

# **Aldbury Garden Club and Allotment Association (AGC & AA)**

**Minutes of AGM held at 4pm in the Memorial Hall on 26 September 2021**

## **Club Officers**

Chair – Chris Fido

Hon Treasurer – Tess Alps

Hon Secretary – Juanita Mann

Committee Member – Linda Di Mizio

Allotment Representative – Phil Fido

Chair called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

## **Minutes of 2020 virtual AGM**

Minutes were adopted.

## **Matters Arising**

1. Bill Page expressed concern that the terms of engagement with the NAS had not been properly observed. Rod Allsworth confirmed that they had.
2. To formally adopt the revised constitution.

Chair outlined that the Committee had recognised it is now common procedure for clubs and associations to have a constitution. Any future amendments to it will be made by vote.

The Committee proposed that the constitution be adopted. This was agreed by a show of hands vote.

14 for

0 against

2 abstentions

## **Officers' reports**

Officers' reports were adopted.

Duncan Eggar asked about what the Club proposed doing with their reserve of £2,493.68. Treasurer responded that some events (like the annual BBQ) are subsidised, that the Club normally runs at a loss and holding a reserve of £1,500 would be prudent. However, the Committee would welcome ideas for spending the excess.

Jill Timms suggested that a forum where those new to gardening and allotment cultivation could ask questions and learn would be very welcome. Dot O'Gorman would like to see some teaching of how to grow and present plants and vegetables for showing.

## **Resignation of Committee**

The Committee all resigned apart from Phil Fido, who is remaining as allotment representative until the allotment issue is resolved.

## **Election of Committee (3 officers and committee members)**

Chair – Tess Alps, proposed by Chris Fido and seconded by Annie Eggar.

Secretary – Rachael MacRae, proposed by Rachael MacRae and seconded by Juanita Mann.

Treasurer – Linda Di Mizio, proposed by Linda Di Mizio and seconded by Sylvia Wren.

Committee member – Chris Fido, proposed by Chris Fido and seconded by Phil Fido.

Committee member – Annie Eggar, proposed by Annie Eggar and seconded by Duncan Eggar.

All the above were voted in.

## **Agenda items from members**

None

## **Any other business**

- Annie would like to see the COVID pandemic year noted on the club trophies and cups. She feels that they are historical artifacts and as such should record the event. The Treasurer will cost the engraving and the Committee will discuss the merits of the idea.
- Tess voiced huge thanks to Chris for her many years of dedicated and loyal service to AGC & AA in her various officer roles. From creating numerous plants for sale to contributing raffle prizes. A card and gift on behalf of the whole club were presented to Chris by Tess.
- Chris proposed that all those who have been members of the club for 40 years or more should be eligible to become honorary members. This was agreed, and members are encouraged to come forward and claim their honour or nominate other members who qualify.
- There was an animated discussion around the roles of the AGC & AA and APC in the administration and maintenance of the allotments. Confusion reigns about responsibilities. The conclusion was that allotment holders need an urgent meeting with APC and Phil Fido will request this on their behalf.

The chair reminded members that they had voted to incorporate the Allotment Association into the club in 2015, but it was only in 2018 that an allotment rep was appointed in response to a request by APC to have a single point of contact. Rod Allsworth had kindly volunteered for this post.

In attendance:

Rod and Ann Allsworth, Rachael MacRae, Juanita Mann, Dot O’Gorman, Brian Brightman, Keith and Jean Emerson, Rose Allen, Elizabeth Wells, Janet Joynson, Duncan and Annie Eggar, Nick Edlin, Bill Page, Linda Di Mizio, Sylvia Wren, Jill Timms, Chris and Phil Fido, Tess Alps

Apologies were received from John and Joan Wright, Judi and Peter Moore.