

GIG Committee Meeting – 22nd April 2019

1. Present

Sandy Bryce, Frances Bryce, Evelyn Russell, Margaret Arrol, Chris Evans, John Alexander.

2. Previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 18th February were accepted.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

a) *Composting Toilet*

Sandy reported that funding of £1000 has been agreed in principal by South West Environmental Trust but that there are still some i's to be dotted and t's crossed although he does not anticipate any real difficulties.

There was some discussion as to the best location for the toilet within the site, but no final decision can be reached until the exact dimensions and space required for accessing and emptying the various reservoirs is known.

b) *Events*

As was discussed at the AGM we have opted for two event this year as follows;

1. Saturday 1st June a seedling\ plant swap and communal get together to allow us all to meet one another reasonably early in the season and dispose of those extra seedings. Sandy has been contacted by "Froglife" who appear to want to come along and tell us about how best to encourage Frogs and other amphibians into our ponds and gardens.
2. Tea and Coffee will be provided but donations of home baking or, for those of us who can't bake, buns and biscuits etc would be welcome.
3. September the 8th – Renfrewshire doors open day. We would expect to run a similar day to last year, but would not expect quite the same numbers as there are apparently no plans for the council to repeat the event they ran last year further up in the country park.
4. Tea and Coffee will be provided but again donations of home baking or, for those of us who can't bake, buns and biscuits etc would be welcome.

c) *Plot update*

Other than the communal plot there is currently only one plot available i.e. the one immediately downhill of the communal plot.

In addition, there is a single raised bed available. **Any enquiries should be directed to Sandy or in his absence any other committee member.**

John reported that all of the beds in the polytunnels are now allocated. Sandy expressed the hope that we might be able to discuss making some use of the Barnardos poly tunnel depending on their programme – **Sandy will investigate.**

d) *Bothy Roof*

Duncan has passed a detailed plan of the bothy roof on to John who has been considering options for the proposed works. A maximum budget of £600 for the entire project was agreed. - Can anyone with expertise, experience or ideas for the best way to ensure a weatherproof bothy roof please contact John.

5. *New Business*

- a) The next Growing Grounds forum is the 16th May at 14:00. **Evelyn has agreed to attend**
- b) The Paisley Food and Drink Festival is taking place on Friday the 26th and Saturday the 27th April. Growing Grounds are hosting a number of workshops in the Abbey Close on the Saturday and we have been asked to do a workshop on herbs at 15:00. **If anyone can attend, and or can provide herb seedlings etc please contact Sandy for details.**

4. *Date of next meeting*

1st July at 19:30 - Sandy and Frances's house.