

CHAPEL ALLERTON ALLOTMENTS AND GARDENS ASSOCIATION AGM 2019

Thursday 5th December 7.15pm.

Apologies : Ellie Welch, Mike Powell , John Duffy, Kaye Fresher, Graham Jacob, Jenny Dixon, Barry Preston

Present : 16 members and officers attended as per attendance sheet.

Notice of AGM : The Chair confirmed that notice of the AGM had been given in the agreed timescales.

Minutes of the last AGM : These had been circulated in advance and available at the meeting and were presented as a true record of the 2019 AGM.

Proposed : Maggi Jozefowicz. Seconded : Maria Spellacy All in favour.

Matters arising from the minutes.
None

Secretary's report : This was presented to the meeting and there were no matters arising. The Secretary expressed thanks for the help and support received by committee members over the year.

Letting secretary's report : This was presented to the meeting and there were no matters arising. There were 29 dirty plot letters, 15 contracts terminated and it was noted that there was a that the waiting list for plots was healthy again with 22 on the waiting list. Thanks to Maggi for all her hard-work.

Association Treasurer's report and CAAGA accounts :

The Association Treasurer highlighted the health of the CAAGA balance in the current year.

Both the shows, DC shop had made a profit. In addition, Martin's Sunday tea stall had also made a significant contribution. Thanks to all those involved for their hard work.

There was an error in the Honoraria, this should be £1,000 and not £900.

There were no other matters arising and the meeting took a vote to accept the accounts.

Proposed : Val Codling Seconded : Dennis Noble All in favour.

Site Treasurers report and GVA accounts :

The Site Treasurer reviewed the accounts for the site and GVA, held separately to CAAGA. It was noted that bonds were being itemised and ringfenced from other funding in the GVA accounts where they had previously been in the CAAGA accounts. The accounts were proposed for acceptance.

Proposed : Nadine Davies Seconded : Caroline Day All in favour.

Auditors report

Both sets of accounts had been reviewed by Joseph Moran and found to be in order. The one-off expenditure in the CAAGA accounts was noted as exceptional.

Membership fees

These currently stand at £4 per year for non-plotters and £6 per year for plotters. It was proposed that we would not change them for the coming year 2020/21, although acknowledging that they did not cover administrative costs.

Proposed : Dennis Noble Seconded Barry Back All in favour.

Officials' honoraria

The total amount currently stood at £2000. A proposal had been received that the amount should be increased to £2200. *There was also a discussion about the Chairman's percentage to be increased which was left for possible further discussion within the committee.

Proposed : Barry Back Seconded : Caroline Day All in favour.

Election of officers and committee

Officers

The Chair indicated Site Treasurer is standing down and was thanked for his work in the post. All other officers were prepared to stand again. There were no other nominations. It was proposed these be voted in en bloc

Proposed : Charles Eggar Seconded : Olivia Clarke All in favour

Nadine Davies was proposed for the vacant post of Show Secretary.

Proposed : Maggi Josefowicz Seconded : Caroline Day All in favour

Members

A number of current committee members were standing down: Kaye Fresher, Denis Penman, and Val Codling.

The rest of the committee members were prepared to stand again for another year.

It was proposed these be voted in en bloc.

Proposed : Maggi Josefowicz Seconded Dennis Noble All in favour

Another member was proposed for the committee: Graham Jacob.

Proposed : Maria Spellacy Seconded : David Sharples All in favour

Susan Johnson volunteered her services on the committee.

Proposed : Dennis Noble Seconded : Maggi Josefowicz

Committee 2020

Officers

Chairman: Martin Copeland

Secretary: Andrew Cawtherey

Letting Secretary: Maggi Josefowicz

GVA Treasurer: Vacant

CAAGA Treasurer: John Duffy

Show Secretary: Nadine Davies

Stores manager: Phil Steele

Storeman: Dennis Noble

Members

Maria Spellacy

Mike Powell

Sally Duggan

Ellie Welch

Graham Jacob

Sue Johnson

Programme of events for 2020

This is normally done at the first committee meeting of the new year. Suggestions had been made for:

- Usual shows
- Harlow Carr visit
- Grafting and Pruning workshops from Roni Senior
- Nadine suggested other gardens such as York Gate/Goddards/Beningbrough
- Visit to the Green Bin recycling plant
- Juicing Day
- Talk about soil science by a Sheffield scientist who had recently given a talk elsewhere in Chapel Allerton.

Items received by Secretary prior to meeting :

Proposal from David Sharples on the environmental issues around the burning of waste materials on site and whether this should be halted. After much discussion it was proposed to put the matter back to the committee to do further investigations and consult the members in a future general meeting. David Sharples agreed to this course of action.

Proposed : Charles Eggar Seconded: Sally Duggan All in favour

The meeting ended at 8.15 and was followed by a talk from Nadine Davies on her experience as an National Trust apprentice.