

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	27 th November 2016 11.00 a.m.	
Location	Community Area, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Giuseppe de Vai (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Vicky Phillips, Christina Aston, Khrystina McPeake John Carrig, Don Eckford, John Whitby, Julie Batten	
Apologies: -	Bryan Basdell, Maria Casey	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Welcome New members were welcomed to the Committee. JB expressed interest in joining the committee and this was agreed unanimously.	
2	Meeting of 25th September 2016 The minutes were agreed. Actions were generally complete or covered elsewhere in the meeting.	
3	Finance RH circulated a financial statement. The main expenses in the period had been for the Open Day and AGM plus the website renewal, which had all been paid from the proceeds of the Open Day. The balance stood at £1969.68. CA volunteered to act as Treasurer and this was agreed unanimously. RH passed over all the information and items he had received from Jenny Bevan. It was agreed that CA should contact the bank to obtain a change to the cheque signatories to the new Chairman and Treasurer.	
4	Events It was agreed that there should be two Open Days next year and the dates were set provisionally for May 20 th and September 9 th . RH noted that no competition winner who had not attended the AGM had come forward to receive their voucher. GdeV proposed that in future years we would provide cups instead and this was agreed. KP suggested we hold an awards evening to encourage interest.	
5	The Shop Little activity in the winter months.	
6	Liaison with the Council RH reported that the BRAG AGM will be held on 28 th November and that Pete Lewis and Yvonne Kelleher will be present to answer questions. It was agreed that the main topics were the number of neglected plots and the new bonfire rules. RH noted that these problems were being reported from all sites. VP noted that the bonfire rules are likely to be relaxed somewhat. GdeV stated that he wished to restore the arrangements whereby the Committee undertook to look after new starters and allocate plots to them. He also wished for area representatives to restart monitoring their areas for neglected plots. RH will advise Pete Lewis accordingly and find out which plots are on the Council's list for re-letting. RH will remain the Council's main contact. He advised that two people from Bushy Park can attend the quarterly BRAG committee meetings but only VP had been attending recently but found it inconvenient.	RH
7	Communications At the AGM KP had volunteered to act as Social Representative, a role not	

	previously occupied, and was interested in organising social events. She agreed to take over as editor of the newsletter to which all are asked to contribute.	
8	Community Area Cleve West has agreed to continue to look after the orchard area but the rest remains neglected. CA is looking after two of the raised beds but the others are not used. JB and JC proposed they fill these with suitable grasses and perennials and they would be happy to look after them once they had been cleared of weeds. It was agreed to organise a Volunteer Day in late winter to do so.	
9	Any Other Business RH noted that we need to reallocate the Area Representatives' areas following the changes to the committee, but i It was unfortunate that now committee members were not distributed evenly across the site. The following provisional arrangements were made and RH will reissue the area map for review: 1) JB will take over plots 1-5 and plots 172-188 2)RH will take over Jenny Bevan's area 3) DE will take over Shelagh Secola's area 4) KP will take over Ray Brown's area 5) JC will take over RH's current area. The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 11am on 29 th January 2017.	RH