

NWELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Allotments Committee Meeting held on 15th November 2021 at 6pm in United Reform Church Hall, 35 Fore Street, Wellington. TA21 8AG

Present: Councillor J Lloyd (Chair), M McGuffie, V Stock-Williams and J Hunt
Annette Kirk Deputy Clerk
Four allotment holders

350 Apologies

No apologies.

Retrospective apology was received from Councillor Booth by email on 17th November 2021 -attended a District Council meeting

351 Declarations of interest

There were no interests to declare.

352 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2021

353 Public participation

- Written correspondence received from the tenant of Plot 18a requesting permission to agree various changes to the area of ground beyond Plot 19a.
- Written correspondence received from two tenants raising concern over agenda item 7 – Wellington Produce Market

354 Update on Plot Vacancies and Waiting List

- Deputy Clerk reported:
 - 5 plots were available to let – plots 89, 46,48, 51, 89
 - Two plots had been reserved with new tenancies commencing on 19th November 2021.
 - 15 names on the waiting list

355 General Maintenance & Inspections

- a. Fence work required to the rear of Plot 19a. It was agreed that the tenant of Plot 18a could tidy the hedgerow line and install green colour steel sheets.
RESOLVED Committee suspended Standing orders to allow the tenant of Plot 19a to comment.
RESOLVED Committed reinstated Standing orders.
- b. Plot 89 – The council would consider supporting the tenant if they needed strimming. Laying of cardboard and recycled plastic.
 - It was discussed that the Council would consider offering support to new tenants at the start of their tenancy e.g. clearing plots of rubbish and strimming if they are taking on a plot in very poor state.

356 Wellington Produce Market

a) Allotments Holders to run a stall – Committee Chair raised her concerns under Allotment Law. Also the set up costs to tenants e.g. public liability insurance, gazebos, tables etc. The Chair also independently received concerns from another tenant concerning this item.

The Committee Chair dismissed this proposal

- The Committee encouraged all tenants with excessive produce to donate it local charities or the Food Pantry Rockwell Green – Deputy Clerk to obtain contact details

357 Longforth Farm Allotments

It was reported that a meeting is to be scheduled with Bloor Homes to discuss a number of issues to include: Boundary Fencing, sheds with guttering and water butts.

358 Anything Allotments Holders wish to raise

Two plot holders raised the following issue for discussion:

- Main Entrance Gate – condition of track and water pooling in this area. Deputy Clerk to obtain quotations

359 Next Meeting Date: Monday 21st February 2022 at 6pm

The date of the next meeting was noted.

Meeting Closed: 6.25pm

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Chair, Councillor Janet Lloyd