

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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AGENDA

for the Committee meeting to be held at **7.00pm**
on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

Present: Anthony Blanchard, Colin Andrew, Liz Cooper, Mike Corlyon, Ed Cunnah, Neil Jacques, Kevin Sharp, Penny Thornton.

1. Apologies: Andy Roberts
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. p. PT, s. EC
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 3.1 Note thanks to John Johnson and Sam Drew for removing tree fallen into Dam Road dyke.
 - 3.2 CA will produce Risk Assessment for toilet installation. Method Statement should come with the kit.
 - 3.3 PT still to email members about growing more for Ropewalk Garden Day.
4. Correspondence
 - 4.1 Correspondence with Beacon Hill Allotments Cleethorpes after misunderstanding about us having solar panels onsite.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - 5.1 Monthly Statement – MC reported Income for February of £10,943, mostly funding for the waterless toilet from the National Lottery Community Grant Fund, North Lincs Council Community Grant Fund and Barton Lions. Expenditure was £11,478.90 mostly payment for the waterless toilet and cutting of southern hedge of £650. MC added that due to the generous support of the Lions for the balance of funding, the toilet had cost the society 90 pence.
 - 5.2 The Summary of funding is as follows:
 - Funds available at 28/02/23 £7920.43 - Reserves (£2174.07) £5746.36 available.
 - Overall decrease in funds over month £7920.43 (February) - £8456.33 (January) -£535.90
 - Overall increase in funds over year £7920.43 (February) - £7048.17 (16 December '22) £872.26
6. Site Managers' Report
 - 6.1 Hedge cutting – Western hedge cutting complete and agreed it was done well. The contractor went over and above his brief by cutting some of the inside hedge sides as well for free. CA asked if the Lions could off set their carbon footprint for the beer festival by planting up the hedges around the plot in the autumn. Agreed to calculate how many trees needed and contact Martin Reed for permission to fill gaps in southern and eastern hedges. KS, EC & AB to walk the hedges. KS to ask BP for contact details for Martin Reed.
 - 6.2 Plot inspection report – AB reported that he had walked the plots with Bob. Some needed a lot of work which may not be possible by the end of March, the deadline

for those given 5 months notice to improve last year. Agreed he would walk the site next time with Bob and BP be requested to attend the meeting and cover Plot report as the first item. NJ to print a copy of the rules for AB.

7. Toilet – KS reported that the toilet had arrived and was now in his garage. BP was organising the working party to install it.
8. Trustees – EC was looking for a named person to ask about progress from other contacts within the Land Registry service.
9. AGM – 10 Jan 2023
 - 9.1 Plot judging criteria – see attached for approval. Need agreement on 2a. Agreed 1 point for up to 30 varieties grown. NJ to circulate amended version with the Minutes.
 - 9.2 Appointment of judges for plots. A detailed discussion was held about whether RHS/NVS trained judges would be willing to judge plots using criteria other than those they were trained on. It was agreed that a plot holders view from another allotment might be a better option – perhaps the Beacon Hill Allotments in Cleethorpes. To consider further at the April meeting.
 - 9.3 Outside speakers – on the next agenda.
10. Horticultural Show -12 August 2023
 - 10.1 Copy done for Events Leaflet and Banner site booked at Ferriby Rd Roundabout, the Hall is booked and CA will book the class judges.
 - 10.2 Show Committee -first meeting 15 March 7.00pm Corn Exchange.
11. Events
 - 11.1 Ropewalk Garden Day 21 May. PT to email members.
 - 11.2 Carnival 17 & 18 June 2023 – no further detail of what is required yet.
12. Web site
 - 12.1 Proposal to purchase lap top. KS outlined the options suitable for the Society's purpose and asked that thanks be minuted to LC for all the work done on the website.
 - 12.2 Agreed to purchase a ASUS 17" CX 1700 for £335. KS & MC to arrange.
 - 12.3 LC asked that members photograph anything of interest and send it to her for inclusion on the website.
13. Any Other Business
 - 13.1 Turning circle at the top of top of the plots on the right had side had been cordoned off for a while by the plot holder. The issue is needing to provide protection for the rhubarb from turning cars. AB to look at a short fence for that purpose.
 - 13.2 KS to buy gift for MG in recognition of donating her shed and equipment to the society.
 - 13.3 NJ to get marked brush to the shed.
14. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 4 April 2023 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange