

## Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Committee Meeting Minutes - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Present	Apologies for Absence
Adrian Hawthorne – Chairman	Roy Seymour
Debra Collins – Secretary	Mary Harrison
John Hollands - Treasurer	Ray Mitchell
Eddy Haydon	
Linda Hartard	
John Young	
Richard Collins	

Min	Item	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>	
	Adrian welcomed every one to the meeting. Apologies given for Roy, Mary and Ray	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>OPEN ACCESS</b>	
	None	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Notes 03.10.21</b>	
	The minutes written and distributed on the 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 for the meeting held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> April were agreed as a true record and signed by Adrian.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>	
	Adrian thanked Richard for tidying the grass and path on plot 100. Adrian shared sad news that Swaran (Dave) Singh – plot 119 has passed away. Family are continuing to manage the plot.  Adrian shared an article with the committee regarding the costs and savings of having an allotment plot.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
	John handed out a printed sheet of the accounts to all committee members present and explained the accounts. If further clarification is needed, please speak to John. The account sheets will be included with the minutes for the records.  Currently running at £3K+ loss. Invoicing for rents in October is estimated to be about £8K. Looking at all expenses we will be approximately £3k in positive balance.  John has paid the water bill of £600, He has budgeted about £200o for the year. We are currently paying in advance.  Insurance has been increased to cover the toilet and the committee hut. Cost is £50 more now costing £338 for the years cover.  Key deposits remain at £10 per key.	

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	<p>Council rent going up 4p sq m this year. There is no increase in our payment to the council for the site, however this will be reviewed in future years.</p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>PLOTS REPORT</b>	
	<p>We have 16 on the Waiting list, this includes 4 current plot holders who are looking for the other half of their plots or neighbouring plots if they become available.</p> <p>Plot 86: John and Eddy will try and cultivate as in a poor state before I contact the next on the list.</p> <p>Plot 107B is giving up their plot and will let me know when it is free to release.</p> <p>Derrick's plot. A neighbour is going to plant bits for Derrick for this year but Derrick will need to give up the plot by next year.</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>SITE REPORT</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water tank by the benches is broken. The ball cock has been snapped.</li> <li>• A ball valve also replaced in 1 other tank.</li> <li>• John said that there is not much to report at the moment.</li> <li>• Eddy has put bedding plants around the site</li> <li>• We still have money on the voucher we won last year if any one has any suggestions let John know.</li> <li>• As you come into the car park a hole is emerging at the turning point. Need to find a permanent solution. Debra to write in the newsletter a reminder of the speed limit around the site. Also some members are parking on the driveway. Reminder that can only stop on the drive to unload and then move cars to the parking areas.</li> </ul>	Debra
<b>8.0</b>	<b>MACHINERY</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mantis cultivator has been repaired.</li> <li>• One of the strimmer's is now away being repaired.</li> <li>• One of the mower's gear box has gone and this is now away being repaired.</li> <li>• One of the strimmer's has shed its silencer. The bolts have sheared off</li> <li>• Currently have 1 strimmer and 1 mower working. Adrian asked if we need to purchase any more equipment. John said that the last one they bought was about £150. He will look into this.</li> </ul>	John H

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<b>9.0</b>	<b>FEDERATION REPORT</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a Zoom meeting and John H was appalled how it was run.</li> <li>• John H has been the president for the federation for the past 25 years, no one knew. John did an address to the federation. He is putting together a case for partnership with Chief Office / council. Plan is to send objectives to the Chief officer. Eddy is the federation rep for our site, he did not feel that this would change anything. He does not feel that the council are interested anymore.</li> <li>• Eddy thanked John for his valiant efforts, though feels he is wasting his time. John happy to try. John feels that there is 3 options 1) carry on ineffective, 2) close federation down, 3) re-invent the meetings</li> <li>• The Chief executive is Janet Stone</li> </ul>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>	
	Running okay. John to ask for a shout out for the Eco Festival Discussed possibly restarting the George Mortlock Competition for Best kept plot.	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JH – The lady who makes the quilt for the Horticultural show each year has let John know they are having a show. John agreed to do a shout out on our website for them.</li> <li>- AGM to be held in October 2022. Possibly the first Friday. Date to be confirmed.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Next Meetings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 10.30am</li> </ul>	