



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the **Allotments Committee** of the Leigh-on-Sea Town Council will take place on **Wednesday 22nd January 2014, Leigh Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, at 7.30pm**, 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 THE MEETING ON 20th NOVEMBER 2013
5. DAMAGE TO FENCE OCCASIONED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE IN RANDOLPH CLOSE

An incident has occurred which is part of hit and run incident, the police have given details of the person responsible and this is being pursued by the Allotments Officer. It would appear that the Council has never insured the fencing around the Allotments the Committee is therefore asked if they wish to investigate insuring it.

6. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES ON ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE – (Appendix 1)
 - a) Marshall Close
 - b) Leigh Allotments
 - c) Manchester Drive
 - d) Orchard
7. BUDGET – Report 2315/Allot (Appendix 2)
8. CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Beckerson
Town Clerk
16th January 2014

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

Report from Marshall Close. January 2014

Not much to report, wet weather has left whole site waterlogged, although fortunately there is not much standing water at present.

Site generally looks quite tidy for the time of year.

Ron Bates is looking into the problems with land slippage into the brook, and with Paul Lawrence has planted willows into the brook bed.

Anne Scobie
Wednesday 15th January

LEIGH ALLOTMENTS ORCHARD GROUP **Orchard Report, January 2014**

Nothing really to report this time as everything is dormant. As reported last meeting, we carried out the annual grass cut in November and all that remained was to finish off the few bits that were missed and a general tidying up.

As might be expected with the amount of rain we have had recently, about a dozen of the trees are currently sitting in water, but this time last year almost all the trees were under water, so this is an improvement. We now need some proper cold weather to set the trees up for the new season.

David Hammond
13 January 2014

MDAS REPORT from A. Hitchcock (Chairman)

It has been quiet during the Christmas period apart from the fence at Randolph Close which has been damaged by a drunken driver. The ground is sodden especially in the car park area which is under water again. A large amount of glass plus other items have been dumped at the top end of the site to which we shall be getting skips in to remove it. We still have to get in the grab lorry to remove the rubbish at the top. (LTC said they would pay for this). We wish to know as we are holding on to monies from ASA to pay for this.) We still have not had the Invoice in from the Grass cutting company for last year's cutting.

We are considering purchasing 2/3 water tanks for the top of the plot as there is no close access to water for the top plots. We are also considering digging a trench across the car park area to help the drainage.

ASA Monies for grass cutting being held until invoice is received skips to be hired for rubbish, water tanks to be purchased. Otherwise the year has gone smoothly so far

LOSALGA REPORT 15/1/14

The whole allotment site is very boggy at the moment due to persistent rain saturated ground.

Both tracks have been closed to motorised traffic until the situation improves. Notices have been displayed to that effect.

It has not been necessary to turn off the water supply but temperatures may drop in the coming weeks to make this a necessity. No major maintenance issues have arisen.

We currently have a few plots available for rent and have people from our waiting list arranged to view. A mulled wine and minced pie event was enjoyed by approx. 35 people on 15th December.

Alan Ashdown. Chairman of LOSALGA

Heading	2012/13 B/F	Income Budget	Income to Date	Expenditure Budget	Spend to Date	Commitments	Balance	% Spent
Rents								
Manchester Drive		7,650	7286.32				363.68	95.25
Leigh		4,180	3273.00				907	78.30
Marshall Close		440	412.50				27.5	93.75
Grants			0.00					
Other Income			640.00					
Affiliations				0	55.00		-55.00	
Water Rates				4,300	2,445.12		1,854.88	56.86
Staff Costs				4,274	3,924.33		349.29	91.83
Waste Clearance	1,469			0	£400.00		1,069.00	27.23
Maintenance	250			1,000	938.12		311.88	75.05
Miscellaneous					82.50		-82.50	
Training					0.00		0.00	
Hedge Cutting				950	0.00		950.00	0.00
ASA - LA				1,600	1,600.00		0.00	100.00
ASA - MDAS				3,000	3,000.00		0.00	100.00
ASA - MC				500	500.00		0.00	100.00
Capital improvements*	2,750			2,500	5,256.62		-6.62	100.13
Keys			185.00	0	84.98		100.02	
Totals	4,469	12,270	11796.82	18,124	18286.67		4,490.95	100.90
Nett cost (exp - inc)		5,854			6489.85		3,833	
Revenue		-920			-2,691.10			
Capital*		2,500			5,256.62			
Tenancy Deposits			1287.50		37.00		1250.50	