

# **Pretoria Road Allotment Society**

## **Minutes of the committee meeting held at the allotment site 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

**Apologies for absence:** Norman Bradford, Angela Teakle

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The minutes from our last meeting (6<sup>th</sup> March 2016) were adopted and signed off by the chairman.

**Item one.** Mike Stinchcomb asked us to decide when we would like the farmer (who has assisted us previously), to return and move the soil mound near the entrance to Scott's Park and place it on plot 52, which is our designated composting area. Mike further asked us to decide on an amount to pay the farmer.

This was discussed and we agreed that the farmer should be asked to remove the soil mound to plot 52 as soon as he is able. With regard to payment, we will ask the farmer what he feels is reasonable for his time etc. It was assumed that this could be around £100.

**Item two.** Larry asked for an update to the planned erection of signage around the site.

Les Brooks advised us that Lucy at PTC may be able to get the signage wholly paid for through the PTC budget. This would save the society a deal of money from funds. The finance committee from PTC are due to meet on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and the money they were asked for toward the gazebo construction and improvements to our water harvesting program will be dealt with at that meeting. We will await the outcome of that meeting as well as Lucy's suggestion regarding the signage.

Once we obtain finance and order the gazebo, we will require a working party to erect the gazebo and work on the improvements to the water harvesting system.

**Item three.** Larry wished us to discuss and firm up on the Patchway Festival arrangements.

The date for the Patchway Festival is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Les has applied for a table for the society to use on the Scott's Park grounds. This could be used to sell plants etc., and to give out information on allotment growing and how to obtain a plot. Mike Checkley volunteered to make up a planter to encourage interest. Perhaps a raffle could be arranged.

At the allotment site itself, we will offer afternoon teas, cream teas and etc. We shall need some produce and plants for sale near the kitchen/shop areas. Mike Checkley kindly offered us the use of two trestle tables during the Festival. Mike Stinchcomb volunteered to man the shop along with Terry Wall.

Roger is to create a list of volunteers and their respective jobs.

**Any other business.** Larry arranged for a skip to be delivered to the site on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and thanks to the efforts of members of “Crackers Corner”, it was 75% full by the time of our meeting. After the meeting most members stayed behind for a short time to add any other items of rubbish which we wished removed from the site.