

# Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association

## Committee Meeting Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

Min	Item	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies given.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>OPEN ACCESS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No one attended</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Previous Meeting</b>	
	There was one typo to be corrected from the minutes from the 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024. The rest were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roller has been returned. In the gentleman's accident he caused £2K worth of damage to a car. His family have settled this.</li> <li>Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 Fully Automatic Defibrillator cost of £990 information was shared by Debra. There are several portable defibrillators available on the market. The one mentioned has a long battery life up to 5 years on standby. Is suitable to use on both adults and children. Ray asked if everyone needs training. Debra explained how they work and no training required as follow step by step. The defibrillator could be stored in the toilet block. Details from the British Heart Foundation website. Here is the link to the information <a href="https://defibrillators.bhf.org.uk/defibrillators">https://defibrillators.bhf.org.uk/defibrillators</a> . John H was not sure that we need one on site. Agreed for everyone to look at the information and to add this to the next meeting's agenda.</li> <li>AGM provisionally booked for the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025, John is just waiting for confirmation.</li> </ul>	ALL
<b>5.0</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>	

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	Though it is Winter, still an important time of the year to get things done especially prep work on the site.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See sheets shared by John Holland for full information.</li> <li>• Showing surplus of £408</li> <li>• Water bill has a credit amount which will remain on the account towards the next bill.</li> <li>• Projections for year end are on the back of the account sheet shared by John. John explained the rents outstanding and on plots to let. 1 member is experiencing financial difficulties and it has been agreed that they will make their rent payment in 2 instalments.</li> <li>• John Harrison wants to discuss his plots – not sure if he still wants both.</li> <li>• Vacant plots – Debra showing some more people around. Once all plots are let will end with an additional £730.</li> <li>• Need to do some machinery repairs plus manure at an approximal cost of £200</li> <li>• We are in a good financial position.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>PLOTS REPORT</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We currently have 8 plots available. I have arranged to show 5 people around. I will then contact the next on the list.</li> <li>• Not yet had a chance to do a draft for the new tenant's leaflet / handbook. I will try for the next meeting.</li> </ul>	DC
<b>9.0</b>	<b>SITE REPORT</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water tank had a leak, unfortunately we lost a lot of water The pin had broken on the ball that the water overflowed for several days.</li> <li>• Plot 46 / 47 – sleepers of the compost bins had rotten. Jerry &amp; John replaced / repaired.</li> <li>• John Holland – reported that the homeowner where the trees have been dropping branches got someone in to cut the trees. There is a large tree with branches over hanging Pat's plot and fencing that needs looking at. John didn't feel that the team they got in were very professional. JY asked if there was anything we could do. JH and DC explained what they have already tried and that the council won't back us or get involved. The homeowner has been warned that he is liable for any damage that is incurred due to any branches falling from the tree.</li> </ul>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>MACHINARY REPORT</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> strimmer is working fine but making a rattly noise. We do have other strimmer's that can be used.</li> <li>• John will wait to see what needs servicing</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ray shared that he has been looking on line and we could get a ploughing machine. He shared a picture and wanted to see if it is something that we may want to consider. John did not feel it would be used enough on the plots.</li> </ul>	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>FEDERATION REPORT</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last meeting was cancelled. They said that several representatives cancelled due to coming out in the evening when dark and weather not good.</li> <li>The Trustee's will continue to work in the background at this time.</li> </ul>	
<b>12.0</b>	<b>SOCIAL MEDIA + WEBSITE</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Young shared site information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Site hits in October was 34</li> <li>❖ Site hits in November was 25 so far</li> <li>❖ Plot enquiries in October was 1, and none in November</li> </ul> </li> <li>2 shout outs recently.</li> <li>No general content added this month</li> <li>John Harrison asked do we still need the stats each month. John Holland said he will speak with him about this when he speaks with him about his plot.</li> <li>John Holland said social media helps to prompt people to look at the website. We have not yet had anyone come forward who could help with this.</li> </ul>	JH
<b>13.0</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
	<b>Next Meeting:</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	