

CHAPEL ALLERTON ALLOTMENTS AND GARDENS ASSOCIATION AGM 2018 held Tuesday 4th December at the Methodist Hall in Chapel Allerton.

Apologies : Nadine Davies, Sally Duggan,

Present : 25 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 2017 AGM.

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

Matters arising from the minutes.

- The updated grievance procedure would be taken as a separate agenda item.

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

Sue Johnson volunteered to maintain the CAAGA Facebook page.

Letting secretary's report : This was presented to the meeting and there were no matters arising. It was noted that there was a continuing trend of falling waiting lists.

Association Treasurer's report and CAAGA accounts :

The Association Treasurer highlighted the significant decrease in the CAAGA balance in the current year. This was due to the capital investment that had been made in the form of the new meeting room. We had still made a modest increase to funds if this expenditure was discounted.

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

Proposed : Dennis Noble Seconded : Phil Steele 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 : John Duffy Seconded : Andrew Nelson 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 2019/20, although acknowledging that they did not cover administrative costs.

Proposed : John Duffy All in favour.

Officials' honoraria

The total amount currently stood at £1800, and was unchanged since 2012. A proposal had been received that the amount should be increased to £2000 – which was in fact a similar figure to £1800 in 2012 allowing for inflation. It was explained that the total amount was shared between GVA and CAAGA so only £900 had shown in each set of accounts.

Proposed : Maggi Josefowicz Seconded : Barry Back All in favour.

Election of officers and committee

Officers

The Chair indicated that the Secretary and the Show Secretary were standing down and were thanked for their work in their respective posts. All other officers were prepared to stand again and it was therefore put to the meeting that they be re-elected en bloc.

Proposed : Dennis Noble Seconded : Barry Preston All in favour.

One nomination had been received for the post of Secretary, and the meeting voted on electing Andrew Cawtheray to this position. Andrew was welcomed to the post.

Proposed : Maggi Josefowicz Seconded : Andrew Nelson All in favour

No nominations had been received for the post of Show Secretary but the work could in the interim be allocated among committee members.

Members

All current committee members were prepared to stand again and two additional nominations had been received. The meeting voted on the election of Ellie Welch and Kay Fresher as members of the committee.

Proposed : Barry Preston Seconded Caroline Day All in favour

New Committee members 2019

Chair	Martin Copeland
Secretary	Andrew Cawthery
Association Treasurer	John Duffy
Site Treasurer	Dennis Noble
Lettings Secretary	Maggi Jozefowicz
Store Manager	Phil Steele
Storeman	Dennis Noble
Show Secretary	Vacant
Committee members	Mike Powell Maria Spellacy Val Codling Sally Duggan Denis Penman Kay Fresher Ellie Welch Chris Oldfield (trustee)

Programme of events for 2019

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

- The incinerator at East End Park,
- Dave Allison to do a talk – he is a well know local speaker on allotment growing
- Dr. Jill Edmondson, a soil scientist based in Sheffield
- Ronni's grafting workshop

Amendment to constitution

In the course of 2018 a clear grievance procedure for CAAGA had been drawn up, and it was proposed to amend the constitution so that it made reference to this document. It is hoped that it would not be used but felt correct to have it in place. The meeting voted with none against and no abstentions in favour of accepting revised wording in the constitution : 'Grievances will be handled in accordance with the CAAGA grievance procedure'.

Items received by Secretary prior to meeting : Only the proposal for revised honoraria and nominations for vacant officer positions had been received.

The meeting ended at 8.15 and was followed by a talk from Helen Hobson of Chapel Allerton in Bloom.