**TINTWISTLE ALLOTMENT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes**

7th May 2019, 7.30pm

1. **Welcome** -

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to our new members. MS gave an overview of what the committee does and gave details of the recent constitution changes that are particularly relevant to the committee.

**2. Apologies** – JP, SJ,

**3. Minutes and matters arising**

One point of discussion was that with increased members of the committee, there may be scope to have a Social Secretary role. Paula and Lisa kindly volunteered to share this role.

MS went through the last minutes (January 2019) and gave some brief updates:

Discussion took place regarding whether a card payment system is still something we wish to pursue – it was agreed that it will be very beneficial.

**ACTION**: JM & AL to pursue an EPOS system linked in with a ‘cabin’ mobile phone with a cheap data package on it.

A new polytunnel will be purchased towards winter, as it is in sufficient condition for the coming months. SB and MS have determined repairs needed on the polytunnel and have decided that an additional polytunnel could run alongside this one for best use of the space.

Paving work will be pursued once there are increased funds available.

MS has booked the fire extinguisher engineer visit for this Friday.

PJ has ensured all flooring in the eco toilet is done and thank were given for this.

Richard is providing a quote for the fencing work and other quotes will be considered.

PAT document will be completed shortly, and a test will be booked in for when the new urn is purchased.

**ACTION**: AL to buy a new urn

**ACTION**: PL to buy a hand washing up bowl to meet H&S guidelines.

Liz Ward has been offered the latest available allotment.

Egg deliveries have reverted to Friday only for the meantime.

**ACTION:** PJ to renew T.A.G.A. signage and relocate it to the bottom of the driveway.

**AGM minutes and actions:**

Revised constitution to go up on the board in the cabin, NR has put it on the website

JM to share pictures of the nature reserve at the next meeting

The school *does* want to take on adopting the top corner of the rec - ideally as a wildflower patch. More details will follow on this.

**4. Chair’s report:**

Marianne presented her report.

**5. Treasurer’s report and sales (AL)**

AL gave a statement of accounts. The bank has a balance of £857, however there is more in cash in case SB needs to purchase more plants this week.

AL has been in touch with Utility Warehouse regarding best prices for bills and mobile phone packages.

**ACTION**: AL to discuss getting a sim via them for the card reader facility, as this will also be of benefit to our electricity bill.

PL said that £90 was raised from the Easter raffle. Marianne thanked PL for her efforts on this,

**ACTION**: MS and PL to source new chairs for the cabin from Glossop furniture project. This is to make the best use of space in the cabin and ensure that manoeuvrability is easier and safe.

**6. Membership Report**

**ACTION:** All to remind those who haven’t paid that the fees are due. It is also beneficial to encourage associate membership.

**7. Action Grant Priorities**

It was agreed that polytunnels, fencing, to run electrical wiring to benefit the polytunnel, roofing, paving and furniture are the top priorities.

**ACTION**: LC & PL to cost furniture

**8. Links with Tintwistle Parish Council (MS)**

MS will propose at the first parish council meeting that there is a separate working group for allotments. She will ask that anyone who is on the TAGA committee can apply to sit on that working group and assist with the allotment allocation.

**9. Tintwistle school links**

MS and Margaret Jones are meeting with the school this week. It is expected that there will be a session after half term. The school is involved in the Chatsworth School gardening event, and it is expected that TAGA will assist where needed.

**10. The village show**

The theme will echo the well dressing theme; 100 years of the children’s gala

A few small tweaks to the classes. There will be a fee increase for entries to 30p. The Afternoon Tea will also be increased to £4. Which all agreed was very reasonable.

**Social Events:**

8th June, Sexton Street, Afternoon Tea on the Queen’s Birthday. 2-4pm. All proceeds go the Well Dressing.

The next social lunch date needs to be set, together with the summer BBQ

**ACTION**: PL, LC to liaise with Tommy and PJ about the best date.

**AOB**

MS will attend the National Allotment Association conference in Llandudno this year.

PL was going to do a spring plant sale on Saturday at Christ Church but there are not enough plants to sell.

**ACTION**: SB to try and purchase plants on Friday

MS asked that a full risk assessment is carried out at the next meeting – volunteers to be involved on this. Similarly, the business plan also needs review. MS got approval for a steam cleaner for the cleaning of the cabin,

**ACTION**: MS & PL to source a steam cleaner and arrange a clean date.

Date of next meeting:

Tbc , within the next 6 weeks.