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Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 08th November 2021 on site

Present: Cllrs M. Keating, C. Crosbie, and L. Exton
1 plot holder

1. Apologies for absence

All members present

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

All members declared an interest as plot holders.

3. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd June 2021

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Chairman's update

The Chair had no further matters that were not on the agenda.

5. Site inspection

It was agreed to inspect the plot at the next meeting as most plots were in out of season mode.

6. Plot availability

It was confirmed that all plots had been allocated and there was nobody on the waiting list.

7. Finance update

21/22

Income	Precept	£ 800.00		
Spend	Precept	£ 251.97	Surplus	£ 548.03

Income	Rents	£ 763.05		
Spend	Rents	£ 239.46	Surplus	£ 523.59

Reserves £1710.82

8. Items for discussion

a. Poly tunnel space allocation

As space was limited, it was agreed that a ballot type system to be used to ensure everybody has equal opportunity to use the polytunnel. This should occur in the form of a newsletter to all plot holders and a notice on the board.

It was also agreed to inform holders with plants and equipment in the polytunnel to remove this the end of January. It will be left outside by the shed.

If anybody wanted space in the polytunnel to arrange with the Chair by the end of February. Allocation of space will take place at the March meeting,

b. Rents for 2022

It was agreed to recommended to Finance committee that the rent charge remained the same. This was because finances where in a good place as briefed earlier.

c. Wildflower seeding

Members agreed that a trial was a good idea.

A budget was set to spend up to £50 on wildflower seed mix which it was suggested should include yellow rattle.

It would be collectively decided in the New Year

9. General discussion period

It was still agreed in principle to purchase a battery-operated strimmer (for all plot holders). A sum of up to £200 was agreed. All members would bring ideas to the next meeting.

It was agreed to review the tenancy agreement and bring it up to date (if required).

It was agreed that harvesting crops was a personal responsibility.

10. Items and date for next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 07 March 2022 at 2pm on site.

Items on the agenda will include:

Purchase of a strimmer

Allocation of polytunnel spots

New tenancy agreement

Expanded newsletter to include reminders of responsibilities in the allotments

Wildflower seeding

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.15pm.

Mike Keating

Chairman