

**Glasgow Allotments Forum**  
**Meeting Woodside Halls, Glenfarg Street, off St Georges Rd**  
**Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**1. Present** Eric Dryburgh (Vice 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, Trinley Brae. Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society, Councillor Martha Wardrop

**2. Apologies:** Liz MacKinlay (Chair), Robert Gray (Barlornock), Alison Drummond (Holmlea), Tracy Norman (Mansewood), Michael Bateman (Kennyhill), Barbara De La Rue (webmaster), John Fearn (Merrylee), Ellen and Alec Hutcheon (Kelvinside), Colette Dunne (Victoria Park), Cllr Mary Paris, Cllr George Roberts, Cllr Danny Alderslowe

**3. Minute** November approved

**4. Treasurers Report:** Expenditure since Nov report: Venue for AGM and Nov meeting £13.95, SAGS subscription £75  
Balance in Bank: £593.89

**5. Allotments Officer Report:**

Fencing works planned for Balornock, Mansewood and Trinley Brae

Oatlands: security camera in place

Allotment Strategy completed and with Executive Director, will progress to Committee and hope to be launched at Spring Event.

\* **Missives** several missives outstanding -

**ACTION: Secretaries please remind plot-holders that missives should have been returned Jan 1st and that anyone applying for a concession must provide proof of eligibility to Land and Environmental Services at 37 High Street.**

**6. Oatlands:** plot-holders delighted that security camera provided by Land and Environmental Services is in place.

Steve Inch (chief planner Development and Regeneration Services) has agreed to reimburse Gladedale for the fencing in April. Gladedale have not responded to email requesting information when the fence will be instated. No action in ten days consider further actions.

**ACTION Margaret Kerr: Write to Ian Baird requesting information copy to Councillors.**

**7. Meeting Parks Commercial Manager:** Liz, Betty and Judy met with Andy Worrall (Parks Commercial manager) and Robert Watson. They discussed

(i) the budget for allotments;- part of strategy

(ii) Appeals - policy and procedures- under discussion

(iii) Communications – missives will also ask those who wish to give emails

(iv) New sites and funding- links established with communities

(iv) Launch of Allotments Strategy and Spring Event.

**8. Briefing Papers for web:**

(i) Waste - good practice, greenwaste cages for composting **ACTION Robert Watson**  
Examples Notices for skips and board **ACTION Liz MacKinlay**

(ii) Constructing Compost bins – **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**

**NOTE Sites must advise land Services (Robert Watson) at least 1 month before event takes place**

**9. Spring Event: Saturday MARCH 28th 10am - 3pm.**

Suggestions:

- it should be run in a world café style so people could come and leave during the day.
  - Talks and workshops would be held round tables with time-table for formal talks
  - There could be room set aside for schools and allotments. (Barlornock, Merrylee and Hamiltonhill). Perhaps pupils could come and talk about their plots.
  - room with information and talks for new plot-holders
  - café to run through lunch time.
  - commercial displays asked to contribute a small amount towards tea and coffee.
- Open to all plot-holders and those on the waiting list

**10. Web working group**

Joyce Gibson - pictures; Eric Dryburgh and Betty Stewart - calendar; Liz MacKinlay - gardening questions;

**ACTION ALL: check [www.glasgowallotmentsforum.org.uk](http://www.glasgowallotmentsforum.org.uk)**

**11 Reports:**

**SAGS:** number allotment groups rising - over 70 new and embryonic groups.

**Annual Scottish Allotments Conference - June 20th Dunblane**

**ARI-** Up and running again Ian Welsh will give advice

**12 CORRESPONDENCE:**

• **Halving plots:** Good advice from Budhill and from kelvinside

**ACTION: Harry Scalley and Judy Wilkinson - briefing for the web**

• **Insurance:** If sites join SAGS/NSALG (application form on [www.sags.org.uk](http://www.sags.org.uk)) then sites have access to Newspace insurance, especially devised for allotments.

• **Wood recycling -** site at the back of Kelvinhall underground need advice and help-

**Any plot-holder willing to advise contact:**

• **Crime prevention. Vandalism big problem:** Police do not have list sites and positions.

**ACTION; Cllr Martha Wardrop to ask for list police stations and best way**

• **Schools and allotments:** meeting warmly welcomed offer from John Fearn of a shield for school plots on allotment sites. Look forward to further information on judging criteria and procedures

**ACTION John Fearn to progress.**

**13 A.O.B.**

**Glasgow Show:** 1st and 2nd August

**ACTION: ALL - please grow plants and offer to help with stand.**

**14 St Mungo: date and judging to be agreed March meeting -**

**ACTION: ALL to consult and suggest how to improve participation in event**

**15 Glasgow City Council Climate Change Consultation**

Cllr Martha Wardrop brought copies of the consultation also on Council website under consultations

**ACTION: ALL - fill in consultation and encourage others to participate.**

**16 Date next meeting : March 18th**

**Agenda Glasgow Allotments Forum**  
**Meeting Woodside Halls 7pm Wednesday March 18th 2009**

**1. Apologies**

**2. Minutes last meeting for approval**

**3. Treasurers report**

**4. Allotment Officer's Report**

**5. Matters arising from minutes**

- (i) Oatlands report
- (ii) Report working group on Spring Event – Jan MacDonald
- (iii) Briefing papers for web- Robert Watson, Liz Mackinlay, Jan MacDonald, Harry Scalley and Judy Wilkinson
- (iv) Crime prevention – contacts Cllr Wardrop
- (v) Schools Shield – John Fearn
- (vi) Dates, criteria and publicity for St Mungo

**6. Reports:**

- (i) Web working group
- (ii) Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society
- (iii) ARI

**7. Correspondence**

**8. AOB**

**9. Date next meeting**