

# Hillingdon Allotment and Horticultural Federation

## Minutes of the Meeting Held at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 9<sup>TH</sup> September 2015

13 People were in attendance for the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

### ACTION

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence:- Cavin Higgins, Bob & Christine Weeks, Jan Andrews, Anthea Phillips, Sue Tull   |  |
| 2 | <u>Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015</u> had not been circulated. Due to Industrial Action by Public Transport workers no formal meeting was held.   |  |
| 3 | <u>Matters arising from minutes</u><br><br>There were no matters arising   |  |
| 4 | Chairman's Report:<br>. The Chairman gave a good report on the Hillingdon in Bloom function. It was noted that Adrian Batten of the Green Spaces team is the initial Council contact regarding Allotment sites, ( <a href="mailto:abatten@hillingsdon.gov.uk">abatten@hillingsdon.gov.uk</a> ) He will pass certain items onto the relevant Officer. Tim Gutierrez (Green Spaces team member) had been in contact with representatives of a number of Allotments.  |  |
| 5 | Treasurers Report: The web site costs of £125.17 has been paid. The bank account holds £1149.14. Interest accrued was £1.63 and 33p had been paid in tax. Affiliation fees to be discussed at the AGM.   |  |
| 6 | AOB: a question was raised on who would be presenting winning prizes at the AGM. This is normally carried out by the Mayor or the Deputy.<br>It appears that a number of request for plots on several allotment sites had been received. applications for plots can be made via our web site. It was suggested that for new and possibly inexperienced gardeners a 'Buddy system' could operate with only ½ a plot being allocated to the individual in the first instance.<br>A discussion took place regarding poor water supplies to allotment site tanks which could be due to a poor mains supply or high demand on plots. Water gravity storage tanks appeared to be a solution. It may be that larger sized water mains to sites may be required.<br>Chrysalis funding may help with this. It was also mentioned that all Ward Councillors have funding availability for allotments.<br>A question was raised as to whether Hillingdon Council will continue to provide rent free plots for the over 65 year old persons.<br>A report from Cavin Higgins confirmed that final judging of plots has been completed. The confidential information regarding winners had been forwarded to Hillingdon Council.<br>Cavin, who has been the organiser of the allotment competition advised that he was having a gap year and asked for a person to take over this important role. Anyone interested should |  |

