

## **WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Allotments Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6pm in United Reform Church Hall, 35 Fore Street, Wellington. TA21 8AG**

Present: Councillor J Lloyd (Chair)

Councillors: M McGuffie, V. Stock-Williams, J Hunt, M Barr

Town Clerk: Dave Farrow

Deputy Clerk: Annette Kirk

1 member of Public

#### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR**

**RESOLVED** to elect Councillor J Lloyd Chairman for the forthcoming year

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Councillor C Booth.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of interest

#### **4. TENANTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Plot 19a Tenant present. New tenant since 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. He was happy with his introduction with the Council Officer when taking on the plot.
- Plot 19a Tenant reported that the combination on the main gate padlock was stiff and very hard to move. Councillor McGuffie said he would go down and oil the lock. A new lock to be purchased if needed.
- Correspondence received with concerns over noise level from children tending School plot. The Committee felt children should be encouraged to enjoy working on the plot.
- Correspondence received asking that the nettles etc on the right side of track are cut back, as they are impinging over track. Deputy Clerk to approach Idverde.

#### **5. UPDATE ON PLOT VACANCIES AND WAITING LIST**

- The Basins Allotments – 3 plots available: they have been offered to new tenants. 20 People on Waiting list
- Longforth Farm Allotments – 30 people registered interest

## **6. GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS**

- Area of ground behind Plot 19a – cleared by neighbouring tenants. Work to continue on tidying up boundary hedgerow etc. The Tenant said he will do his best to keep this area tidy. Consideration was given to whether we could make this another plot. It was felt this area of ground was probably too small
- Inspections were completed end of April 2021 – All warning letters went out. Deputy Clerk to re-inspect these plots beginning of June 2021
- Deputy Clerk had received some correspondence from tenants apologising for not tending their plots but due to ill health or work commitments, they have found it difficult to get down to the allotments. The Committee felt that we should consider making smaller plots
- Councillor Hunt asked for a breakdown of maintenance expenditure against rent income – Deputy Clerk to provide this for the next meeting

## **7 Allotment Competition:**

- Councillor Lloyd confirmed judging will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2.30pm

## **8 Longforth Farm Allotments**

- No further updates – meeting to be arranged with Bloor Homes

## **9 Next meeting Date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 6pm**

Meeting Closed: 6.45pm