

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS CONFEDERATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY 2022 AT BORDESLEY GREEN ALLOTMENTS

1] MEETING OPENED by Chairman at 19.00

2] APOLOGIES – J.Brown, B.Smith

3] MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Item 8 -Springfield Road inserted after allegations “of racism”.

4] MATTERS ARISING – none, minutes signed as correct.

5] CORRESPONDENCE – **Financial difficulties** - Allotment Officer trying to resolve as moneys not yet paid out. **Water consumption survey** – 37 responses so far, evidence of confusion. Information is essential in for negotiations. **Correspondence with City** still remains a problem.

6] TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance @ 1st June 2022 £ 7725.66

Income £ 572.25

Expenditure £ 163.20

Balance @ 1st March £ 8134.71

Deposit Account £10689.88

Insurance and half yearly payments not yet received amounting to £12000. Payment for use of Bordesley Green to be paid until end of August with next payment in September.

7] SHOW REPORT– all in order ready to go. COMPETITION REPORT – plot judging to start on 5th July by W.Henry and J.Brown. Low entries, Cliff Jones – 12, Florence Pickering – 5 plots, Thorpe – 4 entries, Robins – 1 entry, Frank Carter – 2entries.

8] LOCAL SITE ISSUES – [REDACTED] - issues resolved following inspections. **Falcon Lodge** – allegations of sexist remarks, committee met, warning letter issued. [REDACTED] – 2 inspections made, no evidence of Letters of Concern,

process going to be followed relating to NoR's. [REDACTED] – water bill of £8900, possible misprint. [REDACTED] – needed new committee, D.Taylor is dealing with this. [REDACTED] – fencing around plot 9, letter from Allotment Officer requested

9] ALLOTMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – working party had worked exceptionally hard, looking at revised agreement and self-management. D.Cullen thanked for copies of revised agreement. Concern was now with the City. Revised agreement submitted, Allotment Officer had been asked to look at. C.Birch had advised that the revised agreement needed senior officer input. No response from City to date. The executive then went through the agreement page by page and made amendments. **These are attached to these minutes.**

10] NSALG/AREA 5 – **AGM** – report given by D.Dawlings and M.Merrill. Short addresses received from President and Chairman. Both standing orders and auditors had “stand-ins”. Income up, expenditure down – the latter because of less travel and hotel expenses as zoom meetings held. Meeting lasted just over 2 hours. D.Rawlings and M.Merrill thanked for report

11] DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS – 1st August, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th Nov., 5th Dec.

12] NOTIFIED BUSINESS – **use of hosepipes by disabled** – no exemptions for direct watering.

13] UNNOTIFIED BUSINESS – **Legionnaire's water testing** – secretaries advised that this would be taking place. Great “**Barr in Bloom**” – Thornbridge awarded 3rd place.

MEETING CLOSED – **21.20**, Chairman thanked everyone for input into the management agreement.