

## MINUTES OF LOW MOOR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING, 9.7.2016

1. PRESENT: Tess Mc Mahon; Lindsay Maxwell; Chris Gasper; Christine Robertson; Simon Wild ; Angela Johnson. Attending also Sonya Cushen
2. APOLOGIES: Helen Balawadger; Lucy Wild, Darren Lovatt ( Allotment Officer)
3. WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
Immediate offers were made by Tess to assist Lucy with Social events, whenever available to do so, and by Lindsay who will be happy to assist in leading any Working Parties organised. It is hoped that other members will continue with their current roles – Helen with membership / newsletter / noticeboard communication; Joe with website ; Chris with shopkeeper etc.
4. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 8.5.2016  
MATTERS ARISING
  - a) Himalayan Balsam Working Party 18.6 – Small group scoured the lanes and removed the small amount of weed that was found. Lindsay, Tess and Sonya offered to check the lanes again after the meeting, also checking plots alongside with a view to alerting any plot holders if problem on their plots.
  - b) Newsletter – Helen was congratulated on another attractive and informative recent edition. Site Secs will prepare a contribution for subsequent issues
  - c) Property Marking Day on 12.6 – Chris attended throughout and reported highest level of items marked on Council sites.
  - d) Skip, 27.5 – The skip was well filled but, following effective notices, was responsibly filled. Very little surplus rubbish was left on site. Thanks to Chris for fixing notices. Site Secs have had very few contacts regarding van clearance from specific plots.
5. MINUTES OF AGM had been circulated for information. Items arising for Committee discussion were
  - a) Attendance – much improved from recent years. It was agreed that we should continue in similar fashion next year.
  - b) Payment of Shop keeper's plot rental – completed
  - c) Arising from discussion. Two matters provoked a lot of comment
    - i) The problem of vacant plots and how this affects neighbouring plots.
    - ii) Council proposals for a Federation of all council owned/ operated allotment sites across York. A main problem here is the on-going lack of information and detail about the proposals. Members were certainly interested in any future reorganisation and wanted to be informed and involved in any discussions within Low Moor. A future General Meeting on this is envisaged.
  - d) Shop Roof – Chris feels that there is no immediate action required. Inclusion in the Newsletter had resulted in an offer from a tenant for her father , a builder used to flat roofs, to view and advise. Angela will reply to tenant and include Chris so that he can arrange to meet up. It was asked that a green roof remain one alternative to be considered and quoted for.

- e) Kilburn Road Street Party – An initial discussion took place regarding the party prior to a member of the Organising Committee attending later. Clarification to be sought re numbers anticipated; timing; use of Edgware Road as access route, using Kilburn Rd between the Edgware Rd intersections; proposed activities being planned.

#### 6. SITE SECRETARIES' REPORT

Christine reported that Lucy, Darren and Chris had toured the site on 7.7 and that consequently 30+ x notices of eviction and 13 x 4-week improvement letters would be issued. This was an accelerated process from previous and if the admin systems are up to dealing with this timetable, this should release enough vacant plots to satisfy the waiting list numbers.

#### 7. FINANCE –

- a) Tool hire “profit” 2015 ( i.e tool hire dealt with by Stephe and Sarah) was paid into Association Account. Current balance £639
- b) Shop Balance end of June is £7700+
- c) End of September membership subs will be paid into relevant accounts ( Gardeners Store £3 to Shop Account; Association members £1.50; to Association, £1.50 to Shop Account )

#### 8. PCSO – No report

9. ALLOTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – None tabled but Angela reported that a meeting has been offered between herself, another LMAA rep and Darren and Dave Meigh. This meeting will take place within the next 2 weeks. It is hoped that Simon will attend as well. It is hoped that this will provide more concrete information regarding the Council's future plans / proposals, more transparency about allotment financing, and an opportunity to air our concerns.

#### 10. EVENTS

- a) Plot Crawl 23.7– This is in Lucy's hands, so if help is needed it is hoped that she will ask. Refreshments will be largely donated by participants . Any costs can be claimed for . Kids' Plot can be used for refreshments
- b) Open Edible Gardens – 16.7 – Kids Plot will be open to visitors 10.30 to 1pm
- c) Possible Civic Visit – Chris reported that this may be deferred until next year with the possibility that a Community Apiary will be opened on the site. It was clarified that the Committee should be approached formally about any such development and consulted on possible location etc.

11. KILBURN / EDGEWARE ROAD STREET PARTY- Sarah Compton joined the meeting. She clarified that the proposed date and time is Sat 3rd September 3 – 8pm. The hope was to utilise the Car park area and the lower part of Kilburn Road, which would be closed to vehicle traffic from lower Edgware Rd junction. It was suggested that some parking could be available for tenants above that junction. Tenants of Low Moor could be involved / participate. In the event Chris was concerned that there might be some losses to shop takings and asked whether using Edgware Road as a bye – route and locating the party in Kilburn Rd between the two

junctions had been considered. Activities would involve music and children's games, with the car park area the ideal location. Possibility of access to shop electricity was mooted. Sarah undertook to find answers to these queries.

After Sarah left the meeting Committee agreed that but in general committee felt that it would be good neighbour relations to cooperate with the arrangements. Lindsay said that she would be happy to be the Association's rep in any future planning meetings, and that we would request invitation to such. It was decided in the interests of potential power capability, safety and security, the shop electrical source should not be available. Should the plans go ahead and Low Moor Association is involved then we would consider some direct participation and an ad hoc social committee would look into possible activity.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 1PM ( in the Kids' Plot, in the shelter, as today, if weather is inclement

SHOP REPORT – My apologies to Chris , but I omitted to put this on the agenda – and no one mentioned it to me !!! Chris informs that there is nothing specific to report.