

Golders Green Allotment Association  
AGM Minutes  
Tuesday 23 May 2023 8.00 pm

**Those Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Plot</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Plot</b>
Nick Jackson	92		Audrey Brown	74
Manie Freitas	135		Ken Brown	75
Jose Mourato	103		Richard Rowland	55
Sara Bell	92		Esther Selsdon	185
Neil Frazer	149		Alex Games	185
Shelley Frazer	49		Raed Alzahmed	64
Veronica Kendall	138		Bryan Alcock (Tretawn)	19 & 23
Silas Kendall	137			

**Chairs Report:**

The winners of the 2022 GGAA Plotholders competition were mentioned as recorded in last year's newsletter. In the BAF competition, Silas Kendall came second for the Best Individual plot and GGAA came third in the Best Large Site Competition.

We said goodbye to Jennie Norwood as Secretary and thanked her for her services both on the committee and as a long standing plotholder. Bryan Alcock agreed to Act as Secretary in her place.

Silas Kendall was thanked for all his work on the lottery funding bid and installation of a Compostable Toilet. A round of applause by those present was made.

It was noted that the toilet door was being locked from the outside by a coin being used to turn the lock, if a plotholder wanted to use the toilet and it was locked and unoccupied a coin could be used to unlock the door.

Plot holders were encouraged to harvest water whenever they could.

There were two and half difficult plots vacant as at the AGM.

We had a waiting list of 128 people and when people were contacted if a plot was available many do not reply. Last November 50 E-mails were sent, 15 bounced back, 15 replied as not interested anymore and so removed from the waiting list and 20 were still interested in waiting for a plot.

### **Apologies received:**

John Bell (Plot 102), Jane Heerasing (Plot 47) & Ed Clucksman (Plot 58)

### **Minutes of 2022 AGM:**

Minutes of AGM held on 10 May 2022 were received and recorded as a true record by a show of hands, proposed by Audrey Brown (Plot 74) and seconded by Neil Frazer (Plot 149)

### **Finance Report:**

The accounts for 2022 were circulated. The trading hut continues to make a profit.

In light of the Compostable toilet that has been installed £50 was spent on toilet paper.

£8k had been spent on site maintenance, including repairs to the fence and front gate.

All let plots had been paid for. In 2021 many plot holders paid their rent for 2022 in December 2021. In 2022 more plot holders delayed payment until January 2023.

A question from the floor asked about skips for removing rubbish: skips cost approx. £300 and consideration would be given to the request by the Committee with other options (A man with a Van, or seeing if a Metal man would collect metal). Anything ordered would be left in Amber Grove Car Park under advice to plot holders. That all said the site is tidier than it has been.

## **Election of Committee:**

	Name	Current Position
1	Bryan Alcock	Rep from Tretawn site & Acting Secretary
2	John Bell	Plot Secretary
3	Sara Bell	Chair
4	Vacant	Trading Hut Secretary
5	Silas Kendall	Site Manager
6	Nick Jackson	Treasurer
7	Manie Freitas	Committee Member
8	Raed Alzahmd	Committee Member
9	Paul Barratt	Committee Member

There were no nominations for the vacant position and the Committee were re-elected by a unanimous show of hands.

## **Site Business:**

Silas Kendall reported it was planned to lay cabling so the gate could be automated & lights installed for the toilet and Cat 6 cabling would be laid for extra cameras.

We would like to build a Community Hall at the top end of the plot by the compound and we will apply for another lottery bid. The Hall would be 7 metres by 5 metres and timber built. This would be a really great asset for the site and enable meetings to be held in there. We also plan to put in outdoor sinks adjacent to the new loo.

Drainage would be looked at in the area of Plot 185, a trench would be needed to stop the plot flooding and volunteers would be needed to help when the work was done.

Bryan Alcock would contact Mike O'Leary LB Barnet to see if he could get plans as to the location of existing water and drainage pipes.

## **Trading Hut:**

More volunteers to serve in the Trading Hut would be appreciated. Due to herbicides in farmyard manure and problems with contents of Horse manure, alternative suppliers were being looked at for our composts.

Consideration was also being given to buying the manure loose and being sold by the wheelbarrow load to reduce the use of plastic.

### **Rights & Responsibilities for all GGAA Plottolders:**

A paper entitled *Rights & Responsibilities for all GGAA plottolders* had been prepared by plottolder Susan Berry and was circulated. This paper is a brief guide to what is expected of you.

### **AOB**

Plottolders were reminded to take rubbish home with them and not to bring rubbish from home onto their plot.

Four wheelbarrows with solid tyres had been purchased and would be kept in the Trading Hut, marked as GGAA property, for plottolders to borrow to use on site and return.

There being no other business the AGM finished at 9:07 pm.