

## WEST END ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION (WEAA)

Minutes of AGM meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Venue: West End Village Hall

- **Committee Members Present**

Patrick Harpur (PH, Chair), Paul Gibson (PG, Treasurer), Scott Dickens (SD, Secretary), Helen Spinney (HS) and Bob Waller (BW).

Apologies for Absence: Graham & Brenda Stevens, Steve Hutton, Gillian Watt

- **Matters arising from the AGM held 13th February 2024**

The minutes of the meeting were approved. Regarding points arising from last year's AGM

- a. Documents pertaining to 1995 lease have been put on website.
- b. Communal Plot has now been moved to near shed. Volunteers are welcome to help dig borders for flower planting. HS to co-ordinate. Flowers will be given to Princess Alice Hospice.
- c. Mowers have been painted pink. Strimmers also need painting.
- d. West End Flower Show. BW/PG encouraged everyone to participate and BW offered assistance to anyone who is considering showing their produce.
- e. Code of Conduct. Committee reminded everyone that they are individually responsible for use of strimmers/ water hoses etc and need to be mindful of neighbours when using equipment. Safety of others should be of paramount importance.

- **Treasurer's Report (covering year to 31 December 2024)**

Net Profit for the year of £383.02 (2023 Loss £24.23).

Highlights-

- Water Charges (2024-£420.36 2023- £669.90).
- Total income increased to £2,602.23.
- Tree surgery of £500 has been paid for work to be undertaken.
- Social events have increased to £345.82 from £227.15 in 2024.
- Balance Sheet- A healthy cash bank balance of £12,170.13 which includes money received for 2025 rentals.
- Overall, there is an accumulated fund of £6,625.76

- **Chairman's Report**

PH welcomed and thanked those members in attendance. A summary of the year included;

- A mixture of weather throughout the year made it a difficult growing year. Germinating was hard and everything was late. Hopefully 2025 will be more productive !
- Some long-term forecasts for 2025 are for the weather to be drier and warmer.
- Social events. There was a big turnout for the traditional Guy Fawkes bonfire which was a great success. HS was thanked for her leadership of social events.
- An email will be sent out reminding everyone of safety and conduct for machinery use at the allotment. No formal training will be offered but if anyone doesn't know how to use the strimmers please just ask PH or BW, who are more than willing to quickly demonstrate.

- PH thanked PG for all the work he had done to sort water charges out. All attending agreed and thanked PG.
- PH has been talking to the Council about a new/repared boundary fence and not sure any action may be taken.

- **Election of Officers and Committee Members**

Patrick Harpur has served a 2 year term as **Chairman and Trustee** and is standing for re-election. Proposed and seconded from the floor and passed unanimously.

David Keen is relinquishing his role as Secretary but will **remain as a Trustee**. Scott Dickens has offered to take this position over. Proposed and seconded from the floor and passed unanimously.

Helen Spinney has served a 2 year term as a Committee Member and is standing for re-election. Proposed and seconded from the floor and passed unanimously.

Bob Waller is standing down from the Committee. PH proposed Graham Stevens as a replacement and this was seconded from the floor and passed unanimously.

Paul Gibson is serving the second of his elected two year term and will continue as **Treasurer and Trustee**.

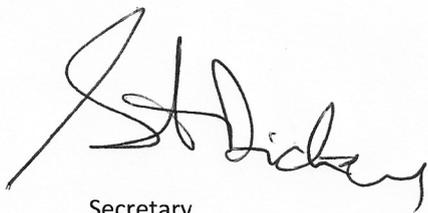
- **The Bernie Carr Memorial Cup award**

The award this year was presented to Graham Stevens. This reflects both the amount of work he puts into the social meetings, helping with BBQ etc, and around the allotment in terms of maintenance and upkeep. He is always friendly and helpful to everyone.

- **Any Other Business**

There being no other items the meeting was closed

SIGNED



Secretary

SCOTT DICKENS



Chairman

PATRICK HARPUR