

Hillingdon Allotment and Horticultural Federation

Minutes of the Meeting Held at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 11TH MARCH 2015

14 People were in attendance for the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

ACTION

1	Apologies for Absence:- Mike Paddy, Margaret Christie	
2	<u>Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2015</u> had been circulated and were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
3	<u>Matters arising from minutes</u> The Chairman, Tony Dunster, had received a report from the allotment officer.	
4	Treasurers Report: Our Treasurer Roy White reported that the signatories for the Federation Bank account had now been changed, in the names of Roy White & Peter Clements and the bank had required a new account to be opened. The account had received £1.37 in interest. The balance held was £1,358.48. It was proposed by the Secretary that Mike Paddy be re-elected as auditor, this was seconded by Carina Browne and carried. The Secretary received his expenses for post, paper, ink cartridges etc. Web site costs will be paid in July 2015	
5	AOB : a) 1 st round allotment judging will be held in mid June with the 2 nd round in August. More judges required. A Judges training will be held for potential judges. All applications to become a judge should be made via Cavin Higgins. (cavin_m_higgins@yahoo.co.uk) A request was made for the Judges ratings of sites across Hillingdon to be made. It was also requested that a clearer breakdown of the criteria marks to be made. b) It was noted that Ward Councillors hold a budget for Horticultural requirements on allotments. c) Southbourne Gardens had applied for Chrysalis funding. d) The meeting was advised that petrol strimmer's and lawn mowers would be on sale from the retailer ALDI on 18 th /19th March. e) A stone track had been constructed at Hill End Road allotment, Harefield to improve access funded by Chrysalis at cost in the region of £17,000. New gates had been installed. The site Secretary of Glebe Gardens had received 10 tonnes of plannings to improve the track & car park area. A new car park area at Western Avenue allotment is being made, this will improve pedestrian access to the site and allow plot holders to park their cars on the site. The cost of this and to erect new fencing is in the region of £23,000. A new 2 metre high paladin mesh style gates have been erected at Ashford Avenue allotment site in order to improve security following a number of breakins. 240 metres of 2m high palisade fencing at Wood End Green allotment is currently being erected at a cost of £21,511.00 to improve security. 124 metres of new boundary fencing is due to be installed at Station Road allotment in order to improve security funded by Chrysalis at a cost of £10,434.00. Moor Lane allotment, has received new fencing and a stone access track funded by the Chrysalis programmes at a total cost of £30,100.00 224 tenants at the 28 Council managed sites were granted free rent from 1 st April 2014 150 tenants are estimated at the Councils 7 fully self managed sites have been granted free	

