

# Cromarty Allotment and Garden Society

## Minutes of the meeting of The Cromarty & Allotment Garden Society 31 August 2017

### **Present:**

Marjorie Paterson, Chair  
Steve Ellwood, Secretary  
Colin Dunn  
Tim Barton  
Izzy Newman  
Ross Couper  
Sheila Currie  
Alistair Grieve

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Jane Clunas  
John Keillor

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

Proposer Colin Dunn  
Seconder Sheila Currie  
Passed unanimously

### **3. Membership: List update/fees/any plot fees due**

John Keillor advised that plots fees were being collected and would all be collected by Friday  
[Secretary Note: Fees of £20 received from Izzy Thomson and Tim Barton]

### **4. Accounts Update**

John K advises that we have adequate funds and a fuller report will be provided next meeting

### **5. Allotments**

All plots currently in hand.

There have been issues raised with non-cultivation of a number of plots **SE and MP will discuss with individual plot holders.**

There is nobody currently on the waiting list, so if any plots become available we will clear and cover with green manure.

There are issues with perennial weeds/brambles etc.

Plot holders are reminded that they must clear these and must clear the paths around their individual paths

The hedge at the Kennels is casting shade **SE to raise with owners**

### **6. Forsyth House beds**

Steve had been contacted by the council, and asked to arrange trimming back of the large sea-holly tree at the left hand end.

Colin offered to cut that back by end September.

We had agreed to take on the Forsyth Place bed, but planting schemes were a bit complex – shaded...

Ross Couper offered to stick some blackcurrant cuttings in and that would provide cover, foliage and fruit – delightedly accepted

### **7. Courthouse Orchard**

Colin will check and examine for scything requirements; volunteers offered for raking purposes afterwards.

Trees will be checked for pruning

### **8. Date, time and venue of next meeting**

7pm 7 December 2017 HMI

### **9. Any other Business**

John K suggested last weekend in September Sun 24 for bed maintenance; will source chippings for paths