

# **Pretoria Road Allotment Society**

## **Minutes of the committee meeting held at the allotment site on Sunday 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2018**

Those present:- Les Brooks - Chairman  
Mike Stinchcomb – Vice-Chairman  
Derek Howell - Treasurer  
Roger Fussell - Secretary  
Terry Wall  
Ray Perthshire  
Norman Bradford

**Apologies for absence: Diana Sidwell, Kelly Morgan-Ramseyer, Darren Bowden**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The minutes from our last meeting (6<sup>th</sup> May 2018) were adopted and signed off by the Chairman.

**Item one. From Mike.** What arrangements are we making for the Patchway Festival Open Day?

Derek stated that the old barbeque is no longer fit for purpose but that this is probably the wrong time to buy a new one as prices are high at present. This was discussed and it emerged that a number of committee members will not be available on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that we will have to find out from those not present at this meeting, whether they are going to be able to attend and help out on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. If there are sufficient people available, we will organise soft drinks and tea and coffee. If anyone is willing to bring along cake etc., that will be very welcome. Roger is to contact those not at this meeting to find out if they can attend.

**Item Two. From Diana.** Diana pointed out that the cold water tap in the gents toilet is not functioning properly and does not shut off unless it is pulled up firmly. There are two dangers here. One is that it may be left running for hours at a time and the other is that sooner or later the head will give way and the tap will break completely.

It was agreed that this should be replaced at the earliest opportunity. Norman volunteered to fit the new tap and Roger has offered to purchase it.

**AOB:** Norman has been approached by one of the local councilors, who wants permission to use some of our mains water during the Patchway Festival Fair. It was agreed that this would be ok as long as this was not abused and provided that they make a contribution to our funds to offset the cost to the Society.

Norman raised the point that whilst there are 10 committee members, only 3 or 4 of us are ever in attendance during the day (particularly mornings) each week and sometimes there is only one of us. Even at the weekends we are often thin on the ground. After some discussion, during which it was pointed out that some of the committee have full time day jobs (though not all by a long way), it was agreed that Roger should put a note in the minutes requesting the committee members as a whole to make more of an effort to attend the site regularly and to put themselves out a little, to help plot holders who need access to various items.

So here it is then..... **Can all committee members make the effort to attend the site regularly and assist in any way that they are asked to? After all that is what we volunteer for folks.**

Roger produced a new sign for the three gates, telling Society members to close them when they enter and when they leave. This is to try in some small way to combat recent thefts and vandalism. The signs were approved and they are to be laminated and put up in fairly short order.

On that note, the meeting was closed.