**TINTWISTLE ALLOTMENT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes**

1st October 2019, 7.30pm

1. **Welcome** -

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies** – PJ, SJ, SB

**3. Minutes and matters arising**

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

New washing up bowl, dustpan, and drainer has been purchased.

iZettle is a 1.75% charge but given how quiet it has been over August, we are leaving the card payment machine option until springtime.

**4. Chair’s report:**

All will be mentioned under other items in the agenda

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

£918.12 is in the bank, £273 is in the safe and £200 of that is reserved for Steve to go to the market for winter handing basket stock. £250 will be spent this week on compost.

**6. Membership Report**

There are 38 full members.

There are 43 associate members.

**ACTION:** Can NR tell us how many hits the website gets.

**7. Action Grant Priorities**

A small application has been made for one element of the original grant application; the paving. This grant is for £500 and this would pay for the labour costs as opposed to covering the whole cost.

The grant application will be emailed out to everyone from MS.

**ACTION:**MS will keep us updated on the outcome.

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

Inspections have been completed by the allotment sub-committee: Pat Jenner is the chair, along with Tom Wynn, Jill Crossland and Phil Jones (representing TAGA).

**ACTION:**MS will feedback with the after the next meeting.

Annual fees are currently being collected by the clerk.

**ACTION:** ALL to pay and remind others

**9. Tintwistle school links**

The school will speak with MS about when they want to collaborate.

**10. The village show**

MS presented her report and said it was a successful show, with many positive contributions from the committee members. A follow up meeting was held last week, and several improvements were suggested for next year’s event.

There was £1107.36 income from the show. Expenditure was £641.38, leaving £465.98 profit, but this could alter again as these are a couple more items still to be paid and some money to come in. We have made a good profit, nonetheless.

**Social Events:**

Sat 7th December is proposed for the BBQ. Santa needs to be booked and be available from 5.30pm.

**ACTION:** Book Santa in good time

**ACTION:** MS to provide a pre-BBQ checklist

Soup & Social - 24th October

Christmas veg boxes – it was decided that this year, due to timing of Christmas, boxes will not be on offer. However, the shop will be open on 22nd and a specific list of produce will be available prior to that.

**Community raised bed:**

A raised bed has become available - this will be advertised on TAGA website and on the FB page.

**AOB**

Consider Instagram for TAGA so that it can coincide with Facebook posts and support the website.

**ACTION:** JM & MS to discuss potential

JMC was asked to raise the question as to whether the parish council could borrow a marquee for the Christmas market proposed for mid-December. It was agreed that TAGA wouldn’t loan them out due to several reasons that were considered at the point of purchase. It is very likely that the parish council can easily loan them from elsewhere for the Christmas market.

Date of next meeting: Please give availability for Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.30pm.