

# THE MARLOW ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee meeting Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Present :- Fred Tillier (Chair), Sylvia Miller (Secretary), Maren Talbot (Treasurer),  
Pete Cooper, Loredana Cornea & Juliette Chanoir

1. Apologies for absence – Denise Bagge & John Stilliard
2. Appointment of Minutes Secretary – SM
3. Minutes of the last Committee meeting – accepted
4. Matters arising from these minutes – SM reported that MTC will not yet be refunding key deposits as the new lock system is on trial until spring.
5. Treasurers Report – MT reported the financial situation is very good with highest donation figures on record, the final balance is very positive giving MAA a boost to the Fighting Fund, should it be required.
6. Waiting list & vacant plots – currently FP has no vacant plots with 5x on the waiting list, HH has 5x vacant plots with nobody on the waiting list. MTC will promote allotments in the next issue of Marlovian and put notices on their notice boards around the town to encourage more applicants, SM will also run off notices to go on the perimeter fences of both sites. JC offered to work on Facebook promoting the allotment sites, SM will contact Scott for the links to enable JC to set this up who will liaise with MT & SM for the correct wording – Action JC, MT & SM.
7. Events – a bonfire is planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> November (weather permitting) and SM is organising another talk from Clive the Bee Expert, this will be offered to all tenants.
8. Website Update – All members must submit any changes to their profile to Sylvia so she can upload it ready for LC to update the records, the deadline for this is 9<sup>th</sup> November.
9. AGM 2019 – The agenda will be redrafted with the Mayor's speech, questions and awards at the start SM will liaise with MTC for timings. The membership & attendance table will include the raffle, 3x taking memberships/attendance & 1x sale of raffle tickets at £1.00 each. Raffle prizes will include a renovated bench, MAA will donate a bag of chicken pellets and 5x bags of rabbit manure (MT will print vouchers), plus other donations collected. SM will approach supermarkets & garden centres for donations of prizes. MT will organise paperwork & cash floats as required – Action MT & SM.
10. AOB –
  - a) PC asked about charging for the manure, SM felt this should not be charged but will only offered to members. SM will try to get it organised asap – Action SM.
  - b) MT advised of a problem that has occurred on the Kings website for online orders as the prices shown were not correct, through perseverance MT has resolved the issue.
  - c) MT updated the matter of a fourth cheque signatory, which has not progressed and suggested that SM should be put forward for this. All present agreed this to be acceptable – Action MT & SM
  - d) JC has decided after this meeting that she would like to step forward to be a Committee Member - PC will be the Proposer with FT the seconder.
  - e) The water supply will be turned off mid November, SM will check with MTC for the exact dates & will ensure that all tenants are notified in sufficient time.

Next Committee meeting after the AGM will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm 3, The Chase.  
(Note: It has since been agreed on 6x bags of rabbit manure 2x bags per voucher for the raffle prizes.)  
The meeting closed 9.45pm