

## **Pretoria Road Allotment Society**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 - Pretoria Road Allotment Site 10.15am

### **Committee Members Present:**

Claire Nicholl – Chair (CN)

Mark – Treasurer (M)

Richard Pruettt (RP)

Chris Rowell (CR)

Mary Hayward (MH)

Jenny Richardson (JR)

Mike Stinchcombe (MS)

APOLOGIES: Doug Blackwell – Secretary (DB), Mia Smart (MSm), Rob Martinique (RM), Derek Howell (DH)

ITEM 1. Adoption of Committee meeting minutes 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

Minutes Adopted.

ITEM 2. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am-2pm

MH, JR, MSm, MS and M agreed to attend and run this event. Roles allocated.

ITEM 3. Maintenance of Water Stations and Keeping Surrounding area clear

It was agreed that written notice would be issued to individual plot holders addressing the accumulation of materials on their plot, particularly where this obstructs access, or causes damage, to water stations. Notice will also be issued requesting the removal of structures or fencing that encroach onto pathways.

CH agreed to draft email for DB to forward to the plot holders concerned.

ITEM 4. Weeding on Banks

Reminder received from RM that most of the banks have been planted with wildflowers. Therefore, the only invasive plants that needs to be removed in this area are stinging nettles, brambles and bindweed.

CR agreed to prepare list of tasks and areas to be tackled by working parties.

Green waste collected by working parties must go to the tip. Garden waste bags will be made available.

Date for next working party: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

ITEM 5. Correspondence with members including application from plot holder for polytunnel

All agreed to accept application for polytunnel.

ITEM 6. Banking

M still investigating, but likely that Co-op bank will be best option for the Society.

A.O.B –

- Email to be sent to those plot holders who border the 2m wildlife corridor. This is to remind plot holders about keeping this area free from rubbish, sheds and other structures. Plot holders to be reminded of nesting birds, hibernating animals etc. CR agreed to draft email for DB to forward to plot holders.
- All plot holders reminded that dogs should be kept on a lead at all times.
- MS notified that the Safeguarding Policy is due for review. MS to forward to MH for review and signing.
- MS agreed to organise manure delivery for end of Aug/beginning of Sept. He would like all payments by end of July.  
It was agreed that if the ground is too wet for the tractor to deliver the manure without causing damage to pathways, payments would be refunded.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: None given