



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Vice Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulrone
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



The next meeting of the **Allotments Committee** will be held on **Wednesday 28th September 2011 at 67 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, at 8.00pm**, 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 6th September 2011
5. BEE HIVE POLICY – any further feedback
6. PURCHASE OF LONG REACH HEDGE STRIMMER & STORAGE OF EXISTING TOOLS - £179.00 (WPS have confirmed that the tools would be covered providing it is locked up securely in a building or being transported)
7. INSTALLATION OF FENCE – Any further updates
8. DISABLED ACCESS POLICY – Cllr Mark Bromfield
9. MDAS MEMBERSHIP – Cllr Mark Bromfield
10. INSTALLATION OF TRACK POSTS
Installation of posts and sets of keys £325
11. STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF MATS
12. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES ON ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE
 - a) Marshall Close (Appendix 1)
 - b) Leigh (Appendix 1)
 - c) Manchester Drive (Appendix 1)
 - d) Orchard (Appendix 1)
13. BUDGET – Report 1939/Allot (Appendix 2)
14. CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Beckerson
Town Clerk
22nd September 2011

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

MARSHALL CLOSE ALLOTMENTS

REPORT FROM MARSHALL CLOSE, LEIGH ON SEA ALLOTMENTS SEPTEMBER 2011

Paul Lawrence and a small group of volunteers cleared the tree which was blocking the brook earlier this month. Hopefully the wood will be cleared soon, but has been lifted to a position where it is not causing problems with access.

Anne Scobie

LEIGH ALLOTMENTS

1) Leigh Allotments would like to thank the Leigh Town Council for their efforts to install the new gates on the Leigh site. I think we join with Manchester Drive Allotment Society in welcoming the increased security this offers to both our sites.

2) The Leigh Allotments AGM was held on the 11th Sept 2011 and was well attended. Alan Ashdown has been returned as President of Leigh Allotments.

3) Leigh Allotments raised £43.20 for the Macmillan nurses at the weekend (17th and 18th of Sept) through donations from Tea's, Coffee's and Cakes.

4) Leigh Allotments seeks from the council the option to have gates left open during busy periods, predominately weekends 10AM to 2PM dependant on the season.

5) Leigh Allotments will hold 29th Oct 2011 will hold a Halloween Competition on the 29th Oct 2011 . Masks will be available to decorate for GBP 1.50 and a prizes available for the best ones. A Pumpkin carving competition will be held but you need to supply your own pumpkin.

6) Leigh Allotments will be held a Christmas Mulled Wine and Mince Pie event for the 10th of Dec 2011

Andrew Lewin

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.

REPORT TO LTC ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2011

1. ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY

The Open Day on Sunday 4th September proved to be a successful event despite the showery weather with an estimated 550 people attending and a profit of over £500. Help from the Council and from all those involved is greatly appreciated. The MDAS organising committee have learnt much from this their first event which will help in the planning of the next Open Day in 2012 .

2. MDAS AGM

Our AGM is on Friday 7th October, 7.30 pm at the Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive. Non-members are welcome to attend as observers.

Report by
Martin Scott, Chairman, MDAS

LEIGH ALLOTMENTS ORCHARD GROUP

Report to Leigh Town Council, September 2011

The last few weeks have seen the results of our past year's work come literally to fruition with good numbers of apples, and a few pears, being harvested and distributed to members of the Orchard Group. Star performers have been Discovery and George Cave, both early varieties, with Ruby (Seabrook) and Rosy Blenheim also doing well. Another good crop is still being taken from what should have been Essex-bred Red James Grieve but is actually an imposter. Some trees have yet to give up their crop, such as Sturmer Pippin and D'Arcy Spice which will not be ready until November. Sturmer Pippins given good storage conditions should keep until February or March.

The allotments Open Day saw the orchard trees labelled up, and a couple of small parties were shown round during the day.

Our next major event is the annual grass cut which means getting out the scythes, sickles and rakes and this will probably take place on a weekend in October.

David Hammond
19th September 2011

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FOR :-

LEIGH TOWN COUNCIL, ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING 28th SEPTEMBER - 2011 [THREE PAGES].

LEIGH ALLOTMENTS [LOCAL GA] REPORT.

i) THE CHIPPINGS WERE LAID ALONG THE EASTERN PATH AND IS ALREADY PROVING VERY SUCCESSFUL, SO MUCH SO THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT FUNDS TOWARDS DOING THE SAME TO THE WESTERN PATH BEFORE AUTUMN SETS IN. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE L.T.C FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

ii) WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK L.T.C AGAIN FOR THE PERMISSION TO SUPPLY WATER TO THE GREEN HOUSE KITCHEN. THIS HAS ALIVIATED A LOT OF THE HEAVY CARRING FROM THE GATES TO THE GREEN HOUSE DURING PERIODS OF BAD WEATHER. THE GRAY [WASTE] WATER IS BEING USED ON THE FLOWER BEDS AND FRUIT TREES, NOT JUST DRAINED AWAY.

iii) THE ROOF TO THE GREEN HOUSE IS NOW COMPLETE. WE HAVE ALSO BUILT IN A RAIN WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM. THE OVERFLOW OF WHICH HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO RUN OFF THROUGH TWO POUNDS AND ON TO WATER THE FRUIT TREES, THUS AVOIDING STAGNATING WATER.

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iv) THE LAST BBQ OF THE SUMMER WAS EXTREMELY WELL SUPPORTED WITH WELL OVER FIFTY PEOPLE IN THE GARDEN AT ANY ONE TIME.

WHAT WE FOUND AMAZING WAS THE AGE RANGE OF OUR GUESTS, FROM ONE LADY IN HER NINETYS CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY SOME IN THEIR 80'S; THE FULL RANGE OF ADULTHOOD; TO TEENAGERS, CHILDREN, TODDLERS AND TWO BABBIES AT ONLY SIX WEEKS OLD. ALL OF WHOM INTERACTED WITH EACH OTHER TO HAVE A REALY GOOD DAY.

v) ON THE 11TH SEPTEMBER-11 LA HELD ITS A.G.M. THE LA'S COMMITTEE WAS WELL SUPPORTED. THE ~~THE~~ TEA, SANDWICHES, CAKE AND SUNSHINE HELPED.

vi) I HAVE SEEN FOUR MEMBERS OF THE L.T.C TAKE THE POST OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. EACH BRINGING SOMETHING POSITIVE TO THE TABLE. ALSO I'VE SEEN THE LA COMMITTEE GROW AND GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. IT'S AMAZING HOW, WHEN EVERYONE HAS WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL, SO MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. I AM VERY HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN PARTY TO THE REGENERATION OF THE LELGH SITE, BUT,

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IT'S NOW TIME FOR ME TO PASS ON THE
ROLE OF LA REPRESENTATIVE TO ANOTHER.

AT THE LA AGM ANDREW LEWIN
KINDLY OFFERED TO TAKE ON THE POST.
I'M SURE HIS GOING TO DO A FIRST
CLASS JOB, AND PUT AN END TO LONG
DRAWN OUT SHODDY REPORTS!

LAST L.A REPORT BY

John Longhurst.

P.S.

THERE WAS ONE COMPLAINT RECENTLY
HOWEVER, REGARDING A NEW SIGN PUT
ON THE OLD GATES WHICH READ WELCOME
TO THE LEIGH ALLOTMENTS.

THE OFFENDING WORD BEING "WELCOME".

| Heading | 2010/11 B/F | Income | Income to Date | Expenditure | Spend to Date | Balance | % Spent |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|----------|--------------|
| Rents | | | | | | | |
| Manchester Drive | | 10,572 | 1143.00 | | | 9429 | 10.81 |
| Leigh | | 4,500 | 35.00 | | | 4465 | 0.78 |
| Marshall Close | | 440 | 0.00 | | | 440 | 0.00 |
| MDAS Commission | | | | 810 | | | |
| Affiliations | | | | 0 | 38.49 | -38.49 | |
| Plot clearance | | | | 500 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Rubbish clearance | | | | 650 | 0.00 | 650.00 | 0.00 |
| Equipment | | | | 500 | 652.16 | -152.16 | 130.43 |
| Water Rates | | | | 3,860 | 1,190.33 | 2,669.67 | 30.84 |
| Staff Costs | | | | 9,300 | 4,409.93 | 4,890.07 | 47.42 |
| Maintenance | | | | 250 | 349.87 | -99.87 | 139.95 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | 300 | 48.00 | 252.00 | 16.00 |
| Training | | | | 100 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| Vehicle | | | | 750 | 517.25 | 232.75 | 68.97 |
| Open Day Acc Fund | 565 | | 0.00 | 0 | | 565.00 | 0.00 |
| Capital improvements* | 2,000 | | | 4,500 | 110.75 | 6,389.25 | 1.70 |
| Keys | | | 75.00 | 0 | 40.00 | -40 | |
| Totals | | 15,512 | 1253.00 | 21,520 | 7356.78 | | 34.19 |
| Nett cost (exp - inc) | | 6,008 | | | 6103.78 | | |

Revenue

6,103.78