



FEDAGA Management Team Meeting 7.00 pm on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at Southside Community Centre

Minutes:

Present: Stuart McKenzie (SMcK) (Inverleith) President; Ernie Watt (EW) (Cambridge Ave); Dave Roberts (DR) (Craigentenny;Telferton) (Treasurer); Elizabeth Grace (EG) (Secretary); John Grace (JG) (Allotment Show); Peter Wright (PW)(Lady Road); Maureen Edwards (ME)(Lady Road); Neiria McClure (NMCC) (Claremont Park); Rosina Weightman(RW) (Saughton Mains); Alice Bain (AB)(Warriston);Alison Hewitt(AH)(Warriston); Paul Kerr (PK)(Redhall)

- 1. Apologies** – Gilbert Clark (GC)(Midmar); John Nisbet
- 2. Adoption of Minutes** of the previous meeting on 9 October 2018.

Proposed by DR . Seconded by EG 3.

Matters arising.

Action Point - Potato Order – Brian Bleakley to be contacted as some sites did not receive the Potato order information when it initially came out. **SMcK**

Action Point - It was suggested by PW that Kings Seeds could be contacted to see if they can provide smaller bags of around ten tubers as for some ploholders a full 2.5 Kg bag is too large and takes up too much ground area. **SMcK**

Action Point - Sites are invited to submit orders for Rockdust as the larger the order the more discount we are eligible for. **SMcK**

4. Site Reports

Cambridge Avenue – no report . (EW)

Lady Road – foxes are back at Lady Road including a beautiful vixen with an impressive tail.(PW)

Saughton Mains – the site had a volunteers day to paint the fence and it was all painted within one day. Due to the large number of people volunteering there were more than was needed on the day. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. There are three areas where persons unknown have cut doorways in the fence and these need to be repaired. (RW)

Claremont – there has been a spate of break-ins recently. Ian Woolard is going to put up barbed wire to

make it difficult for intruders to gain unauthorised access. The Police were contacted and a report made. The site had a big clear up day and six transit van loads were taken to the disposal site. (NMCC)

Warriston – there AGM was a great success and they now have 15 people on their committee. They are hoping for many clean up days with the new committee (AH)

Midmar – Charles Passmore a long standing plot holder sadly passed away recently. He was very active at the site and organised many events at Midmar.(JG)

Redhall – held a committee meeting on 4 November. (PK)

Craigentiny/Telferton – believe that they have been successful in getting a £800 grant towards the cost of a new community hut.(DR)

Inverleith- the rabbit problem is much improved . (SMcK)

5. President's Report – the **strategy meeting** has been reborn. Three people from FEDAGA went along with Jenny Mollison from SAGS to a meeting recently. It was agreed that a questionnaire would be sent out to all of the people on the allotment site waiting list. FEDAGA have prepared a letter with a link to the Council questionnaire.

A visit has been arranged to Killendean allotment site in Livingston which is a site produced independently with grants. A grant of £450 has been obtained towards the cost of this trip which is scheduled for next March (29/3/19). (SMcK)

Allotment site rents will be going up to £114 from next year. PW asked what we are getting for our money. He suggested that an FOI request could be submitted to ask this question. (PW)

6. Secretary's Report

Two requests have been received from organisations requesting

FEDAGA to promote their services –

One from David Cotton who sells garden sheds. Second from Decompose.co which provides advice to beginners on how to compost garden waste and is keen to have a link on the FEDAGA site. decomposeco@gmail.com

7. Treasurer's Report

The report had been circulated by email. Several sites which were previously without a bank account now have bank account arrangements in place and cheques can be paid in. DM to speak to Prospect Bank Allotments about arranging a bank account.

There has been no progress by Barons Court , Hutchison, Kirkliston or Victoria Park with setting up a

bank account. Hutchison and Victoria Park are to be contacted directly by volunteers from FEDAGA.

8. **Maintenance**

A lot of tree removal work has been carried out. Some new items have been added to the list including the holes cut in the fence at Saughton Mains and the damaged decking at the community hut. Ian Woolard has advised that he is working his way through the repairs list.

9. **Planning-** In the last two weeks there have been no planning applications on the site (AH)

10. **Trading** – no report

11. **Show Convenor's Report** – no report

12. **AOCB** – JG commented that FEDAGA should do more to inspire ploholders and suggested a Winter series of talks could be arranged for a future date.

Action Point – JG make enquiries with Ian Woolard to see if funding is available for training- educational events of this type.

The National Vegetable Society produces videos on growing show standard vegetables.

13. **Date of Next Meetings** – 11 December 2018 and 12 February 2019 No meeting in January 2019