

## **Minutes GAF meeting on Thursday July 5th 2018, Garnethill Multicultural Centre, Rose st. at 7pm**

**Present:** Jenny Reeves(Chair), Iain Sutherland (Treasurer), Judy Wilkinson (Communications Secretary), Celia Bonner (SWAA), Barbara Orton (Craigpark), Hannah Connelly (Croftburn), Lucy Todd (Budhill), Christine Kuhn (Hamiltonhill), Sandra Fraser (Hamiltonhill), Delia Smith (Springburn), Miranda Whitmarsh (Julian)

**Apologies:** Sandy Paterson AP (Allotments Officer), Sarah Henry (Hamiltonhill), Doreen Grainger (SWAA) Marie Macfarlane (SWAA), Denis Barrett (Budhill) .

### **Discussion: 7pm - 8pm**

Funding for allotments:

1. Participatory budgeting- engaging local people in deciding how money is spent in their neighbourhood. Tend to happen at meetings with presentations but outcomes may depend on profile of local groups. Not a level playing field because competing with professional groups. However good to attend in that it raises awareness of groups in area.

**Action Delia** - information for web

2. Other sources: Area committees , Tesco, Awards for All, Heritage Lottery fund. Sandy sends round list of possibilities and on websites but not clear what funders will consider. A lot of work for volunteers to unravel them.Can GCC provide a synopsis of funding opportunities, updated regularly on what is available for what and if any association has received funding e.g. where can funding be found for compost toilet, wildlife garden and pond, fencing and hedging, community hut etc

**Action: Judy** - ask Cllr Robertson

3. Budhill experience - Awards for All for compost toilet. First application rejected but then talked to officer . Explained previous awards ( flushing toilet, raised beds) well spent and led to tool shed and community hut from GCC. Re-submitted application on advice from officer and got £10K

**Action Lucy:** write up for web

4. Holistic approach - break down big project into small bits over time. Easier to get several bodies to give part. Can cost in volunteer time and input as 'matched funding' Ask for information about successful bids and contacts willing to share experiences.

**Action: Hannah** (facebook) **Judy** (email) -

5. Transparency - request that any applications for funding are shared with all plot-holders and they are fully involved in decision making

**Action: Jenny** to prepare draft report and circulate

### **Business meeting: 8pm - 9pm**

1. Minutes of meeting: May 3rd 2018 (circulated and on website) - Approved.

Matters arising: St Mungo's Cup - now to be awarded at Rose Show. No information available.

New Plot-holders awards - new criteria are more inclusive and reflect the changing demography of sites.

Possibility of Lotte Glob Trophy being awarded to 'Plot-holder of the Year?'

**Action all** - comments on criteria New Plot holders Awards and suggestions re Trophy.

2. Ideas from discussion – for suggestions for action see above.

3. Update on Potato Day - made profit, better than forecast earlier. Plans for next year - Decision to not to invite Barrowband because of cost and maybe either face painting or puppets. Reidvale Centre booked for Sunday 17th Feb **? is this correct?**

4. October Event - St Margarets Episcopal Church 2pm - 4pm Oct 6th Organise as a get-together with stalls.

Hannah (War and Peas) asked for donations of WW1 cakes for tasting at recipe book launch at Oct. Event.

**Action: Judy to** send Hannah email list of attending meeting so she can organise input.

Cake stall - **All to provide cakes if possible, Miranda** will help on stall.

Piano – Miranda to ask Corin

Kids' activities - no response re competition but request for 'kids stall' where they can sell postcards, and other things they have made. Hyacinth planting for Christmas (**Action Delia**)

Pumpkins for Halloween (**Action Iain**)

Gardeners question time: - suggested. **Action Jenny/Iain**

5. Report progress Kid Friendly Allotments\* and meeting Cllr Richardson. Jenny, Judy and Iain met Cllr Richardson - very supportive of discussion suggestions. Outcome a Community learning Exchange similar to May 17th\* for Councillors and Council officers on Aug 31st. Apply to SCA for funding. Format and agenda to be circulated asp.

**Action Jenny, Judy, Iain**

6. Brief reports:

Allotment Officer's Report - Sandy on web •

War and Peas - Hannah \*

7. A.O.B. - question about selling at allotment open days. Will seek advice.

**Action Jenny, Judy**

\* Reports on website <https://glasgowallotments.org>

**Date next meeting: Thursday 6th September.**