



Holgate Allotments Association AGM

York Railway Institute Bowling Club

Tuesday, 05 April 2022 – 7.00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies

Present:

Julie-Anne Vickers – Chair
Ali Bharmal – Treasurer (acting)
Matthew Irwin secretary (acting)

Toni Bunnell - Plot 44
Paul - Plot 44
Helen Butt Plot 50
Christine Bishop Plot 8
Paul Graham Plot 37
Bob Hervey Plot 13a
George and Jen Hey Plot 25

Apologies: Nicky Neal, Community Garden, John Dowson, Mal, Plot 19, Pete Baker, Plot 49

2. Minutes from last meeting, matters arising

No matters arising from last minutes

3. Reports

a. Chairperson

Anti-Social behaviour is an ongoing issue unfortunately. The chair reported bullying behaviour. There are two groups, and the perpetrators are well known to the police and are making a nuisance of themselves to customers of the Fox Pub. They have gained entry to the site via a gap in the hedge from the bowls club. Plot holders were encouraged to report to the police whenever possible. New fencing along the boundary with the Community Orchard has been installed and hopefully this will help reduce trespass.

The chair was pleased to report we have received £4,500 from York City Council Ward funding for the community orchard. Feedback from the Council on this application was extremely positive.



The Committee have yet to hear from the Council regarding the renewal of our Asset of Community value status.

The Chair welcome all new tenants to the site

Action: Chair to request update from the council regarding our ACV application

b. Treasurer

The Treasurer went through our accounts (see attached). Finances are currently very healthy due to external funding but most of this is for development of the Community Orchard.

c. Site Secretary

The site secretary was pleased to report that Good Gym have offered to help clear some plots. She also reported there was 193 people on the waiting list and that plot inspections were planned for the 25th of April.

4. Election of Officers

Julie-Ann Vickers was duly elected as Chair

Sarah Hill was duly elected as Treasurer, replacing Ali Bharmal

Matthew Irwin was elected as Secretary

5. Update on Orchard/Apiary plot; voting on Orchard logo (submissions by St Paul's schoolchildren).

Chair and Treasurer were pleased to report on the progress of this and expressed their appreciation for the help received from Good Gym. The next stage was to add the weed suppressant membrane. Another Community Orchard Working party was planned – date to be fixed.

The logo for the community orchard (designed by children from St Paul's school) was voted on and approved. Members were impressed with the general standard but there was one clear winner. Members expressed their appreciation of St Paul's school for their entries and the design of their allotment.

6. YACIO update

The minutes of the recent AGM are on YACIO's website

7. The Carriage Garden – maintenance



Bob Hervey and Paul Graham reported that some money from the Association budget might be needed to repair the carriage garden door, a gas cooker and for some non-slip paint and to re-felt the roof. There are also plans to repaint the Carriage this summer.

It was agreed to restart the Garden tea mornings, particularly as there are many new tenants on the site. One of these mornings will incorporate our annual plant swap which hasn't taken place since before the pandemic.

Actions: Bob and Paul hope to carry out this work shortly but working parties will be arranged when necessary.

Chair to organise Carriage Garden mornings.

8. West Bank Park Fair

HAA will be holding a stall at the West Bank Park Fair on 25th June 2022. The stall will have the usual tombola. Plants and books will also be sold.

Action: Chair to send reminder and call out for help closer to the date.

9. Any Other Business

There was discussion about buying manure and *Rootmaster*. It was decided that any orders should be on a pre-paid basis only.

10. Date of Next Meeting

TBC



AGM report 5th Apr 2022

Current balance	CG HCO/HAB Unrestricted funds	£8,793.38 £749.84 £7,142.06 £901.48
Activities	Expenditure	Income
Manure, Clancy's Website	£25.00 £75.00	
Carriage Garden	Pizza oven	£34.00
HAB & HCO	Design, J Fern TNL grant 8x spades 10 tonnes top-soil 10 tonnes top-soil 3 tonne digger hire Fencing Weed suppressant membrane	£300.00 £10,000.00 £91.68 £168.00 £168.00 £169.43 £1,543.89 £416.94
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>£2,857.94</i> <i>£10,000.00</i>
Expectation		£3,500.00
Ward grant	Awarded, pending	£3,500.00
HCO fencing	Fitted, invoice pending	£2,016.00
YACIO grant	Awarded, reclaiming	£2,816.00
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>£4,873.94</i> <i>£16,316.00</i>
	Difference	£11,442.06