

**AMBLESIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting 8.9.11**

**Present:** Pete Martin, Jane Amos, Sally Capewell, Rebecca Costello, Emily Christmas, Linda Doran, Paul Wileman, Mike Green **Apologies:** Adrian Rose, Charles Black, Melissa Harwood.

**OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS from previous minutes:**

AP – Pete to chase up SLDC.

AP – Pete to follow up on previous conversations with Peter Jackson & Steve Ratcliffe.

AP - Pete to look at meadow off Belle Vue Lane. Very steep site with access issues.

**Notes regarding actions from last minutes**

New signatory to replace Rebecca will be Emily as new Secretary (assuming voted in at AGM).

AP - Jane to get Emily to sign paperwork.

Question of septic tank at Kelsick site.

Mike says Kelsick Trust believe any septic tank must be inside garden and not in field so do not see issue here.

BTCV – Project Officer has returned call but missed so needs another attempt to contact.

AP – Linda try again to contact Rachel Miller

Clarification of road at Kelsick site

Have letter referring to road status (copy attached to these minutes).

**Treasurers Report**

Members and finances are reconciled, no outstanding subs; accounts were handed over to the independent examiner for the accounts to be checked prior to AGM.

**Membership**

No new members (but one form from Grasmere still needs to be completed and returned).

**Plot updates**

**Grasmere – Wordsworth Hotel**

First produce and all going well.

**Mr Quarmby's Garden**

All ok and going well.

**Prospective sites**

Kelsick

Lease is signed

Lot of work done on funding applications & list of set-up costs of c£7500 put together. Mike attended Lakes Parish Council and they have generously agreed to provide £749 for a shed. Other applications in to LDNPA Sustainable Development Fund; Part A of Grassroots Fund sent and Part B now also returned and awaiting outcome. CCC Neighbourhood Forum application due to go shortly.

AP – Pete to contact Ben Long Planner with LDNPA re the shed on Kelsick site.

AP – Paul to write a courtesy letter to neighbour on Kelsick site.

## **Gardenshare**

Belle Vue Lane, see outstanding AP

## **AGM**

Invitation will be sent to all on contacts list members and non-members. Members should bring membership cards on night which can be updated as paid on back & used for coming year. Spares will be available on the night.

AP- Rebecca to put info out to list

AP – Linda to give membership list and spare cards to Mike.

Notices posted at existing plots

AP-Rebecca will post at Grasmere shed.

Publicity

AP – Pete publicise in Parish Newsletter out end of Sept, Jane Renouf for WGZ and e-mail info for Lakeland Radio.

Accounts

AP - audit in hand, report back from Sue Wileman.

Logistics on night

Same running order as last year with Qs and As at end.

AP – Pete to do the joint Secretary/Chair report .

AP – Sal will organise teas and coffees and Jane will bring tray of carrot cake

AP – Pete will organise photo exhibition/display.

AP- Jane will take money on door and Mike will issue/renew members cards.

Plot fees

Opportunity at AGM to send message that want plotholders' fee of £50 paid by 30<sup>th</sup> November for those who are interested in securing a Kelsick site plot.

AP – to build into order of business.

New Secretary

AP - Rebecca will organise a summary handover file for Emily as new Secretary.

## **AOB**

Agreed November as best date for Allotments talk at Grasmere.

AP – Pete will tell Melissa

Rebecca reported that some tools have been donated for use by AAA members.

Debate on prospect of “Beer Festival” idea as a regular annual fundraiser for the association, possibly linked to Ambleside Xmas Lights celebrations. Sub-committee to form to look at this and assess opportunities and risks.

AP – sub-committee of Paul, Rebecca, Sal, Jane and Mike to meet.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Golden Rule 7.30pm**

**If you have action points but are unable to attend the next meeting, could you please ensure that a progress report is sent to Pete prior to the meeting. If you know you are unlikely to be able to complete an action point for any reason, please contact Pete as soon as possible so that the AP can be given to another member of the committee.**

[ Sal sending apologies now, has Players rehearsal]