

Glasgow Allotments Forum
Minutes Annual General Meeting
Garnethill Multicultural Centre, 21 Rose Street,G3 6RE
7pm Thursday November 1st 2018

Present: Jenny Reeves(Springburn), Hannah Connelly (Croftburn), Iain Sutherland (Mansewood), Jan MacDonald (Mansewood) , Barbara Orton (Craigpark), Sarah Henry (Hamiltonhill), Judy Wilkinson (Kelvinside and SAGS), Margaret Scott (Springburn), Rose Kelly (Kelvinside), Jonathan Patrick (Hamiltonhill), Christine Kuhn (Hamiltonhill), Celia Bonner (SWAA), Delia Henry (Springburn), Neil Rothis (Oatlands Gate), Katy Bartholomew (Merrylee), Richard Sharp (Victoria Park)

Apologies: Baillie Malcolm Balfour, Cllr Martha Wardrop, Sandy Paterson (Environmental technician), Doreen Grainger (SWAA), Marie MacFarlane (SWAA), Alister Smith (Croftburn), Barbara de la Rue (Kelvinside), William Gormley (Oatlands), Eddie Simpson (High Carntyne), Lucy Todd (Budhill and Springboig), Patricia Peters (SWAA), Amelia Irvine (Lambshill), Ian McCracken (Merrylee), Heather James (Kelvinside), Liz McKinlay (New Victoria Gardens)

Introductions - Councillors and LES officers. *No Councillors or Officers were able to attend.*

Approval of the minutes of the 2017 AGM - Approved

Reports:

Review of the year 2017/2018 *Jenny Reeves – available on website*

Treasurer's report. *Iain Sutherland (Copies available)- approved: audited accounts to be submitted to Jan meeting.*

LES Allotment report - *circulated and on website*

Councillors Report - *None*

SAGS report – *available on website*

Elections:

Chair - Jenny Reeves

Vice Chair - unfilled

Treasurer - Iain Sutherland

Secretary - Chris Kuhn

Minute secretary - Judy Wilkinson

Auditor - Doreen Grainger

Committee members - Jan MacDonald, Delia Henry, Eddie Simpson, Heather James, Richard Sharp, Celia Bonner, Sarah Henry, Liz McKinlay.

Tasks:

Event lead : Jan- all to assist

Awards: New plolders: Sarah; ADA: Jenny and Iain; Lotte Glob Trophy (or St Enoch's?): Iain, Jan, Neil, and Jenny

Visits : Chris, Delia, Eddie, Heather, Iain, Jan, Jenny, Judy, Richard

Communications : Jenny (website), Hannah and Iain (Facebook)

Discussions:see further minute

Decisions:

1. **Adoption of Manifesto.** The Manifesto was welcomed. Agreed to send to all members, LES, Councillors on Environment Committee, Executive Committee and suggest that site secretaries send to their Councillors with an invitation to attend Events. **Action Chris**
2. **Calendar of Talks and Events** during the year (including Learning Journeys). Suggestions for talks: Calendar agreed at Jan meeting.
 - (i) **Report on survey and response to Manifesto etc:** Jan 10th meeting. **Chris plus** Delia, Eddie, Heather, Iain, Jan, Jenny, Judy, Richard
 - (ii) **Soil** - structure, composition, effect no dig methods: **Action: All-** contacts for no dig?;
Composting workshop on site in Spring - **Jan**
 - (iii) **Organic pest control** - nematodes, flat worms (Berridale), Clem Sandison (orchard group)
Neil
 - (iv) **Sustainable Glasgow - Green city initiative:** ask Abi Mordin for presentation.
 - (v) **How plants grow, live and connect together** - **Sarah**
 - (vi) **Dignity Report** - ending hunger together: discussion with members of Working Group on Food Poverty and connections with GAF manifesto.- **Judy****Learning Journey** - with MSPs and possibly National Chef - **Jenny, Iain and Judy**
3. **Visits to sites collecting data and making contact:** A survey has been sent round all Glasgow sites, team members will be organising visits and will report to the sJan meeting. **Chris, Judy**
4. **ADA – Margaret** (Springburn) and **Celia** (South Western) reported to us about the progress they had made with the support of the ADAs **Iain** spoke about what had been done at **High Carntyn**. We agreed to suggest to the March meeting that we support awarding the ADAs again this year when we know how successful we have been on Potato Day in case there might be any problems with finance. **Jenny and Iain**
5. **Lotte Glob Trophy:** Two suggestions a) awarded to ‘Site of the Year’ b) Plot-holder of the Year nominated by the sites using criteria based on the Manifesto, Portfolio of photos/evidence as the basis for selection. **Iain, Neil, Jenny, and Jan,**
6. **New plot-holders awards-** The judges very impressed with all entries, we need to disseminate photos to encourage entries. Possibility of following up on previous winners to see how they fare. We need to revise the entry form so that it is more accessible and user friendly. **Sarah**
7. **ADA** - There was a suggestion of producing a small booklet with photos? - maybe joint ‘GAF report’ on awards with New Plot-holders as publicity for ‘what we do’ - **Sarah, Eddie Simpson, Margaret Scott, Celia Bonner, Jenny, and Chris.**

AOB:

- (i) Allotment officer’s report: The report raised a number of issues about current procedures - agreed to refer this to a small committee group to research and report back in January.
- (ii) War and Peas Project – *Hannah Connelly* - Display in archive at Mitchell library Nov 5th to Dec 17th

Date of next AGM – November 7th 2019

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