

**Minutes GAF meeting on Thursday March 7th 2019 , Garnethill Multicultural Centre, Rose st. at 7pm**

**Present:** Jenny Reeves (Chair), Iain Sutherland (Treasurer), Christine Kuhn (Secretary ), Judy Wilkinson (Minute Secretary), Jan MacDonald ( Mansewood), Doreen Grainger (SWAA), Celia Bonner (SWAA), Sean Minamata (Lambhill), Ania Neisser (Lambhill), Carol McIvor (Kennyhill), Barbara Orton (Craigpark), Delia Henry (Springburn), Patricia Peters (SWAA), Richard Sharpe (Victoria Park), Ward Somerville (Beechwood), Sarah Lee (Kelvinside), Nuno Vidal (visitor)

**Apologies:**Eddie Simpson (High Carntyne)

**Discussion:** 7pm - 8pm Healthy soil, healthy plants, healthy you - Jan MacDonald  
“Eating healthy fruit & veg starts with healthy soil. The soil beneath our feet is teeming with life and essential nutrients that plants need. How can gardeners maintain good crops and not upset the natural balance of healthy soil”

Jan gave a very interesting presentation and there was lots of discussion. Her presentation and links to interesting material will be put on web site.

**Business meeting: (8pm - 9pm)**

1. Minutes of meeting: Jan 10th 2019 ( circulated and on web [www.glasgowallotments.org](http://www.glasgowallotments.org).)  
Item 2(iii) ‘How to find out who owns the land’ : [www.growingtogether.community](http://www.growingtogether.community) :

2. Finance Report (including estimates from potato day) - excellent event, estimated profit approx £2K.  
Finances 2017-18 have been audited by Doreen Grainger (SWAA)

**Agreed** to offer ADA 2019 , using same format as last year. Presentations in August (after schools return Aug 14th) and cheques awarded at October Event **Action Jenny**

**Agreed** to offer ‘Best plot-holder of year award’ . Proposal and criteria for July meeting-  
**Action Doreen, Celia, Iain and Jenny**

3. Allotment Officer’s Report - Sandy circulated report to GAF and allotment associations in morning so no chance to consider it. **Action Executive** - consider if any items need following up, and will post on website and circulate.

FOI response about funding of allotments - received 4/03/2019. **Agreed** discuss at Executive and then circulate with explanation. **Action: Executive**

FGS consultations: - links in the Allotment Officers report. Judy and Jenny attended first meetings. Good to get people together but have concerns about format and outcomes.

**Action: EVERYONE please try and attend one consultation** (link attached) (Is this now impossible?)

**Executive:** will write a report for the GAF workshop in September.

4. Brief reports:.

(i) Meeting GCVS - incorporated organisation different options available **Agreed** ask GCVS to run an information evening on options, then publicise to all associations. **Action Judy**

(ii) Insurance - Mansewood has public liability cover from Bluefin, others have Shield through SAGS and NAS, SWAA has Shield cover for occasional events. Glasgow City Council does not provide public liability for allotments and encourages associations to take out their own

(iii) Plot inspections - Mansewood and Berridale met to discuss new format for plot inspections. **Agreed** interest in this also depends on GCC’s Allotment Strategy proposals. **Agreed** keep on agenda as item for discussion **Action: Judy**

(iv) Good Food Nation consultation - **Agreed** information sent round in separate email. **Action Chris and Judy; Agreed** response from GAF -**Action Executive**

(v) Update on Guidance for Part 9 (allotments) of the Community Empowerment Act - Awaiting publication.

A.O.B.

(iv) Veg City Events and Big Dig. <https://www.vegcities.org> **Action.** publicise on web and Facebook  
**Jenny, Iain**

(v) Glasgow Food Summit May 29th **Agreed** GAF stall and attend **Action: Jan, Jenny**

(vi) Community Growing Fund <https://www.gov.scot/publications/community-growing-fund-2019-2020/>  
**Closes March 31st 2019**, available only for incorporated organisations so most allotment sites not eligible. However organisations with community plots could apply. **Agreed** : circulate through Facebook with link and suggestion about community plots. **Action: Iain**

**Date of next meeting:**Thursday May 2nd 2019