

Cromarty Allotment and Garden Society

Minutes of the meeting of The Cromarty & Allotment Garden Society 7 December 2017

Present:

Barbel Dister
Colin Dunn
Steve Ellwood, Secretary
Jacqueline Fletcher
Keith Greenfield
Marjorie Paterson, Chair

1. Apologies for absence

John Keiller; Jane Clunas; Tim Cândido Barton; Sheila Currie; Rosemarie Hogg

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Colin Dunn
Seconded Majorie Paterson
passed nem. con.

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

There's still a need to update the membership list which SE will talk to JK about
Any due fees will be collected by JK in next week or two.

4. Accounts update

JK sent apologies; advised we were currently holding around £826 in the account.
£79 still o/s to SE for insurance but currently comfortable.
Suggestion we might look to invest in any maintenance required and possibly an automatic hose reel for watering. CD will have a look at what's available.

5. Allotments: - Old Tennis Courts

All plots are currently in use, and Jacqueline Fletcher is on our waiting list.
If any of the full plot holders wish to split a plot, it may be possible to accommodate her sooner rather than later. If anyone is struggling to maintain a plot, we're happy to split/share/ add green manure etc.
SE to write to members in March reminding them of the need to keep their paths clear and contribute to general upkeep, in addition to cultivating their plots.

6. Forsyth House Beds

Thanks to CD for trimming back the giant sea-holly(?) tree.
Not looking too bad, but might want to improve signage and possibly get new lavender bushes and some suitable mulch/bark.
Forsyth Place beds we'd said we might add blackcurrant cuttings – need to follow that up

7. Courthouse Orchards

Being mowed/strimmed by David Whyte for us (suggested CAGS should pay for that rather than CD)

8. Date, time and venue of next meeting

7pm 15 March 2018 HMI
7.30pm 20 October 2016 HMI

9. Any other Business

MP mentioned CCDT Sml projects and sought interest to offer aid to people who're older or with less mobility for a "spring cleanup" or later in the season "fruit picking for share"

Jacqueline Fletcher mentioned an online course offered by the University of Dundee as part of their GROW Observatory, citizen soil science initiative. It starts in Feb but people can sign up now.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/grow-from-soil-to-sky>