

# WIRRAL FEDERATION OF ALLOTMENT SOCIETIES

Minutes of Committee Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010

- 1 Members Present** - Barbara Higson, Peter France, Ron Jones, David Jones, Nigel Brierley, Margaret Campbell, Mike Griffiths, Rose Chandler, Fabienne Matthews. Guest Roger Calvert.
- 2 Apologies** - Dave Morris
- 3 Minutes of last meeting** - Approved as true record.  
Matters arising - Stella Joseph is doing a policy on bees. The first draft has been sent to the Northern Bee Inspector for comments.  
- FM went to NW nsalg meeting and found it useful to hear what was happening locally.
- 4 Officers of the committee** - BH indicated that she would be willing to be nominated (AGM June) as chair for the next 12 months. DJ would be willing to be Treasurer if this position became vacant.
- 5 Council feedback following last Fed meeting** - Roger explained changes made to clarify the management of and representation for allotments. The Allotment Association will no longer exist, instead the council will meet site secretaries in team briefings with briefing notes which will be distributed to all secretaries, thus improving communication. Representation for allotments will be via Wirral Fed. ( an independent group, rather than a group appointed by the council)  
- The council has decided to allocate the remainder of the ADO budget to appointing an ADO. Their role will be to help develop new sites, help the development of societies and develop self-management opportunities where suitable.  
- The £150k will be ring fenced (and prioritised for needs), for established sites.  
- The committee asked if someone could come and talk about asset transfer at the AGM.  
- Gateway Review - expected to go to Cabinet after May.
- 6 Why form a society?** - Fed leaflet will be distributed to 3 sites along with (Ilford Ave, Manor Lane and Molyneux) new tenancy agreements. MC, DM & Rose will do follow up visits to sites to discuss further.
- 7 Health projects** - MC meeting with Carol Howard (Head of Health and Wellbeing - Healthy Communities, NHS Wirral) to discuss. Harris have had a request for them to provide raised beds for disabled & they are following that up.
- 8 Allotment watch** - societies need to have safe containers and post codes for Smart Water to be introduced. FM will follow up on post codes.
- 9 Strategy document** - Security audits not complete - FM suggested liaising with police for this. Stella's main focus will be managing health check of sites and dirty plots.
- 10 Tenancy agreement** - Will have been distributed to all in next few weeks.
- 11 Quality standards for sites** - agreed that DM, DJ & FM work with council to agree standard for sites, survey needs completion, including asking each site's priority - this work would link to prioritise spending of £150k.
- 12 Any other business**  
- Open Space Assessment - 2 month community consultation will start within the next few weeks, including online questionnaire & letters to stakeholders and at One-Stop-Shops.  
Q - will there be Fed input into ADO post? A. Not directly, but through Roger.  
Oxton Secret Gardens 9th May requires stewards - contact Ron.
- 13 Date of next meeting** - Mon17th May 2.30pm, same venue.