**T.A.G.A. Committee Meeting**

**05/10/22 6.30pm**

**T.A.G.A. Allotment Cabin**

**MINUTES:**

* **Welcome (MS) –**
* **Apologies (JM) – SJ, AS**
* **Attendees: MS, JMC, JP, PL, LC, PJ, AD, AL**
* **Minutes and matters arising from last meeting: 20.07.22**

-Repair café idea has not progressed any and it was suggested that we park this idea until there is more time and demand.

-The driveway repair has not progressed. The Parish Council needs to be

-Chiller update and electricity update in Treasurer’s report.

-Hen food increase was made about a month ago. We do not

ACTION: MS &AD to chase with Parish Council

* **Treasurer’s Report (AL) –**

 £2654.57 is the balance at the moment. Price rises in fruit and veg, in addition to utility price rises are a concern. In 4 months, the electricity bill has doubled – and it has been confirmed that we are not entitled to the fuel allowance due to our usage and minimal opening hours. Sadly, we will have to adjust our prices accordingly, but we will always seek to keep increase to a minimum. MS and PL have been concerned with a couple of items in terms of quality recently on one of the aisles at market, but they will be having a discussion about this with the sellers.

Saturday attendance at the shop has been really poor lately – that said, we will close on a Saturday when the clocks go back.

The chiller broke down and we have had to fund a repair. It was bought in good faith and it was full working order, however after several weeks it was not fully operable. The repair man assessed and fixed it, and on a Sunday – and it is working very efficiently now. This was great service and a local tradesman.

The trailer expenditure will be roughly £192, and this was agreed by the meeting that this should be progressed as soon as possible. SB and AL will do the repair between them.

The builder has been to assess the covered area. A plan has been given and it was discussed that we should do a specification that he must work to, this is to protect our finds and so we can review the work progress against it. A written specification is really important to stipulate the work we want done, timescale etc. PJ noted that it will need some sort of guttering so that it is fit for purpose.

**ACTION:** AL and MS to further discuss spec and AL to discuss with the builder.

* **Memberships Secretary’s Report (SJ)**

SJ will be bringing the paperwork to the cabin soon and will speak with MS and JMC.

* **Vacant raised beds (MS)**

The end raised bed is available. MS did ask people on the waiting list but there were no takers.

**ACTION**: AD to put it on the website.

* **TPC allotment list update (MS)**

There is discussion, at the moment, as to what level of information about plot holders is available to TAGA from the Parish Council. This will mean that the list may not be able to be put up on the cabin wall. In a policy there is reference to a LIA which is about information availability. Further update about access to information will come after the next Parish Council meeting.

It was suggested that there needs to be greater cohesion across the various allotment sites and the committee should think of ways we can integrate better, whether it be by way of event, shared tools etc.

**ACTION:** All to consider way to increase cohesion.

MS explained that the TAGA plot fees are reviewed each AGM and the money is due in April every year. However, the Parish Council set their own fees for payment in October – this has been increased this year to £20.

* **Website Editor’s report (AD)**

No update on the website.

* **Sales, cabin opening**

The cabin will shut on a Saturday when the clocks go backwards, therefore from November, the cabin will only open on Sundays. The biggest earner for the cabin is plants sales and so it is really important that the trailer is fixed as soon as possible.

* **Social and fundraising events (PL)** **inc. Christmas Market & Car Boot**

-Soup ‘n Social 19 October - PL, MS, JP and Denise will do a soup. Advertising will be appearing soon across the village and online.

-Car Boot will be 23 October. This will be at Sexton Street and adverts are going up. AD, PL and Pip will be doing the food.

-Xmas BBQ 3 December will take place at the TAGA Cabin. Further details on this will be released soon.

-Tintwistle Christmas market will take place on 11 December. AD, PL and Pip will be doing the food. Emily Scriven asked if we wanted a stall and PL has said that we will sell fruit, veg, eggs and Christmas order bookings will be available. There was discussion about whether some small decorative Christmas trees could be worth selling.

PL explained that there was a suggestion to do an event hosted by TAGA at Christchurch, however realistically there was no ability to do this, and so they had to opt out on this occasion.

* **Business Plan 22/23 (MS)**

This will be put back to the next meeting.

* **Grant application (MS)**

HPBC climate change grant is available but none of our plans meet the criteria at this moment.

* **Signage (AD)**

AD commented that there is nothing in the nice signage board and the end of the drive. It was suggested that a permanent sign be put inside it to show opening times etc. PJ has offered to do another sign and noted that at the top of the path shows the opening times to be both Saturday and Sunday, when in fact it will soon just be one day. It was noted how good they look, and thanks were passed to PJ.

* **AGM 2022 preparation and Election (MS/AL)**

This will take place Saturday 5th November at 3pm so that we can maximise on attendance because it will still be daylight. Details will be emailed out soon and nomination forms need to be sent in by the deadline specified in the email. It was noted that there may be a few new people interested in joining the committee and JMC commented that the secretary position could be filled if someone is interested in taking it over.

**ACTION**: JMC to send out AGM emails

* **Village show Report 2022 (MS)**

MS wanted to thank everyone on the committee and the additional helpers, for their help on the day and in the preparation, as the show was a real success. MS circulated part of the report and JMC will circulate the full report on email.

AL explained the financial part; £301 was taken on the day. AD used the excess bacon to run an impromptu Bacon Butty Sunday – this was very innovative and was a great success. The class sponsors were £95. Next year we need to do more work on sponsorship in the run up to the Show.

Lisa did 6 for £5 on raffle tickets and this was a massive success – big thanks to Lisa for managing this so well.

PL suggested a list of prizes are issued to school to promote ticket purchase.

Selling plants was a missed opportunity but sadly Steve was unwell. We look forward to doing this again at the next event.

* **AOB**

Discussion took place about Russell Cooper potentially knowing if any younger people on related college courses, locally, who may want to contribute to site work for experience.

ACTION: MS to contact him to see if he has any details.

* **Date of next meeting:**

**TBC**