

Minutes from GAF meeting Thursday January 11th 2018 in the Garnethill Multicultural Centre, Rose st. at 7pm

Present: Iain Sutherland **IS** (Treasurer), Judy Wilkinson **JW** (Communications Secretary), Cllr Martha Wardrop, Ward Somerville (Beechwood), Liz MacKinlay (New Victoria Gardens), Jan MacDonald **JM** (Mansewood), Celia Bonner (SWAA) , Nigel Johnstone **NJ**(KAA), Alison Gardner (KAA), Eddie Simpson (High carntyne), Amanda Robertson (Westthorn), Duncan Shearer (westthorn), John Harvey (Westthorn).

Apologies: Jenny Reeves **JR**(Chair), Cllr Anna Richardson, Jane Sillars (Westthorn), Brian Timms (Westthorn), Hannah Connelly (Croftburn), Barbara Orton (Craigpark), Sarah Henry (Hamiltonhill), Patricia Peters (SWAA), Ian Welsh (Berridale and SAGS), Doreen Grainger (SWAA) , Marie MacFarlane (SWAA), Alister Smith (Croftburn), Euan Ross (Oatlands Leisure Gardens), Sandy Paterson AP (Allotments Officer)

Discussion: New Development Awards for Allotment sites (ADA) - 3 of £500

The proposals for ADA was welcomed. It was agreed that the purpose and the criteria from the previous SASA was good.

Changes were made to the timetable with presentations on **Thursday 19th April** and expressions of interest to be made by **April 12th**. The awards could be for new projects or part of a continuing larger project. would be given after the vote. Presentation of Outcomes will be at the Celebration of Allotments in 2019. Open to any Allotment Association in Glasgow.

Action and Attachment: Disseminate updated current information with minute (**JW**). Poster and publicity for working group in February (**JR**)

Insurance for sites: Question about public liability insurance for Events if get Award:

Attachment: note from Jan MacDonald from earlier GAF minutes

Action: (i) Cll Wardrop to ask for clarification from LES about responsibility and cover as landlord and what sites need in way of insurance.

(ii) GAF meeting in May to include presentation from sites on what they have at moment and any claims ever experienced. **JW** to organise.

Business meeting:

1. **Minutes of meeting:** Sept 7th 2017 and matters arising from AGM November 2nd 2017

Apologies that these had not been circulated - available on request from secretary. In future minutes will sent out to all on GAF mailing list. **Action: JW**

2. **Allotment Officer's report** - This was only received at 16.05 on 11/01/2018 so there was not time to make copies for meeting in Sandy's absence.

Items highlighted on a quick read - any other questions please email secretary.

(i) Waste management: clarification on what and when skips are available for sites. Where cage with only wood is sent. **Action AP:**

Cllr Wardrop: ask whether brown bins could be available for sites (including private sites) - not all plants can be composted (e.g weeds and diseased plants). May need to be agreement about collection.

(ii) St Mungo's trophy - who is on the working group? **Action AP**

(iii) Allotment Strategy Development & Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 - please send the reports of the Consultations to secretary for circulation to GAF members **Action AP/ JW**

Further discussion arising from report: How to engage with those on the waiting list to involve them in obtaining and creating new sites. Volunteers in GAF and SAGS cannot undertake this alone. NJ suggested that champions should be sought through the waiting list contacts.

Action: Cllr Wardrop to raise support with GCC. **JW** to invite **NJ** meet with SAGS

3. Arrangements for Potato Day Sunday Feb 18th 2018 -

Jan MacDonald asked for volunteers to help- need to contact her asp so she can organise the day jan.lynne2303@gmail.com

Poster and further information will be circulated soon.

Action: JM

Jan also brought a draft poster about why we should buy seed potatoes and not save tubers or plant those from super markets

Attachment is the final version from SAGS and John Marshall. Further fact sheet is planned.

Action: PLEASE disseminate to all your plot-holders.

4. Calendar of Events for 2018 -

March 8th : Bees- presentations and discussion from those with bees on site

April 19th: Allotment Development Awards (£500) - presentations

May 3rd: Year of Young People - Examples and discussion of family friendly events that happen on our sites, links with schools and visioning for how young people can be involved in allotments and growing.

July 5th : Successful funding bids plus Insurance and responsibilities Council: Reports from sites who have received external funding, presentations from different sites who have insurance and advice from LES - **AP** invited to attend.

September 6th: Duties of local authorities including Rules and Regulations for Allotments:

Update and discussion. **AP** invited to attend.

August and September - Open days. **Action All:** please send details to secretary and visits will be arranged.

October: Celebration Allotments

November 8th AGM

Action: Talks and Events organised by committee and helpers: **JR, JW, IS, JM**

5. SAGS report -

(i) Resilient Allotment Communities Grant - 16 packages of tools worth up to £1000 - for Allotment Associations to hold for new plot-holders. Details of application to be circulated soon.

(ii) Guide to Governance and Harmony on Allotments - to be launched at Annual Allotments Conference June 16th

(iii) Scottish Government Guidance for local authorities - consultation soon.

6. Website update - postponed to next meeting **JR**

7. A.O.B.

(i) Banners - Emily Chappell designing two banners for GAF

(ii) War and Peas - Hannah's programme Face book: War and Peas Twitter: @ WW1allotment

Date of next meeting: Thursday March 8th 2018 and Potato Day Sunday Feb 18th 2018

ATTACHMENTS to be sent in separate emails for clarity and avoid overload.

1. ADA Proposal 2. ADA Criteria 3. Natural Environment Technician's Report 4. Note from Jan MacDonald about public liability 5. Poster on 'Why buy Seed Potatoes'