

GIG Committee Meeting 18/02/2019

Present: Evelyn Russell, John Alexander, Sandy and Frances Bryce.

Apologies: Chris Evans

In the absence of Claire McEwan who is taking a break from Community Gardening for a while, Sandy chaired the meeting.

Accounts

The committee previewed the annual accounts prior to next week's AGM and agreed to **Frances** sending them out to the membership prior to the meeting.

Available Plots/Raised Beds

The tally at this time is 3 plots and 2 raised beds. Members leaving in 2018 were: Angela Stevenson, Val Caddens, Claire and Chris Jones. New members are: Paul Mullen, David and Amber Bell and Lewis McIntyre. Enquiries have been received from: A query from Linwood (review after AGM) and Stuart McGoff from Glenburn (**Sandy** to meet him on 21/2/2019 at the garden). **Sandy** will complete a new plot map for presentation at the AGM. Members will be asked to ensure that their growing area is numbered and a sheet will be put in the bothy showing who is using each growing area. **Members** will be encouraged to bring photos of themselves to be added to the sheet for easy recognition of who's who.

Fees

It was agreed to make no change in the fee structure - currently £15 per plot and £10 per raised bed.

Toilet Facilities

Sandy will check with Barnardo's as to when they will be there providing a portaloo and **Sandy** will also check out funding for a composting toilet and speak to Erskine Allotments who have one.

Roof

It was agreed that a repair to the roof using corrugated material be prioritised with **John** agreeing to take this forward.

Annual Events

It was agreed to put the following options to the membership at the AGM: move the GIG Open Day forward in the year to May or June so that seedlings/cuttings can be offered for sale and participate again in Doors Open Day 7/8 September with a focus on fund-raising. Or leave the Open Day in August as in previous years and/or participate in Doors Open Day.

Brightening the Entrance

It was suggested that now the manure has been cleared, that colourful flowers are grown in pots close to the gate to attract interest.

Committee Structure

As no new nominations were received for committee membership, the committee agreed to continue with 5 members only but to propose the following for the agreement of members at the AGM. Sandy to become Chair, Frances to become Secretary, Evelyn to become Treasurer and John to become Committee Minutes Secretary. A local member will be asked to become a third cheque signatory. Also agreed that Committee Minutes will be made available in the bothy and posted on the GIG webpage.

Monthly Communal Gardening Weekends

These are for the maintenance and development of the garden but are not well attended. In future members will be asked to volunteer in groups to do specific tasks.

Potato Day Glasgow

Sunday 24th February 11-3 pm at the Reidvale Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, Glasgow G31 1QW.

Over 40 varieties of seed potato available.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 22 April 2019 at 7 pm at Sandy and Frances's house