

GOLF COURSE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday 16th November 2024

**In attendance:**

Tricia Kelly (Chair), Jim Clark (Treasurer), Andrew Lewis, Laura Profitt, Mick Gerrie, Vee Nolan (Minutes)

**Apologies for absence:**

Tullio Moglia (Site Secretary), Lindsay Dearden, Alison Joseph, Imelda O' Brien (Probationers)

**Minutes of last Committee meeting:**

These could not be approved as the meeting was not quorate. This will need to be done at the next meeting.

There followed some useful discussion, summarised as follows:

**Andrew** spoke re. need to replace our old petrol-driven lawnmower. He will research possible replacements and make his recommendation at our next meeting.

**Site Security**

The small safe used by both Shop and Café belongs to Andrew. He has now removed it. After some discussion it was agreed that a replacement would not be purchased, since anything of an appropriate size would be easily removed. Cash will not be left anywhere on site in future.

**Tricia** said of the October break-in that the local police (P.C. Ibrahim Senner) had been attentive and helpful. He will periodically patrol our site (in addition to that of APS).

The wood chip bin abutting the back garden fencing of Bidwell Gardens was used to access properties. Matt Davies has offered to install an additional, higher, back to the bin. Andrew to liaise with Matt.

**Jim** advised that the break-in is a “notifiable event” and that our insurance company should be informed, since we could otherwise be in default.

The broken container lock has been fixed. Circulation of keys to be restricted to Mick, Matt, and V, with a spare held by Tricia.

The Shop locks have yet to be changed.

The existing solar lights are unfit for security purposes. Matt D would like to complete the upgrading project begun by his father Steve some years ago. Whilst an extensive upgrade is probably out of the question due to costs, Andrew proposes getting a feasibility study from a local expert.

Tricia to speak to Matt. Proposed budget £5k - 7k.

### **Bluebell Wood border**

Following discussion with Alex Fraser at Haringey Council, we have permission to cut back the trees overhanging our site. Tricia to check re. hiring Custom Cutters. Mick to liaise with Friends of Bluebell Wood. All affected tenants will have to be notified as well.

### **Site Maintenance**

**Mick:** Major plumbing work now deferred to Spring 2025. Further discussion of extensive re-plumbing of site deferred. He suggested trying wood chip to cover road surfaces. He will trial a small area.

Community Hut: beams at rear need repairing/replacing, Café kitchen needs refurbishment, the steps in front of the shop require repair.

### **Burning Days**

**V** to repeat advice for 7th December as complaints were again received from our neighbours re November’s event. Smoke must not cause disturbance to anyone on or off site.

## **Finances**

Jim gave the financial report. Finances continue to be healthy so we are able to carry out repairs and refurbishments as needed. Site

Maintenance Grant from Haringey Council now received.

The Annual Audit is now several months overdue. Tricia to call Auditor (Robin Hodgson).

## **Christmas Party 2024**

Will be held Sunday 8th December. No charge this year. V to send out 'save the date' emails, with more detailed information to follow.

Left-over preserves from the Show as well as Allotment Calendars will be on sale. The Shop will open beforehand between 11am and 1pm as usual.

## **Date of Next Meeting:**

**Saturday 18th January 2025, in the Community Hut.**

Meeting adjourned 12.35 pm.