

# BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

| Meeting: -             | COMMITTEE MEETING  |                     |
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| Date & Time: -         | 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11.00.  |                     |
| Location               | Community Area, Bushy Park Allotments  |                     |
| Minutes prepared by: - | Robin Hewitt   |                     |
| Present: -             | Giuseppe de Vai (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Vicky Phillips, Christina Aston (Treasurer), Bryan Basdell, John Whitby, Joe Ambaye, Maria Casey   |                     |
| Apologies: -           | Khrystyna McPeake, John Carrig,  |                     |
| Circulation: -         | Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis   |                     |
| Item                   | Minute   | Action by           |
| 1                      | <b>Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b><br>The minutes were accepted. Actions arising:<br>1) GdeV passed details of the shop accounts to CA.<br>2) The electrical check in the shop will take place in April.<br>3) The strimmer has yet to be repaired. JA will investigate but expressed concern at this being used by those not experienced with it.   | GdeV/CA<br>JW<br>JA |
| 2                      | <b>Finance</b><br>CA reported that our total balance currently remains at £2497.25   |                     |
| 3                      | <b>Events</b><br>It was agreed that there needs to be a Volunteer Day type clear up in advance of the next Open Day, probably on Sunday May 6 <sup>th</sup> . As there was some confusion over the finances last year it was agreed there should be some form of shopping list before the Open Day purchase are made.  |                     |
| 4                      | <b>Liaison with the Council</b><br>RH reported that further plots had been let to new starters and regularly circulated the current status list. In general, of those approached, less than half were still interested, others having moved away, had changed circumstances, had a plot elsewhere or were simply unobtainable. RH proposed that we now have a pause. Pete Lewis requested that we review unused plots next month. It was agreed to do so towards the end of April.<br>It was suggested that new ploholders (or possibly BPAA) could engage professional gardeners to clear overgrown plots initially. All are to investigate possible candidates.<br>RH had circulated the Allotment Strategy and the minutes of the subsequent Council meeting with BRAG. It was noted that allotments are able to apply for Civic Pride funding. | All<br>All          |
| 5                      | <b>Communications</b><br>JA was volunteered to co-ordinate the next newsletter. All are asked to contribute.   | JA/All              |
| 6                      | <b>Community Areas</b><br>VP advised that the council had now agreed to TCV clearing the new wildlife area and so this would now take place in September to avoid the nesting season. BPAA are to meet any overspend.  | VP                  |
| 7                      | <b>Any Other Business</b><br>A number of points were raised:<br>1) it was agreed to trial selling seeds from the Seed Co-op.<br>2) The gates seem often to be left unlocked and GdeV reported that one shed had been broken into and tools stolen.<br>3) The Council will shortly turn the water on. Please report any leaks to PL.<br>4) A successful seed swap was held at the close of the meeting.   | All                 |