

## **Cromarty Allotments and Gardens Society**

### **Minutes of Meeting - May 21st 2015 at 4 Barkly Street at 7.00pm**

**1. Apologies for absence:** - John Wood, Marjorie Paterson, Martin Gostwick, Vanessa Halhead, Ross Couper, Ewen Garratt.

**2. Minutes of last meeting:** Proposed by Barbel Dister, seconded by Colin Dunn

**3. Membership:** Membership and plot fee requests were issued in late April, and have all now been paid and banked. No new members.

#### **4. Accounts:**

- John Keiller explained that he is about half-way through bringing accounts up-to-date, hampered until now by access to online banking. It appears that processing of access forms by the bank is now almost completed.
- He suggests that we continue to operate the account so that cheques require two signatories.

#### **5. Allotments:**

##### ***Old Tennis Courts:***

- Serious concerns were raised by several plot-holders about the neglect of some plots and the resulting growth of pernicious weeds.
- Secretary to issue reminders to all plot-holders that they must ensure weeds are kept under control on their plots, and that they are responsible for weeding and maintaining the paths adjacent to their plot.
- Craig Fraser has stated that, due to other commitments, he will be giving up his half-plot at the start of December. This will then be offered to the next person on the waiting list, currently Alistair Grieve.

##### ***Forsyth House Beds:***

- John Wood organised a small band of volunteers for a successful bed-cleanup on Sunday 17th May.
- The Community Council has stated that they will be unable to pay the agreed £125pa grant for the upkeep of the beds due to issues with the Common Good fund. It has been suggested by David Alston that payment this year may be possible from a Highland Council

discretionary fund, and Barbel has agreed to discuss and take this forward with Viv (CC).

**6. Courthouse Orchard:** This has been scythed by Colin Dunn to keep dominant wild plants under control and enable meadow plants to continue to prosper. For the Autumn 2015 cutting (much more work than Spring cutting) Marjorie Paterson and Barbel Dister have volunteered to assist the scything process by raking and stacking cut material after it has dried for several days.

**6. Date, time and venue for next meeting:**

Proposed for 7.00pm on Thursday 20th August 2015 at 4 Barkly Street.

**7. Any other business:** Lease fee for the allotments may now be due to Cromarty Estate. Secretary has provided Treasurer with necessary bank details to enable transfer once banking access finalised.