

## **SMAA Meeting Minutes from 12 October 2022 held at the Hub Middletown Allotments 5.30pm**

### **Welcome and apologies:**

Present: Ann Holmes, Angie Hayes, Marissa Marquez, Jeff Harrison

Apologies: Mags Allen, Dale Wilkinson, Derek Breckon, Christine Jackson, Breda Cullen, Richard Annable

### **Minutes from 31 Aug 2022 and matters arising**

Pallets: nearly all pallets were taken from the swap corner. SMAA could let the tenants know that the supply of pallets is down to SMAA and their approach to Dale and Mark (STC). A notice suggested by Marissa.(see later minutes about pallets)

Angie and Jeff have yet to make an arrangement to visit Settle allotments composting toilet  
Angie Will contact Alice community safety officer to arrange a CPR presentation

Gazebo has been purchased and stored in the Hub.

### **Treasurer's report:**

£855.93 in the bank. This includes cheques for £278 for Kings Seeds so with commission we have in the region £600

### **Secretary's Report:**

There are now 33 Association Members. The number includes members who have joined again.

There are 147 plots.

Seed orders info from Mags was read out. Orders and cheques payable to SMAA by Friday 14 October

### **Social Secretary's Report:**

The Open afternoon and produce sale was held on 10 September. We used the new gazebo which held off the non-existent rain. Thanks to all who gave sweets, cakes and sandwiches. Etc. Thanks to Marissa for her art class and lovely photos of the event. Thanks to all who donated excess allotment produce.

There was some comments on FB about 'selling' surplus produce and this was not allowed as stated in the Tenancy Agreement. In article 5 of the new Tenancy Agreement it states '*The tenant shall not sell or undertake in respect of the cultivation and production of fruit, vegetables, eggs and flowers in the Allotment Garden*' SMAA need to know how this rule impacts on fund-raising activities involving produce. Ann said she will find out.

No details of future fun-raising were talked about but it was suggested that members gather raffle items for the future.

Ideas for fund-raising for purchasing a strimmer and rotovator which items could be lent to members to help with clearing and digging new plots. The risk of security would be an issue with storing such expensive items. Jeff will look into the cost of insurance for such items.

Richard mentioned acquiring a generator at the last meeting. The committee need more info. Angie to contact Alice for advice on what should be the contents of a First Aid box as well as well as arranging a CPR talk

### **Skipton Town Council Links and Issues**

Dale was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report:

*The poultry issue. The tenants of plots 108 have now been evicted and have taken the chickens.*

*The escaping chickens from the plots next to the Bee Wood are being spoken to at the moment.*

*There is an on going search for pallets and I see some are being delivered to the site.*

Ann suggested that it is a real advantage to have Dale at our meetings so that we are kept in touch with STC. It would be a good idea to have a meeting in November specifically for Dale. I said I would ask Mags to try and arrange such a meeting with Dale at any time which suits him.

The new Tenancy Agreement has been received and has been reduced to two sides of A4. In it (7c) the numbers and types of livestock allowed is described.

Dale will continue his search for pallets. Angie noticed a large number of pallets at the back of Keelham Farm Shop. Jeff said he would go along and ask about them.

**Hub:**

Jeff reported that 4 of the 6 manure bags have sold.

8 of the 12 compost bags have sold.

Jeff would like to take on the buying and selling of manure and compost and those of us at the meeting agreed.

We are allowed to sell to members.

The meeting concluded at 6.25pm

November meeting specifically with Dale to be arranged.

The next general Committee meeting 1st February 2023