



## WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

6<sup>th</sup> August 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28 FORE STREET, WELLINGTON

6pm

### AGENDA

#### 1. Apologies

#### 2. Update on plots

2 plots are currently being re-let.

3 plots will be becoming vacant at the end of September at the time of tenancy renewals

#### 3. Competition

Allan Cavill judged the Allotment Competition again this year. The winners will be notified and invited to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> September Council meeting to receive their certificates.

Best Newcomer – Plot 67

Best Managed – Plot 78

Most Cultivated – Plot 18

Most Ecological – Plot 14

#### 4. Inspections

Plots 1-32: All plots were in good condition requiring no warnings.

At the time of the agenda being published 3 warnings had been given to tenants, one of which has decided to end their tenancy.

#### 5. Vegetable talks

An email was received by the office from the talks co-ordinator reporting that the lesson was a success despite rain. The lesson covered crop rotation, making comfrey fertiliser, disposal of weeds, composting, protecting brassicas and mulching, broccoli, green manure, and fruit etc. The tours of their plot promoted questions about flowers for cutting, courgettes, root crops and poly tunnels and more.

Everyone enjoyed the 'field trip' and they hoped they didn't disturb anyone. The committee and tenants were thanked for allowing the talk to happen.

#### **6. Lock & security**

Reminder, that all tenants must use the gate and lock wisely. Always close the gate when entering or exiting the site. If entering the plot and unlocking the padlock, close the padlock attached to the gate and change the numbers so that the code isn't displayed.

Always lock the gate if you are the last person off the site – including if you are unsure.

We have also had some reports of tenants entering other plots without permission. Tenants, your tenancy agreement is for your plot only. **DO NOT ENTER ANYONE ELSE'S PLOT WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE TENANT OR THE OFFICE.**

#### **7. Badgers**

Once again badgers have accessed plots and caused damage to crops as well as chickens and fences.

#### **8. Invasive Plants**

Himalayan Balsam has been found on the site, both in the hedgerows and on a plot. This has been dealt with and the tenant notified.

#### **9. Sheds - Positioning of sheds on plots 79A and 80.**

These two plots at the top of the Allotments were originally part of a number cultivated by the same tenant. His shed was erected on what would normally be part of the access path. As he was the only tenant and the plots did not need to be accessed by anyone else this did not cause a problem. However, after he decided to relinquish Plot 79A it was re-let to a different tenant and it has opened up the access path. Both tenants now have sheds positioned on what was originally part of the access path (see attached photo).

The tenant of Plot 80 has objected to the position of the shed on Plot 79A because he is unable to access the side of his shed or the hedge at the rear. It would appear that the only way to solve this impasse is either for both tenants to leave the sheds where they are or for both of them to move them back within the curtilage of their own plots. *Photos attached.*

#### **10. Any items tenants may wish to raise.**

#### **11. Future dates**

- a) Inspections – after the tenancy deadline.
- b) Committee meeting – October

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30<sup>th</sup> July 2015