

Cromarty Allotments and Gardens Society - March 15th, 2014 at 4 Barkly Street, Cromarty at 7.00pm

1. Apologies for absence: - Craig Fraser, Vanessa Halhead.

Present: Colin Dunn, John Wood, Helen Elliot, Ross Couper, Barbel Dister, Marjorie Paterson, Jane Clunas.

2. Minutes of last meeting: proposed John Wood, seconded Ross Couper.

3. Membership: Some memberships for May 2013 still not paid, despite Colin sending out reminders. Colin D to send out reminders - again.

4. Allotments:

Old Tennis Courts:

- Jane Clunas has agreed to share her plot with Marjorie Paterson.
- Poster to go up in Post Office to gauge interest in further plots, prior to looking into options.
- Craig's Large bag for beach litter proposal: Ross already has large bag on his plot which he takes through to Inverness dump.
- Ross has requested that plot-holders wishing to dispose of couch grass and other weedings should put them on his compost heap.
- Mo's suggestion of Veg competition at Gala? Colin to mail all plot-holders so they can organise this if they wish.

Forsyth House Beds:

- A major cleanup and replanting late Feb was organised by John Wood and Maggie Dove, with assistance by volunteers. Problem plants cleared, fruit trees and bushes planted, and lavender hedging planted. Special vote of thanks to John and Maggie.
- Annual Funding agreed with Community Council for bed maintenance has not been taken up. It was agreed this should be used for additional plants if required this year.
- It was noted that last year's mulching of the lower bed had restricted growth of daffodils. Jane Clunas suggested diggin gup a few from Daffodil Field and replanting in thsi bed once 1024 flowering is finished.
- Lower bed is very shady, so plan is to plant comfrey and bulbs there.
- more mulch required. Colin to ask Alex Graham for more.

5. Courthouse Orchard: still dormant. Will be scythed in late March/early April to maintain meadow theme.

6. Date, time and venue for next meeting: Wednesday 18th June at 4 Barkly Street. Perhaps at allotments if weather nice.

7. Any other business:

- Links Car Park planting maintenance as proposed by Craig Fraser: consensus was that society already has enough responsibilities and should not get involved with this.