**MINUTES OF LRRHAA COMMITTEE MEETING on Monday, 30 April 2018**

**Rose Hill Community Centre**

Those in Attendance

Ian Matten President

Jon Piggott Trustee

Arnold Harpin Treasurer

Paul Wavell Lettings Secretary

Garth Bottomley Committee Member

Colin Cavey Committee Member

Theresa Gurl Committee Member

Devendra Khimding Committee Member

Nick van Hear Committee Member

Lorin Watt Secretary

Members: Terry Kirkby

1. **Apologies:** William Beinart

2. **Minutes** of the meeting held March 5th, 2017 were read, agreed and signed off by Nick van Hear as acting chair for the session.

3. **Matters arising** **from the March 5th meeting**:

* **Container inventory.** Following the clear-out now in progress Ian and Colin will re-check inventory.

4. **Site inspection:** The next walk around by members of the committee to check the state of

plots will coincide with the next working party on June 10th. The secretary will post advance notice of the inspection.

5. **Break-ins**: A strimmer was burgled from one allottee and another has lost some tools. Terry advised that the local community policewoman would like be informed of any incidents. Members can contact her as well as making a call to the TVP to ensure a crime is recorded. Contact details will be posted on the board at the shop. Paul, Colin and Garth volunteered to undertake repair of a gap in the wire fencing at the top of the allotments.

6. **Working party activities:** The two working parties held so far this year, though effective, were poorly attended, perhaps for lack of communication. In future, reminders will be sent via email. The next working party is scheduled for June 10th. The recent clearance of two plots has resulted in a problem with rubbish disposal. Arnold is investigating the best option for skip hire.

7. **Newsletter:** The next newsletter is imminent. In future, newsletters will be sent where possible via email rather than posted.

8. **ODFAA update & data protection:**  Included in Jon’s extensive update on the ODFAA were new General Data Protection Regulations governing how members’ data is stored and used. These will affect communication with our members. The treasurer, who coordinates emails and mailings, will be contacting members about opting in to the new requirements. Other issues raised included insurance, new leases, grants (ODFAA and lottery) and the centenary celebrations planned for next year. In connection with the latter, Jon reminded the committee that LRRHAA has yet to submit a short (A4) puff piece on our allotments.

A discussion of whether we might bid for additional water butts was inconclusive.

The secretary will forward copies of our Rules and Constitution to ODFAA.

Sadly, no ODFAA cup will be awarded this year. Happily, Pennard Plants have scheduled another Potato Day for January 6th 2019.

9. **Wood chippings**: The specific issue of wood chippings on the path between 95A&B will

be addressed at the next site inspection. Khimding is translating the notice about chippings posted at the shop for the benefit of the Nepalese community.

10. **Wheelbarrows/strimmers**: At the moment, strimmers and the mower are available for borrowing Sundays from 10 – 12. Terry queried access for members who are not able to come on Sundays. It is not reasonable to ask key-holders to be available at regular hours on another day; however, if any committee member is on site and can help, the whiteboard will be put out advising his/her whereabouts.

The wheelbarrow population has been replenished, thanks to a donation of two from the shop and Arnold’s repair work.

11. **Container roster:** A roster for Sunday openings for the 2018 season has been circulated.

12. **Lettings update:** 30A and half of 54 have been cleared and newly let.

**AOB**

* Colin is checking the spare water butt at the shop as a viable replacement for one at the bottom of the allotments
* The treasurer observed that water usage is running lower than last year; a chart monitoring use through season will be posted as it was last year
* A financial update will be on the meeting agenda for June 18th

**Next committee meeting: June 18th, 2018**