

BARNES HORTICULTURAL AND ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

AGM MINUTES

Saturday 24th September – Communal Garden at Hertford Avenue

Present:

John Padgett	Katie Lee	
Alastair Kennedy	Rachel Walker	
Fiona Heath	Hans Weisskopf	
Derek Lawrence-Brown	Moira Thomson	
Janet Lavender	Jenny Jefferies	
Sophie Kennedy	David Foster	
Nadia Mackenzie	Tally Foster	
Halina Kessler	Terence Farrar	
Mark Gourlay	Matthew Spratt	
Ronnie Bendall		
Penny Cowell		
Isobel Kimber		
Percy Kimber		

1) Welcome and Apologies

John Padgett (Chair) welcomed everybody to the 2022 AGM,

Apologies received from: Helen Lawrence, Janet Bostock, Dino & Sarah Franz, Richard Ward, Melanie and Andrew Hall

2) Minutes of the AGM 6th November 2021

There were no amendments.

It was proposed by Katie Lee and seconded by Rachel Walker that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

3) **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4) **Reports**

John Padgett (JP) read the **Chair's Report** (attached).

Alastair Kennedy (AK) summarised the **Treasurer's Report** (attached). There were no questions regarding the accounts.

5) **Donations to Charity**

JP proposed a similar donation as last year of £1000 to local charities. The membership felt that as the Society was well funded from previous year's events, we should increase our donation to £2,000. This was overwhelmingly approved, with one abstention.

The meeting agreed four charities; Share&Care Collective*, Barnes Common (formerly Friends of Barnes Common) Glass Door Homeless Charity, and Mind mental health charity are to receive £500 each.

Sophie Kennedy reminded the meeting that charitable donations can be made from Events and Shed profits, but not from Society subscriptions. The Treasurer would identify the available 'pot' from which future charitable donations can be made.

6) **Appointment of Committee**

After over 10 years as Joint Treasurer, Sophie and Alastair Kennedy retired at the AGM. JP thanked them both for their huge support of the Society over this time.

Dino Franz (Hertford Site Rep plots 16-32) also retired at the AGM.

JP reported therefore that the posts of Treasurer, Joint Allotment Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Events Organiser and Site Rep Hertford were vacant.

Michael French agreed to stand for election as Treasurer and Katie Lee offered to stand as Joint Allotment Secretary.

No candidates were nominated or came forward at the meeting for the roles of Minutes Secretary, Events Organiser or Site Rep Hertford plots 16-32. Please contact JP if you would like to know more about these roles.

JP informed the meeting that he was still looking for a successor after 6 years as Chair, but would stand again until a successor was found.

All other committee members stood uncontested for re-election.

JP proposed that there be a block vote for the Committee posts. The vote for the proposed Committee was unanimous.

7) Any Other Business

- a) Percy Kimber suggested the timing of the AGM should be reviewed to align with planes landing on the Northern runway later in the afternoon at Heathrow, to reduce the noise disruption when planes are overhead (landing on the Southern runway).
- b) Nadia Mackenzie asked what the process was regarding tree pruning. JP said that the Site Reps should coordinate this activity. The T&Cs say we can prune trees ourselves if standing on the ground. More extensive works should be referred to the 'Tree team' at the Council via the Chair or Allotment Secretary.
- c) Halina Kessler informed the meeting that there had been some contact between a plot holder and Thames 21 regarding Beverley Brook bank management. JP added that Barnes Common charity had recently conducted a survey of the Brook alongside Priory and Hertford Allotments and that he would put the 2 organisations in touch with each other. The survey noted some elements of concern which would be reviewed with the Council Environment Officer in October.

JP closed the meeting at 13:05 by inviting everyone to enjoy some hot soup, tea and cake, very kindly made by Halina.

*Share&Care Collective are a local Food Bank serving Barnes, Mortlake and Sheen