

PRETORIA ROAD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pretoria Road Allotment Society, held on 28th September 2016 at the Casson Centre, Patchway.

Committee members in attendance:-

Les Brooks – Chairman
Derek Howell – Treasurer
Roger Fussell – Secretary
Mike Stinchcomb
Norman Bradford
Darren Bowden
Leon Ray

Apologies for absence:- Mike Checkley, Larry McQuaid, Terry Wall

The AGM convened with Les Brooks in the chair, welcoming everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were adopted and a copy will be signed off by the Chairman in due course.

The Chairman then made his address to the meeting in which he was able to report that in the view of the committee, most plots had been very productive throughout the season and that most plot holders seem to have gotten good value from their plots.

The chairman also reported that Patchway Town Council have been approached again regarding the provision of additional parking at the allotment site. Lucy from PTC has visited the site again and has agreed that alongside the renewal of a section of the perimeter fence (which runs around and behind the Kitchen etc.), a new gate would be a good idea in order to give separate access to the area beyond the raised beds. This is the area which we wish to adapt for additional parking. Lucy believes that this project could be accommodated in PTC's budget for the coming year.

Next, the Treasurer made his report and pointed out that we have had some extra expenses this past season and that these have necessarily taken a toll on the Society's finances. These extra items were, a new lock and keys for the main gate after the old lock failed. We secured a good deal with the locksmith on this, in that a lock was supplied along with 100 keys and the locksmith has assured us that should the new lock fail at some time, he can supply a new one which will be compatible with all existing keys, thus saving the Society a great deal of extra expense. Another item was the hire of a skip to remove rubbish which had accumulated around the site. Then we had to pay for a new water heater for the kitchen and also pay a farmer to remove green waste from the general area of the site and onto our designated green waste plot.

The treasurer's statement of accounts is attached.

PATCHWAY PRETORIA ROAD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1 SEPTEMBER 2015 TO 31ST AUGUST 2016

GENERAL ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	£	RECEIPTS	£
RENT TO COUNCIL – 2015/16	1658.25	COUNCIL RENT – 2015/16	1658.25
RENT TO COUNCIL – 2014/15	30.00	COUNCIL RENT– 2014/15	30.00
BRISTOL WATER	446.37	WATER CHARGE	553.76
EON ELECTRIC	143.41	MEMBERSHIP FEES	552.10
NEW LOCK & KEYS FOR GATE	293.10	PATCHWAY TOWN C'L GRANT	500.00
KEY DEPOSIT REFUND	20.00	KEY DEPOSITS	75.00
SKIP HIRE	208.80	ROTOVATOR HIRE	31.00
WATER HEATER	91.00	MANURE SALES	30.00
FITTINGS FOR WATER HEATER	12.76		
PETROL & OIL	47.53		
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	18.00		
BANNERS	28.00		
FARMER – COMPOST SITE WORK	250.00		
FARMER – MANURE PURCHASE	70.00		
SUNDRIES	30.00		
TOTAL	3347.22	TOTAL	3430.11

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NET RECEIPTS £82.89

BALANCE SHEET

Funds from 31 August 2015	£1535.38
Net Receipts	£82.89
TOTAL	£1618.27

Funds held on account	£1613.62
Cash on Hand	4.65
TOTAL	£1618.27

FUND RAISING

2015/2016

CASH CARRIED OVER FROM LAST YEAR

£1860.18

STOCK CARRIED OVER FROM LAST YEAR

£1273.74

EXPENDITURE THIS YEAR

£2751.22

THIS INCLUDED

STOCK

OPEN DAY EXPENDITURE

SIGNAGE (SIGNS NOW UK)

CASH ON HAND

£543.17

STOCK ON HAND

£1657.02

NET LOSS ON YEAR

£1317.01

Next, the chairman told the meeting that at that point, we had 7 vacant half plots and a waiting list of 10 people. These people will be contacted regarding taking up a plot directly after 1st October.

The next item was the election of committee members.

We had already been advised that Larry McQuaid was standing down as Vice-Chairman and that Leon Ray was also standing down, due to health issues.

Les Brooks was nominated and seconded to continue in post as Chairman, likewise Derek Howell as Treasurer and Roger Fussell as Secretary. Mike Stinchcomb was nominated and seconded for the role of Vice-Chairman but wanted a short time to consider this. We can now report that Mike has since agreed to take on this role.

Other committee members re-elected were, Darren Bowden, Norman Bradford, Terry Wall and Mike Checkley.

Two new members were nominated and seconded and we would like to welcome Diana Sidwell and Kelly Morgan-Ramseyer to the committee.

Any other Business:-

Leon Ray asked about ongoing domestic rubbish disposal. Derek Howell replied that he is to deal with this issue and will report back in due course.

Roger Loveridge asked about how we might deal with the problem of mare's tail on site, as this is becoming a bigger problem each season. He suggested that a dedicated bin should be provided and that plot holders should be encouraged to use it to dispose of mare's tail which they dig up. Les Brooks said that a couple of bins could be provided for this purpose and that he would look into it.

Leon Ray asked that we encourage people to move their manure deliveries off of the paths as soon as possible as if left, it scorches the grass and this takes a long time to recover. Plus, of course, it restricts access along pathways. The committee promised to deal with this matter.

Leon went on to propose a vote of thanks to those who helped out at the Patchway Festival Open day.

The meeting ended with Les Brooks thanking all who took the trouble to attend and inviting everyone to enjoy Tea and Coffee before heading home.