

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Allotments Committee Meeting held on 21st February 2022 at 6pm in United Reformed Church Hall, 35 Fore Street, Wellington. TA21 8AG

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

482 Apologies

No apologies

483 Declarations of interest

There were no interests to declare.

484 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2021

485 Public participation

None

486 Update on Plot Vacancies and Waiting List

- Deputy Clerk reported:
 - No Vacant plots available
 - 15 names on the waiting list

487 General Maintenance & Inspections

- a. Main Entrance Gate Groundwork – It was agreed the quotation from Create Landscaping was excessive and further quotations to be obtained to install soakaways at the Main Entrance
- b. Damage to Plot Gates and Fences when people are receiving deliveries. Deputy Clerk to put up notices to read “Domestic Cars and Vans only are allowed access to the Allotments. If larger vehicles need access, prior permission must be obtained from Wellington Town Council”
- c. Inspections will be completed within two weeks from the 4th April 2022

488 Allotment Competition 2022

- d. Date – 1st Week July 2022
- e. Categories:
 - i. Best Cultivated
 - ii. Best Ecological
 - iii. Best Managed
 - iv. Best Newcomer
- f. Judges: Allotment Chair & Allan Cavill (ex Regional representative of the National Society of Allotment Growers)
Deputy Clerk to put up a poster on Notice Board and email all Tenants.

489 Longforth Farm Allotments

- Email to Bloor Homes requesting a meeting. Examples of 6ft x 4ft sheds and 114 litre waterbutt were sent together with a proposed plot layout plan. To be discussed at the meeting the pegging out of the boundary and erection of boundary fence and entrance gate. Parking and ongoing maintenance of the surrounding buffers and trees etc.,
- Councillor Hunt asked whether an additional water tank/collection structure could be installed. Committee Chair felt people would not want to carry large containers to and from their plots.
- It would be asked that guttering is provided in addition to the shed and water butt
- Councillor McGuffie asked that a 200 litre waterbutt is considered.
- A deposit charge to tenants if they require a larger water collection container e.g IBC water tanks to be considered

490 Anything Allotments Holders wish to raise

One plot holder raised the following issue for discussion:

- The proposed Wellington Community Farm and allocation of the access track planned. The Committee Chair confirmed the access track allocation had not be agreed at this stage. The plot holder was advised to follow the Wellington Community Farm progress on their social media page.
- The plot holder asked would it be possible for his wife to have a plot. The Committee Chair asked the Deputy Clerk to confirm this but as per the Tenancy Agreement it was understood the allocation of plots will be restricted to one per household unless there are exceptional circumstances

491 Next Meeting Date: May 2022 – date and time to be confirmed

Meeting Closed: 6.30pm

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Chair, Councillor Janet Lloyd