**MINUTES OF LRRHAA COMMITTEE MEETING on Monday, 18 June 2018**

**Rose Hill Community Centre**

Those in Attendance

Ian Matten President

Paul Wavell Lettings Secretary

Garth Bottomley Committee Member

Colin Cavey Committee Member

Khimding Devendra Committee Member

Nick van Hear Committee Member

Lorin Watt Secretary

Members: Lorraine Berkshire

1. **Apologies:** William Beinart, Theresa Gurl, Arnold Harpin, Jon Piggott

2. **Minutes** of the meeting held April 30th, 2018 were read, agreed and signed off by Ian Matten as acting chair for the session.

3. **Treasurer's Report & GDPR.** The treasurer's update on accounts was related in his absence by the acting chair. To date, no expenditures exceed projections. Water is running under budget, if only by £15. This puts the accounts on course for the anticipated deficit of £300 allowing for £250 in the capital pot and after setting aside £450 in tree-felling charges not yet incurred. (Aside re water: We were advised that garlic should be watered once a week *at most* and reminded to water evening or early morning, not during the day.)

4. **Site inspection:** Several allotments were identified as under-cultivated/overgrown. Letters will be sent to the members responsible.

5. **Bonfire rules**: Two local residents have recently complained of smoke from LRRHAA bonfires. Several neighbours on Lenthall Road believe bonfires are being set more frequently and with less consideration of the smoke blowing into the road than in the past.

Henceforth, no bonfires may be set on Sundays; they are already prohibited on public holidays. The rules for bonfires will be re-posted at the site and on the web site.

6. **Rose Hill Primary School.** Students and teachers from Rose Hill Primary School will be visiting the site on Tuesday, June 26th 11:15 - 12:15 and 13:30 to 14:30. The purpose is to show the children how food is grown. A notice to members will be posted prior to the visits.

7. **Web site:** Ideas, materials and photographs for an imminent up-dating of the web site are welcomed on lrrhaasecretary@gmail.com. Miriam Iqbal, who currently administers the site, has kindly offered to act as point-person for our web host for the time being.

8. **Fencing repair.**  Paul reckons he has sourced material needed to mend the fence at the north-east end of the site. Thanks to Cathy for the offer of sheeting.

9. **Grants 2018-19.** The new grant applications carry a submission deadline of 29.07.18. Because solar panels have moved up the list of priorities for funding, it was suggested we re-work last year's application. (Arnold to advise.)

**AOB**

• Most of the **wheelbarrows** left permanently out-doors are beyond repair. A proposal that the Association replace them a few at a time every year will be revisited when the treasurer is available to advise. One of the newer wheelbarrows will be kept at the shop so it is available for carrying compost and other heavy purchases

• The Association may consider buying new **water butts** if we are unable to source them gratis.

• Colin has a contact willing to collect **scrap metal**. Some scattered material needs to be moved to where it may be collected.

• Arnold to advise whether it is possible to hire a **skip** relatively cheaply to be delivered and filled at a specified time.

• **New structures**. The committee regrets the greenhouse at plot 26 was built without prior approval but will not request its removal. The structure is portable and of a size permitted by the rules. The new polytunnel at 9 is also acceptable.

• **Private parties**: A party will be hosted by Mr Manishor Rai at the play area on **June 30th.** Nepalese members of the Association will hold a party on the play area **August 19th**, to which they have kindly invited other members of our allotment community.

• **LRRHAA Summer Party**. We are seeking volunteers to organise the annual LRRHAA party scheduled for September 9th. The secretary will check whether Pearl is able and willing to coordinate efforts again this year.

Next Working Party**: August 19th**

Next Committee Meeting: **September 3rd**