

Marlow Allotments Association (MAA)

Minutes of the Committee meeting Thursday 15th August 2019

Present:- Fred Tillier (Chair), Sylvia Miller (Secretary), Maren Talbot (Treasurer), Pete Cooper, Denise Bagge, John Stilliard (Minutes) & Loredana Cornea (Website).

- 1) **Apologies for absence** - None received.
- 2) **Appointment of minutes secretary** - John Stilliard
- 3) **Minutes of the committee meeting held 5th June 2019** Agreed as accurate.
- 4) **Matters arising from the minutes** (if not included below) Agreed that matters arising from them were complete unless to be discussed at this meeting.
- 5) **Treasurer's report including membership update.** MT tabled the financial report and went through it in detail. The report was accepted.
- 6) **Waiting lists & vacant plots.** Vacant:- FPx2, HH x0. Waiting:- FP x0, HHx1
- 7) **Security Camera Systems** Signs are on all entrances stating that security cameras are in use. Tenants may use a Security Camera without notification.
- 8) **Events in 2019.** Bee and Dahlia talks in August, and BBQ for Triangle in August. The Dahlia talk will have to be cancelled as the presenter is unavailable. The Bee talk has some interest but not many people have paid so far. There will be a BBQ for the Triangle project at HH on Thursday the 29th August starting at 12.30. There will also be an Allotment BBQ in September.
- 9) **Website update** Loredana demonstrated the new website. It was agreed that it will contain the last 4 sets of minutes as well as the history of the sites and pictures and links. SM said that the Email set up is much improved and saves her a lot of time. It was agreed that it will be updated on the 1st of each month. Loredana was thanked for her excellent work in creating the new Website.
- 10) **Marlow Allotments sites history.** To be left on the website until a separate section for each site can be prepared; FT will expand the FP part in the future.
- 11) **AGM 2019** There will be a pre-AGM meeting on the 25th September for the committee to discuss the AGM and whether to sell Teas/Cakes/Raffles etc.
- 12) **AWP Meeting with MTC & membership fee collection.** MTC say they cannot collect the membership fee for us. To be kept on the agenda.
- 13) **AOB.**
 - a) **Padlocks.** The new padlocks have not proved as robust as the previous ones. New locks are being looked at. A combination lock has been tried but the committee felt that combination locks would not be the best solution.
 - b) **Bonfire Risk assessment.** MT is to amend the section on barriers and on the height of the bonfires and resend the assessment to the committee.
 - c) **Seed ordering on-line process.** As well as ordering from the catalogue, Kings now have an additional online seed ordering process for allotment societies. Instructions are being distributed with the catalogue. There is a specific portal for members for on-line ordering; the password for this is available from MT (mtalbot@talktalk.net). Postage is £2 for delivery to a home address and £1.20 if consolidated with other orders and delivered to the seed secretary (MT).
- 14) **Committee membership.** FT reminded the committee that all members will have to stand again and will need a proposer and seconder.
- 15) **Dates of next meeting** – at MTC at 1600 on the 4th September.
The next committee meeting will be on **Wednesday, 25th September 2019.**

