

# **Leominster Allotment Association Meeting**

## **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, 7pm in the Town Council Offices, Corn Square, Leominster.**

Committee Members present: K West-Chair, S Shakespeare-Secretary, D Arkell- Memberships, G Millard-Treasurer, Graham Millard.

Others present: Jane Lacey, Cathy Fewlas, Debbie and Zoe Newton.

Apologies: Ian Wilkins.

Minutes of last meeting held on 1st May 2019 approved.

Minutes of previous AGM held on 1st May 2019 approved and signed by chair.

### **Matters Arising:**

- i. After All were welcomed by the Chair, thanks were given to those helping in any way towards success of plant fair stall on 25th May 2019. Dawn reported a very positive impact made, creating awareness of the allotments, raising £100.70p which will go forward to the BBQ and Picnic Event refreshments .
- ii. The rescheduled BBQ/Picnic to take place on Saturday 17th August 4:30PM
- iii. Monies from plant fair to go toward replacing BBQ gas cylinder and main course food for the event.
- iv. Posters to be displayed as soon as possible on site, Facebook and website to be updated.
- v. A ticket system to be actioned giving attendance numbers by 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- vi. Odd numbers plots to bring savoury dishes
- vii. Even numbers plots to bring sweet.
- viii. Bench is to now be a small more personal visit and not to be included in other social events. This was conveyed by Jane Lacey who spoke with Mrs Moss who also requested Julie Debbage be present and several others by name. This event will be organised to suit Mrs Moss in respect of her late husband.

### **Report from Chair on Site Visit, 8<sup>th</sup> May:**

Present were Kay West, Gill Murdoch, Jane Lacey and new council environmental officer Mark Culbert. They have since continued to meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

- i. Questions arising from visit are if there are any vacant plots? Plot 69,67.
- ii. The need for a current list of who has which plot? Could a meeting be convened to ascertain this as much flexibility is evidently needed to keep plot holders tending the correct sized plot to their current needs
- iii. Downsizing with a bespoke attitude to accommodate varying abilities and scope.
- iv. Can the issue of plots near car parking space also be addressed?

### **Town Council Issues:**

Plot 18 is waterlogged although in general all plots affected by surface water leaking (Highways responsibility) appear less saturated than previously.

The Town Council have requested a list of committee members names and phone numbers.

### **Other Matters:**

Concern has been raised as it is an eyesore and could perhaps be put to better use. Perhaps as accessible smaller plots for those unable to manage other higher ground areas/larger plots?

Jane reminded the meeting that she had written a helpful paper to aid those needing mentoring in what being a plot holder entails, expectations and what they may themselves gain. Hopefully this can be located and circulated where needed.

Mark Culbert to meet with police officer Gareth namely for Security Marking on site.

### **Treasurer's Report from Glenys Millard**

- i. A new mandate form to be actioned with Lloyds to replace Jane with Glenys, meeting on Friday 3rd May, also requested that Steve Gallimore, Vivienne Pearson to come off signatory and other committee members be put on.
- ii. No audit is done on the Allotment accounts.

- iii. Membership Secretary Dawn Arkell reported only 44 members out of possible 100 plots and of that number many contact details are incomplete.
- iv. Campaign to encourage more to join LAA, perhaps reminding of benefits i.e. Insurance should accident occur.
- v. No Report from Mark Culbert perhaps a daytime arrangement to meet on site perhaps would suit better in future?

Thanks to Christine Conlon for continued support running the website, her request to remove historical meeting minutes and AGM minutes dating back to 2008 was approved as unnecessary, hard copies, of course, are available should they be needed.

**Harvest Supper** remains set for **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** with odds bringing savoury and evens bringing sweets.

Excellent upkeep of grass cutting and strimming on site.

**Date of next meeting to be 4th September 2019**