

Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society.

Minutes of Management Committee

4th October 2008 at Berridale Allotments Glasgow

- Present**
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| Ian Welsh | Vice President | Chair Glasgow |
| Andrew Reid | Edinburgh Treasurer | |
| Judy Wilkinson | Glasgow | |
| Peter Wright. | Edinburgh | Minutes |
| Jenny Mollison, | Musselburgh | |
| Barbara de la Rue | Webmaster | |
- 1 Apologies for Absence** Mandy Fooks, Chris Wilkinson Archives, John Fearn
 - 2 Agenda.** The agenda for the non-quotate meeting in Dundee 6th Sept. would be revisited, in the hope of an early finish.
 - 3 Minutes 5th April 2008** were approved with no objections.
 - 4 Business arising. BdIR** would revise the letterhead, keeping the logo but including “promoting and representing Scotland’s Allotments”. **CW to produce** revised site questionnaires, 1)to cover existing sites not picked up in the original survey, and 2) virtual sites (note we have information on approx. 40 groups in Scotland trying to set up an allotment site). Next meeting in Edinburgh **AR/PJW** to arrange. Meeting NVS in Dundee had been very useful in explaining and understanding historical problems. The NVS in Dundee would be approached to see if they could support Scottish Allotments with expertise and other matters related to allotments.
 - 5 Treasurer’s Report** £14.9K in bank includes the red ringed SASU monies (£9K) only for use for allotments in general in Scotland. **PJW** to approach **MT**. **AGM** catering still to be paid at £670 After discussion on services provided to new members **BdIR** will produce welcome card with basic details, **JW/IW** update information pack to include revised constitution and S.O’s. **AR** will co-ordinate distribution
 - 6 Ten year plan.** It was agreed to try to get a National Allotment Strategy included in all the main political party manifesto’s which were in the process of being revised **ALL**. **IW** will produce a brief of the Fife model as outlined at the Fife Council meeting. The following LA’s should be producing strategies in 2009, Edinburgh CC2, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Fife, when they have this will become a lever for other LA’s. The following allotment sites have been formed within housing developments, Greendykes and Piershill Edinburgh, Riededale St., Glasgow. They need to be contacted. **JW** will send all current documents to **SPICE**.
 - 7 Trophies.** Have been awarded in Glasgow. Engraving completed. Handed over to **IW**. New extended bases in manufacture. Dundee will have them to award in 2011. As per last EC meeting Fife will award them in 2009. Need to allocate 2010, Highland or Edinburgh.
 - 8 Annual Allotments Conference 19th/20th June 2009 Edinburgh/Dunblane** After discussion it was decided that a combined Conference with the launch of Edinburgh’s CC2 would be proposed for 19th June 2009 aimed at the LA’s Morning to be launch p.m., SOA, Fife model, CoSLA, National Strategy, etc. It was hoped that senior Govt members would be present. Saturday 20th June at Dunblane. AM workshops, p.m. **AGM. JW to co-ordinate**
 - 9 Newsletter** Articles by 18th Oct. 2008 to **PJW**. Issue via **AR** by end Oct. Ideas, starter packs for new associations **JM**. Info’ packs for all associations **JW/IW**. Angus Horticulture Ltd, SEER has offered to sponsor the mailing. It was agreed to thank them but to include in the newsletter that “Scottish Allotments as an organisation did not have the expertise to endorse the product”. **BdIR** to inform SEER.
 - 10 Publicity.** It was agreed to purchase a banner similar to the FEDAGA one. **JW** to do the words and send to **PJW** who will discuss with Ernie Watt. Display boards were deemed too expensive. **IW** said that the ARI boards would be available if not in use. Photos and displays to be laminated **CW**.
 - 11 Archives** See under BA above.

- 12 NSALG Trials PJW** to send latest info' to BdIR
- 13 Web site.** It was decided not to go ahead with a children's section.
- 14 Sites.** Dunoon ongoing meeting 14th Oct. Fife event very successful. Aberdeen comments have been submitted on their draft Allotments strategy. New sites **IW** will fine-tune his presentation as the basis of the new site starter pack **JW** involved see also above.
- 15 LINK** Scottish Environment Week, **JM/JW** will represent SAGS. Conference at Birnam 30/31 October recommended. Climate Challenge Fund discussions held with administrators on 2nd Oct., **JW/PJW** to produce reports.
- 16 Government SOA.** Response sent to COS:LA
- 17 CIFAL** Conference at Findhorn on 20/21 November could be used as a vehicle to lobby plot holders in the area. Attendees required.
- 18 ARI** IW reported that ARI had received funding via FCFCG and was back on track in Scotland

Meetings/Executive visits rolling list

Meeting	Date	Venue	Status
Visit to Dundee Show	6 th Sept	Dundee	Agreed
Executive Committee	4 th Oct. 2008	Glasgow	Agreed
Argyll & Bute	14 th Oct	Dunoon	IW/JW
Newsletter	18 th Oct	Articles to PJW	Ex. Com. Action
Newsletter	31 st	Issue	PJW/AR
LINK Birnam	30/31 st	Birnam	Delegates required
CIFAL Findhorn	20/21 st Nov.	Findhorn	Delegates required
Executive Committee	10 th Jan. 2009	Edinburgh	Agreed
Executive Committee	4 th April	Fife/Dundee	Proposed
AAC	19 th June	Edinburgh	Proposed
AGM & AAC	20 th June 2009	Dunblane	Booked

PJW 7/10/08