



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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There will be an extraordinary meeting of the **Allotments Committee** to be held on **Tuesday 6th September 2011 at 67 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, at 7.45pm**, when it is hoped to transact the following business:

Agenda

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
4. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 27th July 2011
5. ADDITIONAL SECURITY FENCING AT MANCHESTER DRIVE ALLOTMENTS

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Paul Beckerson
Town Clerk
1st September 2011

Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should send their apologies before the meeting.



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Report 1933/PL

Dear All

In accordance with Town Council Standing Order 18c I am convening an extraordinary meeting of the Allotments Committee to be held at 7:45pm on Tuesday 6th September 2011.

Members will be aware that security fencing is in the process of being installed along the Randolph Close boundary of the Manchester Drive allotment site. The Council has earmarked the £2,000 reserve, brought-forward from the 2010/11 allotment budget, to fund the installation of this fencing.

An opportunity has now arisen to continue the new security fencing for some distance (approx 50 metres) along the northern boundary of the site, to the rear of Blenheim Chase; installation would be carried out in conjunction with that along Randolph Close.

The allotment budget for 2011/12 has a further capital improvement fund of £2,000 assigned to the northern perimeter fence.

The proposal will be put to Members that up to £1,000 of this fund be allocated to the installation of this additional length of security fencing.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Paul Lawrence
Chairman, Leigh Town Council Allotments Committee

Manchester Drive Allotments Society

Chairman: Martin Scott, 75 Crescent Road, Leigh-on-Sea. SS9 2PG. Tel. 01702 474320
Acting Secretary: Ashley Hitchcock, 40 Park Road, Westcliff-on-Sea. SS0 7PQ.

To: Paul Beckerson
Town Clerk
Leigh Town Council

5th September 2011

Dear Paul,

Allotments Fence

In advance of the meetings tomorrow of your Finance & G P and Allotment committees, we would like to set out the suggested arrangements for funding the fencing along the Randolph Close boundary and our north boundary. This has been discussed informally by our committee but is subject to ratification by the committee at its meeting on Wednesday 7th September.

MDAS has already sufficient second-hand security fencing for the Council to erect along the Randolph Close boundary (115metres). The return of this boundary along the north of our site, bordering the garage access road at the rear of houses in Blenheim Chase, extends a further 150 metres to the boundary with the Leigh site.

We would like to offer a grant from MDAS to the Council of up to £5,000 to purchase 150 metres of galvanised security fencing (2 metres high) for the north boundary of the Manchester Drive Allotments site. The grant would be subject to the Council installing the fence panels already obtained, along the Randolph Close boundary, and installing a minimum return of 50 metres of new fence along the north boundary. This would take it up to some plum trees growing close to the boundary which would make a fairly logical stop point. MDAS would agree to arrange and pay for the clearance of the ground line for the fence installation subject to the Council providing a skip or skips to take away cleared rubbish. (Whilst we would retain cleared vegetation on site for composting or, if not practical, for burning, there is much dumped rubbish along the fence line which can only be disposed off-site.)

But in addition, we would very much like to encourage the Council to install the remaining 100 metres of fencing to secure the whole of our north boundary if funds can be found within the Council's budgets or reserves. However, we do appreciate that in the past this has not appeared possible. If funds cannot be found within the Council's own resources, we would be willing to make a conditional loan to the Council of up to £2,000 to enable this to be done.

With regard to the cost of the fencing, enclose quotations from 4 contractors, which in summary, ex vat, are:

	Supply 50m		Supply 150m		Delivery cost	
	£/ m	Tot £	£/ m	Tot £	£	
Samson & Partners	35.50	1,775	32.00	4,800	?	
Proctor	-	-	33.55	5,074	nil	
AA Fencing	31.00	1,589	29.50	4,613	200	
Aaron Fencing (website quote)	35.50	1,775	-	5,262	50	

Delivery costs and offloading arrangements, and whether delivery of the fence is in components or ready made up, will affect the ultimate cost of the fencing and the choice of supplier. But the above figures suggest that 150 metres can be supplied at around £4,800 and 50m at around £1,800. We understand the Council has a unit price quotation for the installation of the new fence.

This offer would substantially deplete MDAS funds. However, securing these boundaries along with those on the Leigh site is our priority and will make a huge improvement to the safety and use of the site and will enable the top of the site to be reclaimed for allotments. So we do hope that the Council is able to agree to arrangements outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Scott

Martin Scott
Chairman, Manchester Drive Allotments Society