

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS CONFEDERATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 3rd October 2022 AT BORDESLEY GREEN ALLOTMENTS

1] MEETING OPENED by Chairman at 19.00 and thanked those who attended D.Cullen's funeral.

2] APOLOGIES – J.Brown and A.Hodson

3] MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – minutes amended to show list of attendees and formal agreement for R.Long to be new signatory on show account. Also show account showed £7836.05 when all cheques cashed.

4] MATTERS ARISING – request to withdraw £10 pound late payment sent to [REDACTED].

5] CORRESPONDENCE – **Food strategy** – crops, solely for food banks, could be grown on plots. Discussion on rents [see Item 13 on Agenda] **Insecticide ban** – request to sites to take part in herbicide research project after complaint from plot holder wanting a total ban of insecticides. **Rent rolls** received. **2023/24** rents sent out. **Location of food banks**, information sent out. **Working party** met to discuss City's response

6] TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance @ 1 st Sept 2022	£19,963.88
Income	£ 00.00
Expenditure	£ 585.00
Balance @ 1 st Oct	£19,378.88
Deposit Account	£10,689.88

7a] SHOW REPORT– **accounts** – cheques issued for £1927.72, only £967 cashed to date. **Show committee** – more volunteers needed. **Promotion of show** will be made at Half Yearly.

7b] COMPETITION – **delay in certificates and cheques**, these will be sent out. **Engraving** taking longer than usual, **Robins Trophy** –missing, replacement being sought.

8] LOCAL SITE ISSUES – [REDACTED]: several problems with committee and allegations. Meeting to be held and Local Advisor was supporting. [REDACTED] – secretary concerned about cost of repairs for water and flooring in building. C.Birch to make contact. [REDACTED] – request for **asbestos report**, advised by Allotment Officer that she did not receive reports. There was concern over **delay in water bills**. [REDACTED] – **Rent inflation** – use of RPI not CPI as former always higher. Allotment Officer advised she was continuing past procedure and did not know why RPI used instead of CPI. [REDACTED] – tree branch falling on neighbour's house not from allotments. [REDACTED] – problem with badgers. [REDACTED] - need someone to chair EGM and resolution to harassment allegations. [REDACTED] – successful allotment bid to secure fences and install bays for leaves, chippings etc. [REDACTED] - local letters no recipients found. [REDACTED] – harassment – eviction notice served. V.Lucky involved seeking independent witnesses.

9] ALLOTMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – **Management Agreement** – Meeting arranged for 5th October – ACC committee plus two of working party will attend. There were areas of agreement, areas for compromise and some “red line” issues to be resolved.

10] NSALG/AREA 5 – AGM at Northleigh Road in November

11] DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS – 7th November, 5th December, Half Yearly – 19th November.

12] NOTIFIED BUSINESS – **Florence Pickering Fund** – sites to be visited this week

13] UNNOTIFIED BUSINESS – **Planning permission** – there was proposed legislation which could affect building on allotments. C.Birch to ask NSALG. **Rents** – need to review how rents set to reflect people’s situations. Use of RPI and not CPI to be raised. Consider freezing rents as current rents reflect a 12.9% increase.

C. Birch announced that he would be retiring at May AGM after 47 years and **B.Smith** would not be seeking election as secretary. The executive was advised that it was a matter of courtesy that they be first to know well in advance. Job role descriptions would be put together.

14] MEETING CLOSED – at 20.25