

# BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 12.00.	
Location	Community Area, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Giuseppe de Vai (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Vicky Phillips, John Carrig, Christina Aston (Treasurer), Bryan Basdell, John Whitby	
Apologies: -	Joe Ambaye, Maria Casey, Khrystyna McPeake	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	<b>Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b> The minutes were accepted. Actions arising: 1) GdeV and CA agreed to complete the shop accounts on Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February. 2) It was agreed to delay the newsletter. The email merge has yet to take place. The boxes for printed versions are no longer usable. 3) The RHS affiliation has been renewed.	GdeV/CA
2	<b>Finance</b> CA reported that our total balance currently stands at £2497.25, so funds for projects are available.	
3	<b>Events</b> It was confirmed that the Open Days for 2018 will be on May 12 <sup>th</sup> and September 8 <sup>th</sup> . The AGM will be held on October 8 <sup>th</sup> and the seed swop will follow the committee meeting on March 25 <sup>th</sup> .	
4	<b>Liaison with the Council</b> RH reported that, following the release of the top names on the waiting list for new starters to the Committee and a meeting with PL, approaches were made and two successful showings resulted in 14 plots being let. Our records indicate that there are now still 10 vacant plots although some are being queried with the Council. It was agreed that the next showing should be on Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February. It was noted that some ploholders had still not received their rental invoices.	
5	<b>Communications</b> Nothing to report.	
6	<b>Community Areas</b> Cleve West is willing to continue to mow the community area but requested that users be instructed not to trespass on his plot. VP advised at the previous meeting that TCV require 4 days to clear the wildlife area (about £1200). The Council considers it cannot afford this but could make a yet unclear contribution. VP is looking at alternative funding sources.	VP
7	<b>Any Other Business</b> A number of points were raised: 1) JW recommended we have an electrical check for the shop by a qualified electrician for health and safety reasons. This was agreed. JW to organise. 2) In order to keep pathways clear many need to be strimmed. We possess a petrol strimmer but this is currently not working. GdeV was authorised to have the unit serviced. 3) RH had received an offer from Langdon Place of leaves for composting. It was agreed to decline this.	JW  GdeV

<p>5) RH attended the recent BRAG meeting at which the Council's new draft Allotment Strategy. RH has circulated the Strategy and the BRAG minutes to all for review and comment. It was agreed that all would get their comments to him by 5<sup>th</sup> February, so that he could collate them and forward them to BRAG, where the BRAG Chairman will combine all site committee comments into a common response to the Council.</p> <p>6) The next committee meeting will be on site at 11am on 25th March followed by a seed swop.</p>	<p>All/RH</p>
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