

Bidford On Avon Allotment Association

Allotment Committee meeting 25th June 2023, held at Riverside Allotments

Attendees: April, Kirsty, Jackie, Wayne Gould, Wayne Gibson, Phil Withers
Apologies: Paul

Previous minutes

1. Treasurer's report:

To be added as not to hand

2. Allocation status and tenancies

The site currently has 77 plots.
Deposit is now £50 in agreements.
Photos will be taken on plot handover.

3. Tenant Issues

None payers are being chased and conversations are in hand for some downsizing and moving of plots.

4. Plot inspections:

Appropriate letters will be issued per notes.

5. Plot Maintenance

*Tree bumblebees have returned to the tap and require removal

ACTION: AW & KB

*3x taps require fixing – community plot, bumblebee tap and tennis court

ACTION: Phil Wayne and Wayne

*Report of public trying to access the marina via far allotment track. The existing sign is only visible when gate is closed.

ACTION: JW to generate sign for inside of gate 'No Access to Marina. Allotment Holders Only'

6. Security:

Tennis Club gate - Wayne Gould reminded us the lock on Tennis Club end will need replacing soon.

Cemetery gate access – the Parish Clerk has spoken with the keyholder and asked that we keep her updated on closing times.

7. Questionnaire

AW is hoping for more response to filter in.

8. Community Plot

*Continuation of development of ideas and realities of community plot. Discussions over sourcing materials, plot design, essentials and realities of the level of work needing to be done.

*Kirsty reported results of the grant application from the National Lottery have come through. Unfortunately, we were not successful, meaning we can now start to actively plan the realities with the allotment association doing the work and funds available.

*Community plot signage agreed as: B.O.A Community Plot. – Sign to be laser cut once plot creation is closer to completion.

Notes of future action needed:

*Creation of x2 bays for compost and bark as and when feasible in the coming months.

*Community plot to be sketched, agreed with the allotment committee members and then shared with the community for comment.

*Following design comments, a creation action plan can be established, ideally with works starting in late autumn, all being well with volunteer availability.

9. Community BBQ

To develop the community on the allotments a community BBQ is under consideration. Suggested dates 19th July or date in August weather dependant – further discussion to be had regarding committee availability and practicalities.

Items/actions needed include BBQ manufacture, signage, suitable advert time for plot holders

Discussion over location as community plot is yet to be completed. AW offered grass area at the front of her plot going into the grass track.

10. Allotment Competition

Initially planned to be on the same date as BBQ.

Require suitable notice time for plot holders, production of classes list, judge(s) and location. Discussed potentially sharing show day with Bidford Gardening Society.

With the level of organisation required and to give plot holders enough notice, the competition could aim to be in 2024.

11. Next Inspection: - TBA

AOB:

SKIP – this has been delivered and is being filled.

*Due to PW sustaining a severe hand injury on 24th June 2023, WG having prolonged work commitments, and WG changing jobs imminently, the committees' ability to undertake practical tasks will be limited for a period. Practical actions on the community plot are to be paused until realistically possible.

*Email and OneDrive access to be given to necessary committee members.

*Minutes to be sent to PC to apply to website. ACTION: JW

*Mini updates to be sent following each meeting to keep plotheolders abreast of actions and to improve tenant/committee relations. ACTION: JW