

Hackney Allotment Society

Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 2 October 2019 at

The Prince Pub

59 Kynaston Road, Stoke Newington N16

Present: Penny Miller - Chair
Ruth Gladwin - Vice Chair
Hugh Naylor - Treasurer
Nancy Korman - Secretary

The following site representatives:

Guy Dehn (Leaside)
Julia Rockcliffe (Overbury Street)
Susan Sharples (Aden Terrace)
Elsa Hamaz and Helen Bishop (Spring Lane)
Sylvia Cummins and Andrea Sinclair (Spring Lane)

Apologies: Anna Dixon
Sue Carling
Maggie Wilkinson
Maria Chalidze
Ian Dick
Jack Eldon
Hillarie Kerr
Annie Wilson and others

1. Minutes of the 2018 AGM

These were agreed as an accurate record of the 2018 AGM.

2. Report from the Chair

Key statistics from 2019:

- 12 people received a neglected plot letter, of whom 2 retired
- 227 members currently, with circa 140 plots
- Only 3 plots were let during the year, but another 3 are now in the process of being allocated to people from the waiting list
- 3 Open Days were held which went well-attended - Aden Terrace, Overbury Street and Church Walk

3. Treasurers' Report

- Financially in a good position
- For the first time, income exceeded expenditure by £2000
- This was due to not having major pollarding costs, so expenses were low this past year

4. Election of Officers

- Due to no new nominations having been received, the existing officers have agreed to carry on for another year
- A vote of thanks was given to MJ who was retiring as site representative from Leaside - her work was very much appreciated. Jack Eldon has agreed to take up the second site representative role for that site.
- In addition, all site representatives were thanked for their work over the past year.

5. Issues raised by members

- The committee was asked to consider whether it was acceptable to let plots to those who had allotments in other boroughs
- The committee was asked to consider whether the late payment fee should be raised from the £1, as it has been for many years, to £5 or higher, as a means of encouraging people to pay fees/plot rentals on time
- A suggestion was made that an individual invoice should be sent to each member along with the notice of the AGM, rather than as part of the notice
- Members should be reminded that they can pay by standing order
- Members were reminded that there is a food bank on Thursdays at St Mary's Church Stoke Newington, and any unwanted/surplus produce would be gratefully received there

6. Best Plot Awards

The following members won awards for their plots:

Aden Terrace:	Best plot	Anna Dixon
	Most improved	Tim Maby
Spring Hill:	Best Newcomers/Best Plots	
		Dominica Walton
		Cedric Rety and Aurora Sebastian
Spring Lane:	Best Plot	Joanna McAllister
Small Plots:	Best Plots	Ann Leathley (Overbury Street)
		Caroline Gilchrist (Church Walk)
	Best Newcomer	Yvonne Lloyd (Overbury Street)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm