

Skipton Middletown Allotment Association

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 15th March, 2023, 6pm The Hub

Present:, Angie Hayes, Richard Hardisty, Christine Jackson, Ann Holmes, Jeff Harrison, Derek Breckon, Mags Allen, Breda Cullen **Apologies** Jette Howard, David Snell, Deborah Hennessey

Matters arising from October meeting minutes :

- Mags obtained accounts from October to current time from STC – see later discussion
- CCTV – we have info from NSALG if we need it. This explains what we could do if we needed to. But in light of information that arrests have been made we decided we don't need to look into this further at the moment.
- Mags has passed info about insurance to Dale and Emma to circulate
- Mags has passed on minutes to Emma at STC.

Treasurer report:

- we have £673 in the bank, the only outgoing due at the moment is the shed insurance due in May. We decided to look into getting more compost / manure which we can ask suggested donations for. **Mags to check cost and possible delivery of NY Council compost which we think is still available.**

Secretary Report: -

- We now have 36 members.

Social Secretary Report:

- **Toilet:** there have been a few questions from STC and neighbouring plots about viability of toilet. Maria, who Angie to make a presentation to STC. General discussion about pros and cons.
- **CPR and First Aid talk and demonstration** – disappointingly there were only 2 people who came to this.
- **Leaflet about SMAA** – Angie would like to look into getting some colourful leaflets printed for SMAA. **Mags to let Angie have some wording for this.**

Skipton Town Council links and issues:

- Work has started on the council area which will house manure, chippings etc.
- We have now got allotment income/expenditure so far from October 2022, but these don't include salary, insurance or postage costs. Derek queried why pollarding conifer trees is an allotment cost as they were originally planted on the allotments in error by the council. **Mags to raise with STC.** We need full year's income/expenditure to make proper assessment.
- Public Services committee meetings 13/4/23 – **Deborah Derek and Jeff going**
- Dale was unable to come to the meeting. **Mags to ask Dale if quarterly meetings can be set up to ensure liaison continues. Jeff and Ann could go.**
- Breda asked about getting rubbish away from plots on far side of Khyber Pass – the bins are too small and a lot of rubbish is just left there. **Mags to raise with STC. Also to check if there are any skips planned for this year.**
- **Mags to forward minutes to Emma for council website.**

Hub:

- DOT marking – Friday 24th March 10 -12pm. This is being run by STC from the Hub. **Mags to open up, Jeff to close up**
- Rota – we are putting together this year's Saturday morning rota. Please sign up for any spaces you can do!! We've got most Saturdays covered now – thanks everyone! **There's a few spaces left so it'd be great to have a few more volunteers – please get in touch if you're interested.**
- OPEN AFTERNOON – Sunday 23rd April – meeting beforehand to plan

AOB:

There was no AOB

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th April, 6pm at the Hub