

**Glasgow Allotments Forum**  
**Minutes Meeting Woodside Halls, Glenfarg Street, off St Georges Rd**  
**Wednesday March 18th 2009**

**1. Present** Liz MacKinlay (Chair), Betty Stewart (Treasurer), Judy Wilkinson (Secretary), Robert Watson (Allotments Officer); Representatives from New Victoria Gardens, Merrylee, Kelvinside, Mansewood, High Carntyne, South Western, Hamiltonhill, Barlornock, Oatlands, Berridale, Budhill and Springboig, Kennyhill, Victoria Park, Trinley Brae, Springburn, Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society, ARI; Councillor Martha Wardrop

**2. Apologies:** Tracy Norman (Mansewood), Margaret Timoney (Trinley Brae) Cllr Mary Paris, Cllr George Roberts, Cllr Danny Alderslowe

**3. Minute** January approved – Proposer John Fearn (Merrylee), seconded Betty Stewart

<b>4. Treasurers Report:</b>	Income since Jan.	Nil.
	Expend. since Jan. (venues for meetings)	£26.30.
	Balance in Bank	<b>£567.59</b>

**5. Allotments Officer Report:**

It is anticipated that the following works should commence over the next few weeks.

Trinley Brae - New fence to be erected. New Victoria Gardens - New gates to be installed.

Barlornock - Area to the rear of plot no1 at to have fence erected and repairs to existing fence.

Westthorn – New pathway to be laid.

Hamiltonhill – Removal of the remainder of waste from site and clearance of 4 vacant plots.

Japanese knotweed to be treated later in the season.

- Hamiltonhill - a meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 to discuss soil contamination reports and guidance notes. Follow up meeting with DRS March 19th

- Allotment Strategy not finalised due April committee

*Questions*

(i) Where will the funding for allotments come from?

- Budget in land Services but need for funding officer identified in Allotment Strategy

*Note* Better Glasgow Fund accessed through Councillors

**Action: Robert Watson** to investigate

(ii) Which sites have got improvements in the last year and how much has been spent?

- Analysis brought to next meeting GAF May 6th

**Action: Robert Watson** report on spending year 2008-9

(iii) How do sites get green cages and are there enough at the depots? Is there a need for a cage

- Green link cages take **only** green waste - including pernicious weeds and branches but not glass, rocks, plastic etc. Order through Robert - would be next day pickup so have to be organised. Some sites have to wait so need for more cages. Skips go to landfill so encourage sites to order cages rather than skips.

**Action: Secretary** request more cages

**Action: ALL** - promulgate that sites should use green link cages, not skips

(iv) Wheelie bins for Budhill and Springboig

**Action: Robert Watson** contact Ruchill

**6. Oatlands:**

Security camera in place; loss of plot holders because of vandalism but all plots now taken with two community groups and transition group. One group clearing hut. Land cleared so fencing expected soon. Porta-cabin needed for tools for community groups and toilet

**Action: Robert Watson** check with Kenny Boyle about porta-cabin

## **7. Spring Event March 28th**

Organisation well under way and well supported

**Action: ALL** – please sign up for set up and door duty

**Action: ALL** – encourage other plot-holders to support Event

## **8. Briefing Papers for web: no progress - continued for next meeting**

(i) Waste - good practice. Greenwaste cages for composting

**Action: Robert Watson**

Example of Notices for skips and board

**Action: Liz MacKinlay**

(ii) Constructing Compost bins – Mansewood recommendations

**Action: Jan MacDonald**

(iii) The Events guide on the GCC web does not cover concerns of associations running an event - can produce be sold? Jams and chutneys? How should produce be weighed - or just sold by bunch, number. Can't charge but can ask for donation?

**Action: Robert Watson**

**9. Schools Shield** John Fearn has offered a shield for best school allotment plot. Work party set up to produce judging criteria. Briefing on eco-schools and how allotments fit in with green flag scheme.

**Action: work group: John Fearn (convener), Pat Tweedie, Margaret Kerr, rep from Hamiltonhill**

**Action Secretary:** Ask Mark Irwin for briefing note.

## **10. St Mungo Trophy**

Agreed should be judged week beginning July 27<sup>th</sup>. Criteria and information to all site secretaries as soon as possible. Judges to be asked to May meeting GAF to explain criteria. Request that GAF representative accompanies judging group as impartial observer to take photos for web

**Action: Robert Watson**

## **11. Reports:**

(i) Web working group – no support for LINK to transition group. Agreed draft AGM minutes should be posted on web.

**Action: Betty Stewart**

(ii) SAGS Annual Conference June 20<sup>th</sup> Dunblane

(iii) ARI – ARI in England to be directly funded by Government. New mentor for Scotland based in Dundee

## **12. Correspondence**

Betty had request for information on Landshare. Councillor Wardrop said Totnes had Transition Town pack - she would forward information. Meeting decided this was private agreement among individuals and not a matter for allotments.;

## **13 A.O.B.**

(i) Welcome Pack – Council working on this. ARI have example – could be circulated.

**Action: Robert Watson and Ian Welsh**

(ii) Marion Bate from Hamiltonhill asked for any spare containers & a source of compost to fill them, to help her use the part of her plot which has been sprayed for Japanese knotweed.

(iii) Judy Wilkinson investigating source of manure – will circulate information to those interested.

**14 Date next meeting : May 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Agenda Glasgow Allotments Forum**  
**Meeting Woodside Halls 7pm Wednesday May 6th 2009**

**1. Apologies**

**2. Minutes last meeting for approval**

**3. Treasurers report**

**4. Allotment Officer's Report**

**5. Matters arising from minutes**

(i) Actions Allotment officers Report – budget for allotments, analysis spend in year 2008/9, wheelie bins for Budhill, Green cages: *Robert Watson*

(ii) Report Spring Event – *Jan MacDonald*

(iii) Oatlands - portacabin

(iii) Briefing papers for web- *Robert Watson, Liz Mackinlay, Jan MacDonald, Harry Scalley and Judy Wilkinson*

(v) Schools Shield – Report working group *John Fearn*

(vi) Welcome Pack update.

**6. Presentation: St Mungo Cup** – judging and criteria

**7. Glasgow Show:** 1st and 2nd August: agree working group.

**8. Reports:**

(i) Web working group

(ii) Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society

(iii) ARI

**9. Correspondence**

**10. AOB**

**11. Date next meeting**