

NORTH OUTFALL ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN

Position Vacant.
Applicant Welcome.
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MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 26th OCTOBER 2015.

- Apologies** were received from Robin Adderley, Geoff Badger, Jean Irving, David Blyfield, Pauline Haughton, Fran & David Gelder, and Philip Hepworth.
- The minutes** of the last AGM were circulated and agreed. Proposed by Ray Gowton and seconded by Sally Perry.
- Matters arising.** None.
- Secretary's report.** Brenda thanked everyone for attending (37), and commented that most tenants had had a good year, with decent crops to enjoy.
- There are now 7 people on the waiting list, 4 of whom want to delay occupation. There was a large turnover last year, and notably both Clive and Brian Tatley left the site. Four tenants were asked to leave, and a number of plots have been reduced to quarters, which has had an impact on the waiting list.
- The manure scheme has been a success, and has been especially helpful for those with smaller plots who could not otherwise have manure.
- The annual barbeque and coffee mornings raised money which allowed the site to make a small charitable donation.
- July brought the annual visit from the allotment site judges, and they made good comments about our site. Going forward the judging criteria will be altered to reflect what sites do for tenants. Our Facebook page and website give us an advantage in this area.
- Many tenants placed entries in the allotment show and won prizes, most notably Fiona. Dawn and Fiona also put together a table for the show.
- Thanks were given to Fiona for cutting the paths, and to everyone who helped with site maintenance.
- Treasurer's report.** Peter thanked Andrew Ferguson for auditing the accounts, Fiona for the work she had done on the site, and everyone who had helped with the working weekends. Special thanks were given to Brenda for the work she has done over the last three years as Secretary and for the additional contribution she has made in organising the barbeques, coffee mornings and site clear ups.
- Peter presented the accounts for the year to 30th September 2015. There were total receipts of £3,037.39 and a balance carried forward of £2,949.43, giving a total of £5,986.82. Disbursements were £3,343.02, giving a balance of £3343.02, which included £336 in prepaid rents.

**Treasurer's report
(cont'd).**

New rents were proposed as follows;

Full plot £64 (£58 with concession)
¾ plot £51 (£46 with concession)
½ plot £38 (£34 with concession)
¼ plot £25 (£23 with concession)

The treasurer's report and the new rents were accepted unanimously.

Site Toilet.

No formal proposal was made for this matter. The committee have investigated procuring a site toilet. The anticipated cost is around £1,100 to £1,500 plus the cost of a shed to house it. After a robust question and answer session a vote was taken on the procurement of a composting toilet for the site. It was unanimously agreed that this should be pursued if 100% funding were available. In response to a question from Peter it was suggested from the floor that if we cannot obtain 100 per cent funding it would be reasonable to pay up to £800 from Association funds for the toilet. Sixteen of those present were in favour of the proposition, two were against and the remainder abstained. Peter then said that once we had a reply to our funding application we would, if necessary, have a further meeting to decide how to proceed.

**North Boundary
Fence.**

The fence, situated next to the waterworks, is leaning at about a 30 degree angle. The rest of the fence is patched and in poor condition. Three smaller organisations are known to have received 100% lottery grants for fences. We have had a quote for £10,045, plus VAT. The committee intend to apply for lottery funding to replace the fence, and will also check with HBC to see who is responsible for the fence.

Bees.

It was proposed by Fiona Walker and seconded by Peter Sanderson that, any member having successfully completed two terms of the Harrogate and Ripon Beekeepers Association long course for beginners be entitled to keep a maximum of two beehives on the allotment site. The hives not to be positioned on another members plot without the express permission of the tenant and any successors.

After discussion the proposal was accepted unanimously.

**Election of Officers
and Committee.**

Treasurer – Peter Sanderson.

Secretary – Jane Wood.

Committee – Stephen Atkinson, Fiona Walker, Sally Perry, David Duff, Rockna Jarvis.

**Presentation of the
Bill Lodge Trophy for
Best Plot 2015.**

Fiona Walker was awarded the trophy, and the AGM congratulated Fiona on her success. Plot 12 (Lawrence Rule) was commended, and the AGM also congratulated Lawrence.

Any Other Business.

Anita asked if there were any objections to digging over the front of the manure plot to stop flooding. No objections were raised. Lawrence raised the issue of the website. There are 18 months remaining on the current contract, after which we should expect a substantial cost increase as we have had special offers to date. It was agreed that this will be discussed by the committee. It was confirmed that the bonfire weekend is for plot owners bonfires, rather than a communal bonfire.

Peter will be sending the seed catalogue order in mid-December.

Lawrence proposed a vote of thanks to Trevor in recognition of the work he has done during Brenda's term as secretary. Trevor's contribution was warmly acknowledged.