

Minutes GAF meeting on **Thursday May 3rd 2018, Garnethill Multicultural Centre**, Rose st. at 7pm

Present: Jenny Reeves JR(Chair), Iain Sutherland IS (Treasurer), Judy Wilkinson JW (Communications Secretary), Liz MacKinlay (New Victoria Gardens), Jan MacDonald JM (Mansewood), Alison Gardner (KAA), Eddie Simpson (High Carntyne), Amanda Robertson (Westthorn), Derek Livesey (Merrylee), Katie McKillop (Hamiltonhill), Celia Bonner (SWAA)

Apologies: Cllr Anna Richardson, Cllr Martha Wardrop, Hannah Connelly HC (Croftburn), Barbara Orton (Craigpark), Alister Smith (Croftburn), Sandy Paterson AP (Allotments Officer), Kate Smith (Kelvinside).

Discussion: 7pm - 8pm

Friendly Allotments for Kids - *a discussion with participants from sites across Glasgow on what is already provided for young people and families and what can be done to support and encourage them.*

A report with detailed examples and suggestions will be circulated asp. Report including what is already happening and ideas for future; **Action: JR, JW.**

Business meeting: 8pm - 9pm

1. **Minutes of meeting:** March 8th 2018 - agreed

2. **Ideas from discussion** - what should we do with the information?

Short list suggestions:

Meeting with Cllr Richardson - **Action: JR, JW.**

3. **Feed back on Allotment Development Award event.** - very good outcome. We should look for sponsors so that the awards can be presented annually, maybe look for a commercial sponsor for each area.

Action: All to investigate - send ideas to JW

4. **October Event - format, venue and working group.**

Saturday Oct 6th 2pm - 4.30pm. Jan has confirmed St Margaret's church hall is available with kitchen. Suggestion in small event with prize giving, stalls, tea/coffee, Kings seeds and garlic, Hannah's booklets etc.

Action: All with suggestions for format- send to JW.

5. Brief reports:

(i) **Allotment Officer's Report** circulated by Sandy

Questions - **Action SP**

- (a) Unanswered from previous meetings - Mansewood- what pest control was carried out at Mansewood allotment; New Victoria Gardens – reference to delay on work on trees but no reason why;
- (b) Waste management: clarification on what and when skips are available for sites. Where cage with only wood is sent;
- (c) St Mungo's trophy - who is on the working group,
- (d) Allotment Strategy Development & Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 - please send the reports of the Consultations to secretary for circulation to GAF members;

- (ii) War and Peas - Hannah. Potatoes planted, plot progressing, any support input much appreciated
 - (iii) SAGS **JW**- Resilience grant - 8 sites in Glasgow with members in SIMD areas will receive a tool kit worth about £1000 to help new plot-holders begin gardening; digital story telling - a small group will meet to have an input into this project which will be shown at the SAGS 'Gathering' on June 16th. (www.sags.org.uk),
 - (iv) Update discussion on Glasgow Council Allotment service - **JR** awaiting a response and update on consultation arising from Community Empowerment Act.
 - (v) The GAF website is now up and running. We need to let everyone know it has had a makeover and ask them to make a link to their websites and facebook pages. We have tried to provide accurate contact information about all the City's allotment sites but we don't have proper contact e-mail addresses for a number of sites so it would be great if people could send us that information plus any amendments they feel we need to make.
6. A.O.B.: (i) CLE (Community Learning exchange 2018) are funding a mini-bus and light lunch for a visit from 3 Scottish Government civil servants on May 17th to Hamiltonhill, Springburn and South Western to discuss the Local Governance Review and the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act.
- (ii) Biodiversity Action Plan from GCC - to be in papers for next meeting

7. Date next meeting: Thursday July 6th 2018

Please circulate this to members and friends – the Forum is open to all and we would like to encourage participation. Do have a look at **the new website** <https://glasgowallotments.org> and add this link to your FACEBOOK pages.

Let us know if there's anything you think we need to change or add. If you are having an open day and you would like us to advertise it on the site please let us know about it.

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