOST**

- Delivery planned for 9th October and TB will send out an email to those who have placed an order. **Action TB**
- JW/KR will supervise at Cottonmill, JR will supervise at Nunnery and KR will attend at Sopwell. **Action-TB** will provide contact details of JW/KR and JR to Aylett's and ask for them to be contacted directly.

## **AOB**

The BBQ equipment held on Cottonmill is to be used by Nunnery 2 and JR will supervise its transportation and storage at Nunnery.

## **NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged by email for end of the year or early next year.

## **Action Summary**

- JW-Send email about cup presentation and ask for feedback on change of date for 2018 Summer Show.
- TB-email to members who ordered compost about delivery date and to send contact details for those attending sites on the day to Aylett's.
- MM-Draft text for advertising Autumn Festival and circulate for inclusion in website, Facebook and email list.
- KR-follow-up on date for meeting with SADC and EA.



