

## MARSHFIELD ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28th January 2013 at the Marshfield Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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Present: Anthony Quilter Karl Evans Cen Edwards Vicky Maud

Apologies: Gavin Harris Adele Hobbs Elliot Palmer Rachel Faulkner Jo Attwood

In attendance: Ken Honey Dot Honey Gary Blythe, Chris Carroll, Jo Powell, Peter Matthews, Mike Atkins Andy Crean

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1. AQ welcomed everyone and ran through previous minutes.
2. AQ then stated the purpose of the meeting i.e. to get to know the current allotment holders and as a forum for them to air their needs and needs regarding the 2 allotment sites.

AQ reported that all plots bar the one with the 2 big trees (on Church Lane plot 7) are now leased and all monies for 2012 are in the bank.

Main points arising:

Gate maintenance required..gates in Church Lane now dragging on ground and Marshfield Road gates heavy and cumbersome...AQ to investigate with Gary Blyth (who knows someone useful!)

AQ to investigate any "freebies" or allowances that we are entitled to via Newport Council (bark chippings, compost bins, water butts)...speak with Tina Mould

AQ to talk with Greenmore Nurseries regarding anything they can do to help, also pest control rat traps.

Can we re-instate the walkway between sites?

Can we cut down the trees on Plot 7?

What do we do with the 2 un-allocated plots ?

Communal orchards, storage, re-instate as allotments?

No decision made as Gary Blythe wants to move the gates in and this may affect these plots.

Can we allow chickens back on site..AQ to ask Tina.

Tree- loping required...talk with L& R Landscapes

**3.** The subject of a competition for Marshfield Best Kept Garden was raised and well recieved..AQ to secure funding from MCC and/or sponsorship. Gary said this used to happen and his neighbor has the "plate" as they won it last years ago.

**4.** AQ wants Marshfield to enter "Wales in Bloom" as a village probably in 2014...all agreed it was a good idea.

**5.** AQ wants to step aside as chairman of allotment committee as he is struggling with time and feels some of the people around the table were much better suited to the job.

Gary Blyth will take the role with Ken Honey and Jo Powell as Vice-Chairs. This to be agreed by AQ at the next MCC meeting.

Meeting finished at 8.15pm