

# Hillingdon Allotment and Horticultural Federation

## Minutes of the Meeting Held at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 13<sup>TH</sup> May 2015

15 People were in attendance for the meeting

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

### ACTION

1	Apologies for Absence:- Tony Dunster, Carina Browne, John Power	
2	<u>Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015</u> had been circulated and were accepted as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.	
3	<p><u>Matters arising from minutes</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Tony Dunster, had received a report from the allotment officer :- Please mention that on 27<sup>th</sup> April, I took on a new role with the Council and my involvement with the allotment service is coming to an end. I am now the site Manager at Eastcote House Gardens and enjoying the new challenges of the role. New arrangements will be put in place for the allotment service and the HAAF will be advised of these as soon as possible.</p> <p>In light of the changes that may be introduced to the allotment service, some council managed sites may like to consider the possibility of taking on a degree of self management ( scheme A). At the moment West End Road, Highgrove, Field End Road, Glebe Avenue, The Fairway and West Drayton Cemetery are signed up to the scheme and more sites may like to join. The scheme sees Site Secretaries letting plots on behalf of the council and managing waiting lists, but the council continues to collect the rent and undertakes all major maintenance of the site.</p> <p>Grass cutting will be taking place at 23 council managed sites in June 2015. Blue Sky will be carrying out this work on behalf of the council. Plot holders should make every effort to cultivate their plots to assist our contractors carry out this work and to avoid grass being cut on tenanted plots in error!</p> <p>The ditch at Western Avenue Allotment will be dug out soon ( about 200 linear metres). It is hoped that this work will alleviate some of the water logging associated with this site in the winter months.</p> <p>Fencing repairs have been arranged for Pinn Way Allotment and Wood End Green Road Allotment, ) the work at Wood End Green will be funded by the Allotment society as it is a self managing site.)</p> <p>Scheme B sites are being reimbursed for implementing free rent for the over 65's as and when they submit claims.</p> <p>As far as I am aware, The Annual Allotment Competition 2015 will be going ahead as normal and judging should go ahead as planned.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to wish all plot holders all the very best for the future and hope to see you at the newly restored and improved Eastcote House Gardens in the future.</p>	
4	Treasurers Report: Unfortunately the Treasurer was not able to be present at this meeting	
5	<p>AOB : a) 1<sup>st</sup> round allotment judging will be held between 13<sup>th</sup> June -28<sup>th</sup> June. In the main judging teams will be the same as in 2014. New judges will be allocated to an experienced team All applications to become a judge should be made via Cavin Higgins. (<a href="mailto:cavin_m_higgins@yahoo.co.uk">cavin_m_higgins@yahoo.co.uk</a>)</p> <p>A debate took place regarding the departure of the Allotment Officer, Mr Nick Porter, as he</p>	

