

## **Dornoch Community Gardens**

### **Rules, Terms and Conditions**

#### **Aims:**

- 1) To develop thriving, attractive and multifunctional garden plots for the benefit of plot holders, visitors, the local community and wildlife.
- 2) To adhere, where possible and practicable, to sustainable green practices including organic principles and to encourage the use of heritage varieties and methods of cultivation.
- 3) To ensure gardens are accessible and inclusive as far as is reasonably practicable.

#### **Fees:**

- 1) Fees will be set annually at an Annual General Meeting of members sufficient to provide an annual return no lower than £270.00 on the 6 full size plots.
- 2) Payment terms will be within 29 days of signing the contract.
- 3) Plots are assigned on a first come first served basis.
- 4) Garden plots will be assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at the site, but the responsibility for payment of fees, clean up and other duties at the site will be the responsibility of the individual whose name is assigned to the plot.
- 5) A list of plot holders and a waiting list will be published on [www.DADCA.org.uk](http://www.DADCA.org.uk).

#### **Plot management:**

- 1) Plots should be maintained to a good standard.
- 2) A plot will be considered as neglected if plot holder has not been active for 3 months
- 3) Plots should be kept tidy and gates closed (and locked where applicable)
- 4) Individual compost bins are allowed on assigned plot
- 5) Plot holders should commit to organic gardening principles - see [www.gardenorganic.org.uk](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk) for more information
- 6) All rubbish should be removed from site and disposed of with household waste
- 7) Vacated sites should be completely emptied including any composted material

## **Gardening practices:**

- 1) If any type of pesticide is used, all other plot holders should be informed and a barrier erected when spraying to protect other areas and users from drift.
- 2) All infected and diseased plants should be removed from plots and disposed of by burning
- 3) It is expected that plot holders will take part in 'work parties' twice annually in order to maintain site
- 4) No illegal or dangerous plants may be cultivated on the plots

## **Water:**

- 1) Hoses should be used with consideration to other plot holders
- 2) No hoses to cross other plots
- 3) Ensure that the tap is turned off after use

## **General:**

- 1) Please consider other plot holders and in a spirit of co-operation treat the gardens, other plot holders, neighbours and visitors with respect.
- 2) Should you wish to listen to the radio, please use headphones so as not to disturb the peace of other plot holders and neighbours.
- 3) Please park considerately outside the main gate.
- 4) Family members are welcome to the garden site. Please supervise young children so they don't disturb other plots
- 5) If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the garden committee immediately. Help us discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces.
- 6) Trading of any sort within the Community Gardens is forbidden
- 7) No buildings or temporary structures may be erected without permission from the convenor.

## **Animals:**

- 1) Dogs should be kept on a lead and tied to a stake outside the plots. Any dog mess must be cleaned up immediately

## **Dismissal from Plot:**

- 1) In the event of any problem eg: not maintaining your plot, you will be contacted in the first instance to discuss the matter, if matters don't improve you will be issued with a written warning, during these times you are entitled to independent arbitration. If matters cannot be resolved then you will be given 2 weeks notice to vacate the site.

## **Liability:**

Neither the garden group nor the owners of the land are responsible for the actions of plot holders or their guests and will not be held liable for any damage, loss or injury incurred.