



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes held at 2 Peacock Close Scruton 16th July 2024.

ATTENDANCE: JOHN VICKERS, RICHARD ZEALLEY, IAN POWELL, ANDY VENUS, ELIZABETH DAVIES.

APOLOGIES: JOE LOFTHOUSE

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
1. Finance Report	RZ, provided a balance sheet of the finances so far for 2024, as well as a breakdown of the finances from the recent Scruton Feast BBQ which showed the event had provided the association with a much-needed increase to the bank account.	
2. Scruton Feast BBQ	Discussion relating to the feast and subsequent matters arising were debated at length. JV had been invited to the review meeting of the organising committee, it was clear from this meeting that the event whilst being a great success had made the organisers aware of several failings, mainly around the cost additional stall holders had been charged. Discussion then took place relating to comments made from the feast organising committee relating to a potential donation back to the feast committee. After much debate, a figure of £175 was agreed with a recommendation that if involved in future events, a figure based on a % of net profit be provided. Exact figure would be discussed at future meetings.	
3. Future Income	RZ, & AV both suggested that a more detailed breakdown of the outgoing costs for the association be made available for any calendar year, from this a clearer idea of what additional income was needed to meet the expenditure could be made from either increase in rents or the need to be involved in whatever fund raising events were available, but, it would need the increased support of the association plot holders if fund raising was the option.	IP suggested a straw poll be taken before the next AGM to establish how many plot holders would agree to an increase in rent to support the needed income or would they vacate their plots?
4. Village Fireworks	The association had been asked again to support the event on the 9 th November by providing the BBQ with a request that we look at alternative options for the menu. We currently have enough burgers and sausages, but an alternative option could be vegetarian and a chicken kebab. This would mean an additional cooking provision.	Food options could be looked at as part of Item 8 on the agenda.
5. RAF Leeming	The RAF family day to be held on the 25 th July, RZ & ED to attend with a small stall to help promote the association along with the sale of any donated produce.	



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6. Work Parties	As a priority, currently two sheds need to be removed and relocated along with the raised bed currently on the plot given up by Eric. Two vacant plots have now been sprayed off and will need strimming and clearing with a further application of weed killer. As an alternative, which relates back to item 3 on this agenda and minutes, the committee to look at engaging with specific contractors to undertake major works i.e., the current state of the perimeter fence.	The weekend of 20 th & 21 st had been agreed with a 10.00am start.
7. Project Plant Stall	JV had established three people who had shown interest in being involved in the project connected with the plot of land at KP property.	JV to continue with engaging with KP to establish a potential start date to cultivate the area required.
8. Members BBQ	Using this event, not only to engage with the plot holders and provide update and get any feedback on any concerns, but it would also be the annual potato weighing event, as well as an option to try out options of food for the Fireworks event.	
9. Machinery	Again, as part of item 3 look at the options of repairs and servicing to equipment being outsourced rather than relaying on the availability of JV.	
10. Compost	JV to request further deliveries of manure from KP, it would then mean as part of item 6 help would be needed to move the manure into appropriate compost bins.	
11. AOB	Nothing was raised	
12. DONM	To be held on the 20 th August venue to be confirmed.	