

PRETORIA ROAD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pretoria Road Allotment Society, held on 2nd October 2017 at the Casson Centre, Patchway.

Committee members in attendance:-

Les Brooks – Chairman
Mike Stinchcomb –Vice Chairman
Roger Fussell – Secretary
Norman Bradford
Darren Bowden
Diana Sidwell
Kelly Morgan-Ramseyer

Apologies for absence:- Derek Howell, Terry Wall

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

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were adopted and a copy was signed off by the Chairman.

The Chairman then made his address to the meeting in which he thanked the ladies who had assisted with the Patchway Festival Open day and also with the Easter Open Day. He was able to report (Via Mike Stinchcomb) that the Patchway Festival Open day raised £186.70 and the Easter Open day £200.00. In addition, he thanked Kelly Morgan-Ramseyer for all her efforts and also for the very generous personal donation of £100.

Les was also able to report, that at this time we have 5 half plots and 1 quarter plot vacant plus 1 raised bed.

Next, Mike Stinchcomb read the Treasurer's report (standing in for Derek Howell who is on Holiday). Mike gave us a very thorough run down of the General and Fund Raising accounts and made a very creditable job of standing in for Derek.

A copy of the full accounts is attached to these minutes.

PATCHWAY PRETORIA ROAD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1 SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 31ST AUGUST 2017

GENERAL ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	£	RECEIPTS	£
RENT TO COUNCIL – 2016/17	1484.50	COUNCIL RENT – 2016/17	1484.50
RENT TO COUNCIL – 2015/16	56.70	COUNCIL RENT– 2015/16	56.70
BRISTOL WATER	505.02	WATER CHARGE	524.77
EON ELECTRIC	152.56	MEMBERSHIP FEES	535.00
KEYS FOR GATE	49.60	MERLIN HOUSING GRANT	700.00
KEY DEPOSIT REFUND	25.00	KEY DEPOSITS	170.00
PETROL & OIL	64.93	MOWER HIRE	72.00
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	23.99	MANURE SALES	46.80
CASSON CENTRE HIRE	5.00		
WOODEN GAZEBO	1060.00		
GAZEBO SCREWS	3.49		
MOWER REPAIR	22.00		
CLEANING PRODUCTS	31.37		
WATER IBC AND ADAPTORS	555.60		
SUNDRIES	66.60		
TOTAL	4106.36	TOTAL	3589.77

NET EXPENDITURE £516.59

BALANCE SHEET

Funds from 31 August 2016	£1618.27
Net Expenditure	516.59
TOTAL	£1101.68

Funds held on account	£1086.03
Cash on Hand	15.65
TOTAL	£1101.68

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FUND RAISING ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	£	RECEIPTS	£
Compost purchased	362.00	Donation from Kelly	100.00
Wood Gazebo	80.00	Seed Exchange Day	30.00
Easter Fun Day supplies	48.49	Easter Fun Day	200.00
Pop Up Gazebo	79.99	Patchway Festival	186.70
Compost for Wheelbarrows	8.58	ASDA Green Token Award	500.00
Bottle of Gas	40.00	Shop takings	783.99
Patchway Festival supplies	89.29		
TOTAL	708.35	TOTAL	1800.69

BALANCE SHEET

Funds from 31 August 2016	£543.17
Stock from 31 August 2016	£1657.02
TOTAL	£2200.19

Funds held on account 31 August 2017	£1567.37
Stock held on 31 August 2017	£1623.43
TOTAL	£3190.80

NET PROFIT ON YEAR £990.61

Next, we proceeded with the election of officers and committee members. The Chairman, Les Brooks, the Vice chairman, Mike Stinchcomb, the Treasurer, Derek Howell and the Secretary, Roger Fussell were all re-elected to post. In addition, all existing committee members were returned to their posts and we elected an additional committee member. We welcome Ray Perthshire to our number.

Then we came to **Any Other Business.**

The question of allowing sheds on the plots, was raised by Kelly. The Council's position on this is well known. They are against this idea. It was agreed, after a short discussion, that we would discuss the matter and take a vote on it at the next committee meeting, in November.

Ken Burgess asked what was happening about our new car parking area, as no work appears to have been done for a couple of months. Les was able to explain that the person who was contracted to do this work, by the Council, has problems with the lorry which was to have been used. Les told us that the matter is a bone of contention and that he regularly raises the subject with the Council, but we are still awaiting some positive action.

Ken Burgess also asked about getting the Green Waste site tidied up. Les has explained that plot holders are not tipping their green waste responsibly. Instead of making a proper heap, which could then be managed properly, they are dumping wheelbarrows full of waste in an ever increasing area. They should be placing their waste on top of previously deposited waste, not on the outside of it. Les has said he will try to arrange a tidy up of the area.

Brian Jones asked about the mess on the Waste Wood site. Les again explained that the same thing was happening. Plot holders are creating an ever growing circle of rubbish around the Wood Waste sign, instead of making a sensible pile, **near** the sign. The result being that we will have to remove the sign, before a bonfire can be made or run the very real risk of burning the sign down!

With no further matters arising, Les Brooks declared the AGM closed and invited those in attendance to enjoy tea or coffee before leaving.