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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Paul Lawrence (Chairman), Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Carole Mulroney, Patsy Ryan, John Wren, plus Ron Bates, John Longhurst, Anne Scobie, Tony Wilson and David Hammond.

In attendance: Cllrs Mark Bromfield and Richard Herbert, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Bob Allan-Smith (Allotments Maintenance Officer), Members of MDAS and LA (LOSALGA has been renamed Leigh Allotments LA).

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

14. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members and the public to the meeting. He specifically thanked John Massey for the donation of the lockable bollards.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

16. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllrs Mark Bromfield, Jerry and Pat Holden and Paul Lawrence, each declared a personal interest as plot holders on the Manchester Drive site.

17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

18. FEEDBACK BEEHIVE POLICY

The Committee discussed the representations received so far (Appendix 1 to the agenda). Both allotment societies agreed to hold a consultation with their members.

The Committee **deferred** a decision until these consultations had taken place.

19. PURCHASE OF LONG REACH HEDGE TRIMMER - £179

A decision on this was **deferred** to the next meeting pending further information from the Council's insurers on storage of the Town Council's equipment.

20. INSTALLATION OF FENCE IN RANDOLPH CLOSE – Quotations (Appendix 2 to the Agenda)

Cllr Pat Holden was thanked for sorting out the use of highway land in Randolph Close which has enabled the planning application to be expedited.

Members discussed the quotations and **RESOLVED** that the quotation from Mr Fencing of £2000 + VAT be accepted, subject to confirmation that the posts would be set in concrete and that the work would be carried out on the granting of the planning application.

21. FELLING OF OAK TREE IN MARSHALL CLOSE – (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

It was **RESOLVED** that the estimate from 'Treefella' of £1200 be accepted.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that F & GPC be requested to assist in providing the finance for this work from Reserves and to determine the proportions to be allocated between the Allotments' budget and Reserves.

22. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES ON ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE

The content of the written reports were noted subject to the following additional comments.

- a) **Marshall Close** – Anne Scobie requested the provision of a notice board for site use. The Committee **RESOLVED** that a costing be obtained for the next meeting.
- b) **Leigh Site** – John Longhurst wished to establish who could use the car parking areas on the MDAS site. This would be the subject of an agenda item at the next meeting.
- c) **Manchester Drive** – Tony Wilson raised the following:
 1. Allotments Open Day. This would be held on the 4th September and discussions were in hand with LA to ascertain their involvement.
 2. MDAS requested that LTC allow the use of hoses for siphoning purposes only. As this had not been circulated with the agenda it would be considered at the next meeting.
 3. MDAS requested further cockle shells to be laid on the bottom track. Again as this had financial implications it would be referred to the next meeting. MDAS would get a costing and the amount required, to enable a decision to be taken.
- d) **Orchard** – (Appendix 4 to the agenda) The report was **noted**

23. CORRESPONDENCE

None

The meeting closed at 8.57pm