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Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 28th September 2023 on site

Present: Cllrs M. Keating, C. Crosbie, and K. Burghart
2 plot holders

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Keating was nominated, seconded and duly appointment Chair of the allotments committee.

2. Apologises for absence

All members present.

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

Other than all plot holders, there were no further declarations.

4. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 06th March 23

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting with one minor amendment.

5. Chairman's update

The Chair had no further matters that were not on the agenda.

6. Site inspection

This had not been completed, but the Chair would have a walk around in due course.

7. Plot availability

It was confirmed that all plots were taken, and that there were 3 names on the waiting list. The Chair would write to all plot holders outlining that if they were not using their plots, they may wish to vacate to allow others to have one.

8. Finance update

The Clerk outlined that had been 3 large unaccounted for expenditures due the financial year. These being the disposal of tyres from the skip, the tap inspection, and painting of the shed.

Current finances

Income from plots	£ 898.35
Income from Precept	£ 300.00
Expenditure from plots	£ 898.35
Expenditure from Precept	£ 141.64
Reserves	£ 2851.08

9. Items for discussion

a. Rents for 2024

It was agreed to raise the cost of a plot to £ 0.165 per sq. meter from £ 0.150.

b. Precept request for 2024

It was agreed to request £ 200 from the Precept, to cover any external works that may affect the public. This was down from £ 300 the previous year.

c. Purchase of wheelbarrow

Concerns had been raised that the community wheelbarrow had gone missing. However – it was now found. It was agreed to paint this wheelbarrow, so everybody knew. The Chair would also place in the newsletter for all users to return to the community shed. No new wheelbarrow needed to be purchased.

d. Tap replacements

An unannounced inspection found that the taps did not meet current legislation. This had been corrected, and a reinspection found all in good order.

10. General discussion period

It was noted that the strimmer battery did not charge very well. The Chair would write in the newsletter to ensure that the charging lead is fully connected (as it may need a good push).

The cord has also finished. The Chair has a spare had would place in strimmer.

It was mentioned that non disposable items were being left in the compost area. The Chair would mention this in the newsletter.

11. Items and date for next meeting

11th March 2024 @1300 hours on site.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.40pm.

Mike Keating _____

Chairman