

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Allotments Committee held on 23rd March 2016 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington.

Present: Councillor Lloyd (Chair)
Councillors James, Reed and Stock-Williams

10 allotment tenants

Greg Dyke (Town Clerk), Gill Croucher (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Councillors Critchard and Hunt

2. Update on plots

There were currently 5 vacant plots available for letting. Plots 80 - 83 had been under the care of a long term tenant who had now vacated. As a result there were a number of structures on the plots, some of which might be retained and others that needed to be cleared.

Consideration was given to whether or not to sub divide the plot into three and retain some of the structures or clear the site and sub divide it into four.

RESOLVED that tenants be advised that anything on the plots was available to be reclaimed by 4 April. Once this had been done, estimates be obtained for the cost of clearing the plots and sub dividing them into four. (It was suggested that some potential tenants might like the challenge of taking a plot on and clearing it themselves).

3. Inspections

It was agreed that the inspections to assess whether plots have been prepared for the growing season and to confirm work is being carried out would take place during the week commencing 11 April.

4. Vehicles on Site

It had been reported that tractors and 4 wheel drive vehicles had been driven on site during wet weather and had damaged the grassed areas.

RESOLVED that tenants be advised to take special care when taking vehicles onto the site in wet weather.

RESOLVED that tenants be advised, in the next newsletter, to take care when entering the site with vehicles

5. Tenants' BBQ

It had been suggested that a BBQ be arranged at the allotment site during July/August as a social event for tenants. There was no objection to this taking place.

No objection was raised. It was suggested that tenants might like to work together with the Basins Volunteers to have a joint event.

6. Any items tenants may wish to raise

- **Puddles at the entrance**

It was suggested that in an effort to relieve this problem a drainage hole be created from the allotments into the Basins, subject to the Basins Volunteers raising no objection.

- **Security Code**

It was agreed that consideration should be given to changing the security number later in the year.

- **Dogs**

Problems were once again being experienced with dogs roaming the site. It was agreed that tenants should be reminded of their responsibilities when taking dogs on to the allotments. It was emphasised that it was important to keep the gate closed to stop dogs gaining access from outside the site.

7. Date of next meeting

13 June 2016 at 6p.m.

The meeting ended at 6.35pm