

Hanginwater Allotment Association (HAA)

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2016

Present: Rob Hawkins, Sally Huckle, Alec Kokinis, Greta Pearman, Paul and Annie Grassick, Martin Waller, Marcia Giblin, Julian and Karen Ainsley, Pat and Brian Walker, Lorna Dowrick, Danielle and David.

The meeting was chaired by Paul Grassick

Apologies: Emma Coldham

Agenda Items:

- FOPV Autumn Show, 10th September

£137.65 was raised for HAA and £135 donated to FoPV. This wasn't quite so good as last year probably because of the poor weather.

- Chippings

Please collect chippings; we have a good supply at the moment.

- Petition for crossing on Hanginwater Road

This is still on-going. Apparently the council thinks that the site is too dangerous to supply a crossing warden!

We need to check with the Allotment Office whether there is still a plan to continue the footpath.

- Allotment Federation Meeting

Rob talked about a plan by the Allotment Federation to celebrate the centenary of the Federation. Currently some work is being done on the history of allotments in Sheffield. We look forward to proposals as to how we can support the celebration events.

- Allotment Advisory Group (AAG) Sept 1st

Julian attended the Allotment Advisory Group hosted by Sheffield City Council Parks and Countryside on September 1st and supplied the following report. Issues raised most concerning Hanginwater are:

1. All future AAG meetings will be open to all constituted Sheffield allotment associations. HAA intends to attend these. There are three annually at present.

2. The Allotments Office welcomes communication from associations reporting concerns about untended plots to improve monitoring and response.

3. All new tenants receive information and a welcome from the relevant association if this is provided to the Allotments Office - Julian to check what is going out from us presently and bring back to future HAA meeting.

4. SCC state that they are open to associations self-managing water supply and have a contract with Rodney Hill facilitating such an arrangement. Julian to check such an arrangement would be available to HAA and to request a copy of the SCC - Rodney Hill contract.

- Calendar of Events

Cow manure delivery – October 2nd

Straw – plot holders to collect from Sheep Hill Farm on Long Line as required.

Skip – November.

Bonfire night November 5th

Date and time of next meeting:

October 4th, 7.30 pm, The Bulls Head, Fulwood Road