

Minutes of AGM 29th March 2012

Attended by 24 people.

1. **Apologies:** Susan Berry
2. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. Minutes of AGM on 30th March 2011 were agreed as a true record of that meeting.
4. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from last year's minutes.
5. **Chairs Report:** Self-management – the FED are still in the process of negotiating the best lease for us. Barnet have said all sites will be self-managing by April 2013. There seems to be a problem with the deeds for our site. We expect to have our site survey done by Barnet in a few months time. We will just have to watch this space!

We have done a lot more work in the Trading Hut and are hoping to be able to have tea and coffee facilities available for the plotheholders. Many thanks to all those who helped.

The BBQ last year was a great success and thanks to Jeremy for organizing the event. Keep your eyes open for the date of this years BBQ.

6. **Treasurers Report:** Mike said he had found the accounts a lot more complicated that he had anticipated. Sales last year were down £600 but by the end of the year profit was up by £13. We had low stock. Security problems have been very expensive this year with several break-ins and so having to replace padlocks.

FED subs are due by the end of this month. £50 was given last year to the FED to help with legal fee's helping with the rent increase fight with Barnet.

Rent collection was not good last year and we paid late because of collection problems. We are making some admin changes to rent collection this year so hopefully things will go more smoothly this time.

This year the FED have asked all associations if they could give £500 to help with legal expenses to do with self-management and rent increases.

Georgina Russell proposed this motion and Maggie Coates seconded it. It was agreed unanimously to make this donation. Treasurer will action.

We received £8 in interest from the bank.

We have a sum of money in a savings account. **It was proposed by Susie Ray and seconded by Georgina Russell and agreed unanimously that this money be put into a regular account asap. The Treasurer said he would look into the best place to put this money.**

The members agreed and accepted the accounts presented.

7. **Election of Officers and Committee members:** All the current Officers and Committee members stood down. There was one nomination for Secretary, Philippa Goody, proposed by Sara Bell and seconded by David Feldman and those present agreed this new appointment and the appointment of the following Officers.

Chair: Sara Bell
Vice Chair: Susan Berry

Secretary: Philippa Goody
Treasurer: Mike Sherrington
Plot Sec 1: David Feldman
Plot Sec 2: John Bell
Trading Hut Sec: David Raeburn

Committee members elected:

Jeremy Balcombe
Ken Brown
Audrey Brown
Nick Jackson

8. A special thanks went to Lee for all his work in repairing all the damaged fences from break-ins and for sorting out all the various pieces of machinery we have.
9. **Hose Pipe Ban:** this has been confirmed and we are not allowed to fill water butts up from a hose! We must all water properly and under no circumstances leave hose pipes running over night. If any plotholder is seen using a hose pipe it must be reported to the committee. A letter will be sent to the plotholder as a warning. We could receive a very hefty fine if caught using a hose pipe while there is a ban on.
10. **Water Contractors:** Can people be aware of water contractors coming in and changing our taps. Childs Hill have had there taps changed by the water board, with no prior arrangement and we don't want the taps they are putting on as you can't attach a hose pipe to them! Please let Davie Raeburn know if you see anything like this happening.
11. **Bonfires:** Please can people be mindful when they have a bonfire and only have bonfires at the allotted times we are allowed. These times can be found on the notice board of the trading hut. It was suggested that perhaps we could have one big bonfire on 5th November. We will let you know nearer the time what is organized.
12. **GGAA Website:** Nick has put together a very nice website for us, please have a look at it. www.ggaa.org.uk we hope it will evolve and we would like feed back and suggestions and the website will become a useful tool for plotholders as we get into self-management.
13. **AOB**
 1. We have had a number of break-ins including the trading hut. The intruders made a mess of the door, mess in the hut but there was no money to take although they took some tools and lots of seeds.
 2. Plot 139: plotholder asked for his plot to be re-measured as he disputes that it is 10 poles which is what he is paying for. Plotholders says it is not 10 poles.
 3. We will have another BBQ this year in July. Dates will be posted on the notice board and put in the next newsletter.

Date of the next AGM will be sometime in March 2013.

Minutes taken by Sara Bell.